## INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

#### **REVISION**

## |Iran| interim country strategic plan, revision |07|

Gender and age marker code: 3

	Current	Change	Revised	
Duration	Jan 2018 – Dec 2022	No change	Jan 2018 – Dec 2022	
Beneficiaries	115 100	15 000	130 100	
Total cost (USD)	33 609 470	985 803	34 595 272	
Transfer	26 391 911	808 555	27 200 465	
Implementation	1 878 465	8 713	1 887 178	
Direct Support Costs	3 287 812	153 866	3 441 678	
Sub-total	31 558 188	971 134	32 529 322	
Indirect Support Costs	2 051 282	14 669	2 065 951	

#### 1. RATIONALE

- 1. This budget revision will add a new strategic outcome to accommodate an additional service provision activity which will facilitate a one-off transfer of cash assistance on behalf of UNHCR as well as accommodate any future bilateral service provision needs. In addition, a caseload of 15,000 Iranian beneficiaries will be included in 2022 under activity 3 as a contingency plan in case of any emergencies requiring a WFP response.
- 2. Under its current interim country strategic plan (ICSP), WFP Iran is providing food assistance and livelihood support to 31,000 refugees in 20 settlements. UNHCR also provides complimentary non-food based assistance to the same individuals, and has approached WFP to request support for a planned one-off winterization transfer. The transfer, planned for December 2021, will be carried out using WFP's existing cash-based transfer (CBT) platform.
- 3. WFP has responded to several short-term emergencies in Iran over the course of the ICSP, including three floods, COVID and a drought between 2019 and 2021. During the most recent emergency, in response to a drought, WFP provided food assistance to around 14,000 affected people. Considering the frequent occurrence of short-term emergencies for which WFP is asked to provide food assistance, this budget revision will enable a quick response to any possible emergency in 2022.

#### 2. CHANGES

#### Strategic orientation

- 4. This budget revision introduces a new strategic outcome, activity and output as follows.
  - **SO 2**: Crisis-affected populations in Iran benefit from improved capacities of national entities and other partners to prevent and respond to emergencies

Activity 4: Provide cash transfer and other services to Government and other partners.

**Output:** Crisis-affected populations benefit from services provided to Government and other partners in order to meet their basic needs.

#### 5. Previous revisions:

- ➤ BR 01 and BR 02 were technical revisions to address system adjustments.
- ➤ BR 03: Approved by the Country Director in April 2019, added activity 3 in response to a flood emergency. The budget increased from USD 18,021,543 to USD 18,621,543;
- ➤ BR 04: Approved by the Country Director in October 2019, added capacity strengthening as a modality, and additional beneficiaries under activities 1 and 2. The budget was increased from USD 18,621,543 to USD 19,846,288;
- ➤ BR 05: Approved by the Country Director in June 2020, added teachers under school feeding (activity 2). The budget increased from USD 19,846,288 to USD 24,549,449.
- ➤ BR 06: Approved by the Country Director in November 2020, extended the ICSP by two years until 2022 and adjusted requirements under activities 1, 2 and 3.

## Strategic outcomes

## Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis

6. In line with the number of people assisted during past short-term emergency responses in Iran, a caseload of 15,000 Iranian beneficiaries has been included under activity 3 in 2022 as a contingency plan in case of any emergencies requiring a WFP response.

## **Transfer modalities**

7. As with past emergency responses, family food rations are planned as the mode of support for the 15,000 contingency beneficiaries (3,750 food baskets) for one month under activity 3. For the newly added activity 4, the transfer modality will be service provision as WFP will use its existing cash delivery systems (bank cards) and contracted financial service provider (FSP) to transfer cash assistance.

## Supply chain challenges

8. Requirements for 2022 will be added to the food items to be procured locally (considering the sanctions) in case of WFP's response to emergency. The proposed assistance will be provided in coordination with the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS), with WFP responsible for the procurement of food while actual implementation will be carried out by IRCS.

## *In case of service provision*

- 9. Under the new activity 4, the one-off transfer on behalf of UNHCR will target existing WFP beneficiaries. WFP will use its existing cash delivery systems (bank cards) and contracted FSP to transfer cash assistance. The country office will be guided by both the UN to UN agreement where appropriate and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to ensure clarity on the roles and responsibilities of WFP and UNHCR. In addition, a data sharing agreement between WFP and UNHCR shall be developed to guide the beneficiary data sharing processes, where applicable.
- 10. WFP will be solely responsible for ensuring that the transfers have been disbursed to the intended beneficiaries and provide UNHCR with the necessary documents and disbursement reports to that effect. UNHCR will be responsible for sharing the distribution lists with WFP in a format that has been pre-agreed with WFP through the data sharing agreement with the FSP.

## Risks Management

- 11. No major risks are anticipated with the planned service provision to UNHCR. The country office, through the UN to UN agreement (between WFP and UNHCR) and existing standard operating procedures will ensure that beneficiary lists are accurate and within the specifications agreed upon to avoid delays in any transfers, and that the FSP provides accurate and timely reports to enable reporting and reconciliations.
- 12. The implementation of all activities will comply with COVID-19 precautionary measures and standard operating procedures developed in 2021.

## Beneficiary analysis

TABLE 1: DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY							
Strategic Activity		Period	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
outcome	(18+ years)		(18+ years)	(0–18 years)	(0–18 years)		
1	1	Current	8,680	8,680	6,510	7,130	31,000
		Increase/decrease	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Revised	8,680	8,680	6,510	7,130	31,000
	2	Current	150	350	6,600	3,701	10,800
		Increase/decrease	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Revised	150	350	6,600	3,701	10,800
	3	Current	29,761	29,094	11,871	12,874	83,600
	Increase/decrease	5,340	5,220	2,130	2,310	15,000	
		Revised	35,101	34,314	14,001	15,184	98,600
Total (without overlap)		Current	38,451	37,797	18,601	20,251	115,100
		Increase/decrease	5,480	5,547	1,910	2,063	15,000
		Revised	43,931	43,344	20,511	22,314	130,100

#### **Transfers** TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY Strategic outcome 1 **Activity 1 Activity 2 Activity 3 Beneficiary** Refugee/men Refugee/women Girls' Livelihoods School **Crisis-affected** HH\* ΗН education women feeding persons type Food/CBTs Food/CBTs **CBTs CBTs** Food Food Modality 300 300 Cereals 83.33 Pulses/ 22.5 green lentils Pulses/pinto 22.5 beans 27 27 Oil 20.25 Salt 4.16 40 Sugar Tuna fish 18 Canned 26.66 pinto bean Tea 4.16 Super Cereal Super Cereal Plus Micronutrient powder UHT milk (dairy 206 products) Biscuits (blended 28.636 food) Date bars 38.864 (blended food) 6.136 Fruits-dried 915 1 331 1 331 621.19 Total kcal/day % kcal from 9.3 9.3 38 28 protein Cash-based 0.12 0.15 0.10 transfers Number of

270

N/A

198

30\*

360

360

feeding days

<sup>\*30</sup> days is calculated based on the duration of assistance for past emergencies; this will be adjusted based on actual emergency requirements.

TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND VALUE							
Food type / cash- based transfer	Current Budget		Increase		Revised Budget		
	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	
Cereals	16 560	4 427 170	0	0	16 560	4 427 170	
Pulses	372	409 200	0	0	372	409 200	
Oil and Fats	603	365 675	0	0	603	365 675	
Mixed and blended foods	325	426 478	0	4	325	426 482	
Other	1 615	1 814 706	109	157 945	1 724	1 972 651	
TOTAL (food)	19 475	7 443 228	109	157 949	19 584	7 601 177	
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		12 109 760		0		12 109 760	
TOTAL (food and CBT value – USD)	19 475	19 552 988	109	157 949	19 584	19 710 937	

# 3. COST BREAKDOWN

COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)					
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 8 / SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL		
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Direct support costs			153 866		
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TOTAL			985 803		

OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)						
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