In February 2022

- 22 people attended the validation workshop for the Fill The Nutrient Gap study.

Operational Context

Tunisia has steadily progressed toward democracy since the 2011 Jasmine Revolution, but still confronts significant political and socioeconomic challenges. Due to persisting structural issues and an economy that is primarily dependent on external funding sources, the country has had 14 governments in the past 10 years and is experiencing visible social tensions and a delayed economic recovery. In July 2021, President Kais Saied prompted changes in the country’s political governance from a parliamentary to presidential system. While a new Government came into being in September 2021, parliamentary activity has been frozen ahead of an expected referendum on constitutional reforms in July 2022, to be followed by a parliamentary election in December 2022.

The new WFP Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022-2025 consolidates the previous work accomplished in school feeding, while strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers and the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality, flexibility, inclusivity and shock responsiveness of national social safety nets.

The CSP is aligned with the Government’s reform of the education sector and its Sustainable School Meals Strategy, as well as with Tunisia’s United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2021-2025). WFP’s operations in Tunisia contribute to the implementation of WFP’s Strategic Result 5 “Developing countries have enhanced ability to implement the Sustainable Development Goals” which focuses on SDG 2 (targets 2.1 and 2.2), SDG 4 (target 17.9), and SDG 17 (target 17.9).

Operational Updates

- WFP conducted the validation workshop for the study on Fill The Nutrient Gap (FNG). WFP’s Fill the Nutrient Gap study is a tool that analyses the nutrition situation of the country and identifies the barriers faced by the most vulnerable to accessing and consuming healthy and nutritious foods. The participants were mainly from the Ministries of Health, Education, Agriculture and Social Affairs, and national institutions such as the National Institute of Nutrition (INNTA). UNICEF was also present. The workshop addressed the three main subjects of the FNG research in Tunisia, namely social protection, school feeding and fortification/supplementation of food with micronutrients. It enabled the formulation of recommendations to address the nutritional deficiencies of the Tunisian population and mitigate regional disparities, these recommendations will then be presented to the relevant authorities in the final FNG report.

- WFP and Weare Moon, the local company that developed the digital solution Last Mile Ecosystem have conducted a User experience (UX) research with 6 different users, in Siliana. The UX research helps refine the prototype to be tested in centralized and decentralized kitchens.

Population: 12 million

2020 Human Development Index: 95 out of 189

Income Level: Lower middle

GNI per Capita (PPP): USD 10,261

Image WFP/Aziza Bouhejba: WFP and Weare Moon discussing the Last Mile Ecosystem platform during the UX research with a smallholder farmer that has access to the school feeding market.

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WFP Country Strategy

**Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (2022-2025)**

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**Strategic Result 4**: Food systems are sustainable

**Strategic Outcome 1**: Vulnerable groups have increased economic opportunities and strengthened resilience to shocks and climate risks.

**Focus area**: Resilience Building

**Activity**:
- Provide technical assistance to smallholder farmers

**Strategic Result 5**: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 2**: National institutions in Tunisia have strengthened capacity to implement enhanced school meals and social protection programmes which advance food security and nutrition by 2022.

**Focus area**: Root Causes

**Activity**:
- Provide technical assistance to national institutions through innovations, enhanced data, pilot transfer modalities and South-South cooperation

**Monitoring**

- WFP is using remote monitoring to measure the impact of the distribution on beneficiaries. Through the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM), WFP has reached 70 percent of the targeted beneficiaries to collect their feedback. Through the Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), WFP received calls from 5 percent of the participants and the majority gave positive feedback on quality of food received, while 80 percent asked for another cycle of distribution.

**Challenges**

- WFP’s initiatives linked to capacity strengthening support to the government through trainings, and activities at school level, such as culinary demonstrations, are currently on hold due to COVID-19 health security measures. Activities are planned to resume in May, if the health situation continues to improve.

**Partnerships**

- WFP is working on expanding its funding and programmatic partnerships related to social protection. WFP submitted a joint project proposal with UNHABITAT to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Fund. The project will focus on the resilience of people living with HIV in the municipality of Hay Ennour Kasserine, Tunisia. Moreover, WFP is continuing to strengthen partnerships with the Ministry of Social Affairs and UNICEF on the topic of shock responsive social protection.

**Funding partners**

- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ministry of Agriculture - Regional Commissariat for Agricultural Development of Siliana (CRDA)
- UNAIDS - Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)
- UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- Principality of Monaco
- Government of Japan