

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION

Democratic People's Republic of Korea Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), revision 02

Gender and age marker code:3

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2022	1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2023
Beneficiaries	3 616 456	803 134	4 419 590
Total cost (USD)	182 428 188	32 563 349	214 991 536
Transfer	154 421 399	25 899 487	180 320 886
Implementation	7 227 518	1 830 658	9 058 176
Direct Support Costs	9 645 156	2 845 770	12 490 925
Sub-total	171 294 073	30 575 914	201 869 987
Indirect Support Costs (6.5 Percent)	11 134 115	1 987 434	13 121 549

1. RATIONALE

1. The purpose of this budget revision is to extend the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ICSP (2019-2022) for another year, until 31 December 2023.
2. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has closed its borders to goods and people in February 2020, as part of the nation's strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Despite border closure and movement restrictions, WFP reached 566,886 beneficiaries (including children in nurseries, kindergartens, and orphanages, as well as patients in paediatric wards and hospitals and women at risk of malnutrition) with in-country food stocks in the first quarter of 2021. Subsequently, the last international personnel for WFP and the United Nations left the country. Since then, there has been no United Nations international presence in the country.
3. Since the border closure, WFP has not been able to import food or non-food items and has suspended operations. Furthermore, WFP has not been able to conduct any assessment or monitoring of the food security situation, due to inability to engage in any form of data collection in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
4. Similarly, WFP has not been able to conduct formal consultations with the Government and its partners to inform the formulation of its next (I)CSP. The United Nations Strategic Framework (UNSF) 2017-2022 also has been extended by one year, until 31 December 2023, on the request of the Government.
5. This revision will align the (I)CSP with the UNSF and allow time for WFP to resume operations and for assessments on the food security and nutrition situation to take place to inform WFP's next programme in the country, setting the foundation for a coherent and focused new phase of engagement in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

6. This budget revision does not entail any changes in the strategic orientation of the ICSP.
7. Revision 01, approved by the Regional Director in December 2020, increased the budget by USD 21,357,653 and extended the ICSP by one year.

Strategic outcomes

8. The ICSP will continue to target those counties in nine provinces vulnerable to natural disasters, food insecurity and undernutrition. Beneficiary groups will remain the same for nutrition-support activities: children in kindergartens, nurseries, boarding schools, paediatric hospitals and wards, pregnant and lactating women and TB patients. WFP will also continue to provide food assistance to the affected population through food assistance for assets (FFA) and crisis response activities. Disaster-affected provinces, counties and vulnerable households will be identified through need assessments once border and movement restrictions have been lifted.
9. WFP will continue actively participating in the humanitarian country team with other United Nations agencies, international non-governmental organizations and donors. WFP will continue to co-chair the Food Security and Agriculture Working Group with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Nutrition Working Group with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
10. WFP has drafted a resumption plan to ensure a smooth and timely restart of operations as soon as the borders reopen to goods and international staff. Once operational conditions permit, WFP plans to carry out a food security assessment to analyse the impact of COVID-19 pandemic measures and natural hazards on vulnerable households and adapt its programming accordingly. WFP will aim to partner with FAO and UNICEF on joint food security and nutrition assessments.
11. WFP will continue providing technical support to strengthen the Government's capacities in local food production and fortification.
12. WFP will continue providing technical support to reduce the risks of recurring disasters while increasing communities' resilience.
13. The following risks and mitigation measures are identified:

Strategic Risks

- Border restrictions are not lifted, and essential international staff are not allowed to return to Democratic People's Republic of Korea. In this situation, WFP will continue to coordinate closely with the United Nations Country Team and other partners to encourage the Government to provide entry and access for international staff.
- The border closure and the suspension of operations has reduced the engagement of international donors intervening in Democratic People's Republic of Korea, leading to a risk of diminished donor interest when operations resume. To manage this risk, WFP maintains contact with key donors until regular engagement is

possible. Upon the re-opening of borders, a food security assessment will be conducted to determine current needs and stemming results disseminated.

Operational Risks

- Because of the suspension of WFP's food fortification activities in the country, the production capacity of the factories, the quality of the equipment and the availability of qualified personnel may have changed. When access is possible, WFP will conduct on-site verifications to assess programmatic needs.

Financial Risks

- Insufficient liquidity in-country due to the absence of a viable banking channel affects the smooth implementation of WFP activities. WFP is mitigating this risk by reducing in-country expenditures to a minimum.

Beneficiary analysis

Strategic Outcome	Activity	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
1	1 (Malnutrition prevention for children and PLW)	Current	497 544	0	496 185	516 727	1 510 456
		Increase/decrease	135 500	0	69 156	71 978	276 634
		Revised	663 543	0	580 921	542 626	1 787 090
	1 (Malnutrition prevention for TB)	Current	85 644	78 390	35 475	34 491	234 000
		Increase/decrease	21 410	19 602	8 598	8 890	58 500
		Revised	107 055	97 987	42 997	44 461	292 500
2	2	Current	513 864	470 340	206 388	213 408	1 404 000
		Increase/decrease	128 466	117 585	51 597	53 352	351 000
		Revised	642 330	587 925	257 985	266 760	1 755 000
3	3	Current	171 288	156 780	68 797	71 135	468 000
		Increase/decrease	42 842	39 215	17 139	17 804	117 000
		Revised	214 110	195 975	85 995	88 920	585 000
TOTAL (without overlap)		Current	1 268 340	705 510	806 845	835 761	3 616 456
		Increase/decrease	328 218	176 402	146 490	152 024	803 134
		Revised	1 627 038	881 887	967 898	814 026	4 419 590

Transfers

TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY

Strategic outcome	1							2	3	
Activity	1 (Malnutrition prevention for children and PLW, and TB patients)							2 (Assets creation and livelihood)	3 (Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food)	
Beneficiary type	PLW	Children aged 6-59 months in nurseries	Children in orphanages	Children in hospitals	Children aged 5-6 in kindergartens	TB in-patients	TB out-patients	FFA participants (household ration)	Immediate response	General distribution
Modality (indicate food or CBT)	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food	Food
Fortified cereals	200	100	100	100	100	100				
Fortified biscuit		60	60	60	60	60			250	
Cereals							1000	1000		400
Pulses							350	350		60
Oil							150	150		25
total kcal/day (to be completed for food and cash modalities)	740	514	514	514	514	514	1402	N/A	1000	1937
% kcal from protein										
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day; use average as needed)										
Number of feeding days per year	30 days/month for 12 months	25 days/month for 12 months	30 days/month for 12 months	30 days/month for 12 months	25 days/month for 12 months	30 days/month for 4 months	30 days/month for 5 months	180 days/year	7 days/month for 2 months	30 days/month for 2 months

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	157 799	57 901 560	24 294	8 136 346	182 092	66 037 906
Pulses	26 435	15 966 791	3 448	2 082 465	29 883	18 049 256
Oil and Fats	15 024	12 019 501	2 121	2 937 833	17 146	14 957 334
Mixed and blended foods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	21 784	34 798 898	3 775	5 474 394	25 559	40 273 292
TOTAL (food)	221 042	120 686 750	33 638	18 631 038	254 680	139 317 788
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		0		0		0
TOTAL (food and CBT value – USD)	221 042	120 686 750	33 638	18 631 038	254 680	139 317 788

6. COST BREAKDOWN

	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Total
Strategic outcome	1	2	3	
Focus area	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	Crisis Response	
Transfer	20 749 056	4 553 234	597 197	25 899 487
Implementation	1 374 888	439 770	16 000	1 830 658
Direct support costs				2 845 770
Subtotal				30 575 914
Indirect support costs (6.5%)				1 987 434
TOTAL				32 563 349

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Transfer	135 466 340	42 457 567	2 396 978	180 320 886
Implementation	6 300 933	2 640 902	116 341	9 058 176
Direct support costs	9 407 737	2 907 735	175 453	12 490 925
Subtotal	151 175 011	48 006 204	2 688 772	201 869 987
Indirect support costs (6.5%)	9 826 376	3 120 403	174 770	13 121 549
TOTAL	161 001 386	51 126 607	2 863 542	214 991 536