
COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION**REVISION****Philippines Country Strategic Plan, revision 7**

Gender and age marker code: 3

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	July 2018-June 2023	None	July 2018-June 2023
Beneficiaries	<i>447,765</i>	<i>192,885</i>	<i>640,650</i>
Total cost (USD)	48,555,771	12,060,337	60,616,108
Transfer	33,513,804	8,638,848	42,152,652
Implementation	6,166,567	1,832,153	7,998,720
Direct Support Costs	5,911,901	853,259	6,765,160
Sub-total	45,592,273	11,324,260	56,916,533
Indirect Support Costs	2,963,498	736,077	3,699,575

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1. RATIONALE

1. Through this revision, WFP will increase the crisis response budget under Strategic Outcome 1 for anticipatory action; allow for the distribution of fortified rice under the existing food assistance for assets interventions under Strategic Outcome 3; and, reflect the revised implementation plan and the conversion of some staff contracts.
2. The Government of the Philippines has a robust system to prepare for and respond to disasters, but those systems have been stressed in 2020 and 2021 by responses to disasters and the COVID-19 crisis. In response to these additional strains on the Government WFP will implement an anticipatory action pilot project, led by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, under Activity 1 to support vulnerable populations prior to a disaster by providing them with cash assistance in case of an imminent extreme weather event.
3. Furthermore, WFP has increased support to the Government's effort under the convergence model to scale up livelihood interventions in the conflict affected areas by increasing Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) through cash-based transfers (CBT) under Strategic Outcome 3 and logistics, contingency planning and communications exercises under Strategic Outcome 5.
4. This revision adds the food modality to Activity 3 in order to distribute locally fortified rice as part of FFA interventions in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. This will accommodate an in-kind contribution of rice and build upon ongoing interventions implemented through cash transfers. Rice fortification will also support the implementation of the country's Food Fortification Law that aims to reduce the rates of micronutrient deficiency.
5. The GECS MOVE telecommunications project, in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology, will provide a connectivity and communications solution to Government, humanitarian responders and affected populations after emergencies where regular infrastructure has been destroyed.
6. The revision will cover the period January 2021–June 2023.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

6. This revision does not change the strategic orientation of the CSP.
7. There have been six revisions of this CSP:
 - a. Revision 1, approved by the Country Director (CD) in August 2018, increased the budget by USD 7,667,295 and allowed the CSP to absorb remaining resources from Protected Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200743.
 - b. Revision 2 was a technical revision.
 - c. Revision 3, approved by the CD in April 2019, increased the CSP budget by USD 1,754,109 for the emergency response in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao.

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- d. Revision 4, approved by the Executive Director in January 2020, increased the budget by USD 8,571,565 and was a comprehensive revision to increase Activities 1, 3 and 5.
 - e. Revision 5, approved by the CD in September 2020, decreased the budget by USD 4,052,959 and reflected adjustments made for the shift from direct delivery to capacity strengthening.
 - f. Revision 6, approved by the CD in December 2020, increased the budget by USD 1,966,038 for emergency response.

Strategic outcomes

8. Under Activity 1, WFP will support the implementation of an anticipatory action pilot in Region V (Bicol), targeting 25,000 households (125,000 individuals) who are socio-economically poor identified by local government units referring to the national and regional repository of data on poor households, reside in high-risk areas and therefore particularly vulnerable to strong typhoons. The project uses impact-based forecasts to activate the required readiness and anticipatory actions according to pre-defined thresholds and protocols. Targeted households will receive a one-off unconditional cash transfer of PHP 2,800 (USD 58) through a financial service provider such as Western Union and a cooperating partner for direct cash. The transfer value is the equivalent of 75% of the regional minimum daily wage for 10 days which follows the guidelines of the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The daily wage in the region is Php 310 per day or Php3100 for 10 days. The total cash amount includes a transportation allowance equivalent to Php 475 to assist the beneficiaries when they claim the cash assistance. WFP will also work with the United Nations Population Fund to provide top-up cash transfers to 2,000 pregnant and lactating women identified among the targeted 25,000 households. This revision adds a contingency in 2022 for an additional response of comparable scope anywhere in the country.
9. Under Activity 3, WFP will provide 9,877 farming and fishing households (49,386 individuals) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao with 60 kg of rice per month for three months, conditional on their participation in community works asset creation activities identified in consultation with local communities and government authorities. The rice will be fortified locally with iron prior to distribution. WFP will also increase the CBT transfer for 18,500 beneficiaries expected to receive cash assistance. Further, 1,000 beneficiaries will receive direct capacity strengthening on vegetable production and nursery establishment. This intervention will build upon existing efforts implemented in the framework of the Food Security and Nutrition Roadmap of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao under the inter-ministerial 'convergence' model, where WFP and the Government collaborate to achieve regional ecological integrity while welcoming former combatants back to society as productive contributors to the local economy. WFP will also explore the use of Digital Agriculture tools to enhance self-sufficiency of local farming communities. Such tools can provide greater access to farming information leading to improved yields, as well as greater access to buyers and markets. WFP will seek external partners in this effort.
10. Under Strategic Outcome 4, WFP will strengthen the capacity of government emergency response teams and the Department of Information and Communications Technology through the GECS MOVE COM project, focusing on disaster risk reduction management, preparedness, and emergency response management. WFP will pre-position equipment, support strengthening of the national Emergency Telecommunications Cluster and enhance the linkage between emergency telecommunications activities and the anticipatory action pilot.

11. M&E: WFP will conduct a baseline and a post-distribution monitoring assessment, as well as focus group discussions, to validate whether anticipatory action is more effective than post-crisis emergency response. WFP will continue to process and outcome monitoring for all interventions to verify and assess the quality of programme implementation in relation to beneficiary targeting, timeliness and utilization of cash and food transfer.
12. Accountability to affected populations, protection risks, restrictions of gender and disabilities: WFP will integrate gender, age, and disability considerations in all project phases to ensure that the new interventions consider and address the needs of women, men, girls and boys and mitigates any protection risks.
13. Risk Management: There is a risk of delays and targeting errors due to possible interference from local authorities in advance of upcoming elections. Clear targeting criteria, awareness-raising on the details of the programme as well as the participation of women, men, on the locally organized management committee as well as a strong complaints and feedback mechanism, will mitigate these risks.

Beneficiary analysis

TABLE 1: DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME, ACTIVITY & MODALITY									
Strategic Outcome	Activity	Sub-Activity	Modality	Period	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
					(18+ years)	(18+ years)	(0-18 years)	(0-18 years)	
1	1	URT_GD General distribution	In-Kind	Current	22,630	22,630	13,432	14,308	73,000
				Increase/decrease					
				Revised	22,630	22,630	13,432	14,308	73,000
			Cash	Current	48,138	48,138	28,573	30,436	155,285
				Increase/decrease					
				Revised	48,138	48,138	28,573	30,436	155,285
		URT_FBA Forecast-based Anticipatory Climate Actions	Cash	Current					
				Increase/decrease	38,750	38,750	23,000	24,500	125,000
				Revised	38,750	38,750	23,000	24,500	125,000
		URT_MAM Supplementary feeding PLWG	In-Kind	Current	2,621		379		3,000
				Increase/decrease					
				Revised	2,621		379		3,000
		URT_MAM Supplementary feeding children aged 6-59 mos.	In-Kind	Current			580	620	1,200
				Increase/decrease					
				Revised			580	620	1,200
URT_PREV Supplementary feeding children	In-Kind	Current			3,912	4,188	8,100		
		Increase/decrease							
		Revised			3,912	4,188	8,100		

Sub-Activity	URT_GD	URT_GD	URT_MAM PLW G	URT_MAM 6-59 mos.	URT_PREV 6-23 mos.	URT_SF_ONS	URT_FFA	URT_FFA	CSI_S TUN PLW G	CSI_S TUN 6-23 mos.	CSI_S F_ONS	CSI_F FA	CSI_F FA
Modality	Food	Cash	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Cash	Food	Food	Food	Food	Cash
cereals	333					150	333				150	333	
cereals												405	
pulses											20		
oil											10		
specialized nutritious food			100	100	50				50	20			
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	1,199		500	500	250	540	1,199		275	108	498	1,199	
% kcal from protein	8		10	10	10	8	7		10	10	9	7	
% kcal from fat	1		55	55	55	1	1		56	59	14	1	
cash (US\$/person /day; use average as needed)		0.27						0.27					0.27
		0.38						0.38					
		0.39											
		0.42											
Number of feeding days per year	90	120	180	180	180	120	180	90	360	360	160	90	90

Food type / cash-based transfer	Current Budget		Increase		Revised Budget	
	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)
Cereals	8,042	4,808,708	1,800	981,045	9,842	5,789,754
Pulses	54	69,120	0	0	54	69,120
Oil and Fats	18	15,084	0	0	18	15,084
Mixed and blended foods	664	2,058,276	0	0	664	2,058,276
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (food)	8,778	6,951,188	1,800	981,045	10,578	7,932,234
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		5,300,755		3,709,733		9,010,488
TOTAL (food and CBT value - USD)	8,778	12,251,943	1,800	4,690,779	10,578	16,942,722

3. COST BREAKDOWN

14. In addition to the new and expanded interventions described above, changes to the budget reflect the re-alignment of annual costs under Strategic Outcome 4, an increase in the CBT value of Strategic Outcome 3 to align with the revised implementation plan as well as increased staff costs across the portfolio as a result of conversions from short-term to fixed-term contracts.

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)					
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2 / SDG Target 2.2	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	1	2	3	4	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	
Transfer	3,977,464	58,644	3,875,503	727,237	8,638,848
Implementation	199,223	-99,956	1,263,932	468,954	1,832,153
Direct support costs					853,259
Subtotal					11,324,260
Indirect support costs					736,077
TOTAL					12,060,337

OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)					
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2 / SDG Target 2.2	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	01	02	03	04	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	
Transfer	16,547,212	3,101,597	9,621,920	12,881,924	42,152,652
Implementation	1,299,513	721,426	2,525,440	3,452,342	7,998,720
Direct support costs	2,095,035	517,414	1,798,764	2,353,946	6,765,160
Subtotal	19,941,760	4,340,437	13,946,125	18,688,212	56,916,533
Indirect support costs	1,296,214	282,128	906,498	1,214,734	3,699,575
TOTAL	21,237,974	4,622,565	14,852,623	19,902,946	60,616,107