

Crisis response revision of the Algeria interim country strategic plan (2019–2023) and corresponding budget increase

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	July 2019–June 2022	8 month extension	July 2019–February 2023
Beneficiaries	Per approved ICSP		Per approved ICSP
<i>(USD)</i>			
Total cost	63 719 219	25 796 503	89 515 722
Transfers	52 645 096	22 641 028	75 286 123
Implementation	4 266 720	858 672	5 125 392
Adjusted direct support costs	2 918 437	722 369	3 640 806
Subtotal	59 830 252	24 222 069	84 052 321
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	3 888 966	1 574 434	5 463 401

Gender and age marker code*: 3

* <http://gender.manuals.wfp.org/en/gender-toolkit/gender-in-programming/gender-and-age-marker/>.

Rationale

1. Under this budget revision, WFP will extend the current interim country strategic plan (ICSP) for 8 months to end in February 2023 and make minor adjustments to the food basket.
2. In late 2021, ongoing discussions between the United Nations resident coordinator and the Algerian Foreign Ministry revealed that the Ministry would require further consultations to approve the new United Nations sustainable development cooperation framework (UNSDCF) for Algeria, originally planned to enter into effect in early 2022. Consequently, the UNSDCF for Algeria has been delayed 1 year and is expected to commence in 2023. Though WFP is not officially included in the UNSDCF, WFP is committed to align itself to the UNSDCF planning cycle and will thus extend its current ICSP until February 2023, while preparing a new ICSP for submission to the Executive Board in 2023.
3. Following the recommendations of a school feeding review carried out in 2019, WFP is diversifying the composition of the school meal, tailoring it to local tastes and cultural habits while seeking more nutrition-sensitive options. To this effect, WFP has successfully piloted and will change its school meal to gofio porridge instead of high-energy biscuits (HEB). A November 2021 assessment estimated that the gofio school meal will also reduce the total cost of the school feeding ration by 41 percent.

Changes

Strategic orientation

4. This budget revision will not change the strategic orientation of the ICSP.
5. The previous budget revision to this ICSP, approved by the country director in November 2021, introduced the capacity strengthening modality under outcome 2, revised the caseload of beneficiaries and rations for nutrition activities and made other minor operational adjustments to the ICSP.

Strategic outcomes

Transfer modalities

6. Under activity 2, the school meals ration has been revised in line with beneficiary preferences and to advance towards a more diverse composition with the introduction of gofio, a locally-preferred roasted grain flour, into the daily school meal. Gofio is prepared as a porridge, and according to the recipe, dried skimmed milk has been reduced from 80g to 29g, while 5g of sugar and 2g of vegetable oil have been added, providing a 436 kcal intake to schoolchildren per day of school attendance. WFP will continue to explore the inclusion of fortified and fresh nutritious foods in the school meals menu given the high prevalence of anaemia among Sahrawi children in the camps near Tindouf (see preliminary results of the UNHCR-WFP nutrition survey 2022).

Supply chain challenges

7. The crisis in Ukraine has led to a sharp increase in the price of wheat flour in Algeria, with an almost five-fold increase to date compared with the first half of 2021. Barley, lentils, and vegetable oil also experienced price hikes. In many cases, the local prices of wheat and other commodities have exceeded international prices, rendering local purchase less cost effective for WFP. Consequently, WFP will flexibly source wheat flour and other commodities locally or internationally based on costs.

Beneficiary analysis

8. No change.



Transfers

TABLE 1: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) AND CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY						
	Strategic outcome 1		Strategic outcome 2			
	Activity 1 (GFA)	Activity 2 (school meals)	Activity 4 (prevention)		Activity 4 (treatment)	
Beneficiary type	Food-insecure Sahrawis	Schoolchildren	PLWG	Children aged 6-59 months	PLWG	Children aged 6-59 months
Modality	In kind	In kind	CBT/in kind	In kind	In kind	In kind
Cereals	400	-	-	-	-	-
Pulses	67	-	-	-	-	-
Vegetable oil	31	2	-	-	20	-
Sugar	25	5	-	-	-	-
Super Cereal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Super Cereal with sugar	-	-	-	-	200	-
Dates	41.6*	-	-	-	-	-
Gofio	33	19	-	-	-	-
Dried skimmed milk	-	29	-	-	-	-
HEB	-	50	-	-	-	-
Nutributter	-	-	-	20	-	-
Multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS)	-	-	0.84	-	-	-
Plumpy'Sup	-	-	-	-	-	100
CBTs (USD/person/day)	-	-	0.36	-	-	-
Total kcal/day	2 216	436	233	108	-	989
% kcal from protein	12	8	-	10	16	10
Number of feeding days (ICSP lifespan)	1 339	751	1 339	1 339	1 339	1 339

* Under activity 1, WFP will no longer provide dates, which are usually provided as a one-off annual in-kind donation, as part of the ration in 2022.

Abbreviations: CBT = cash-based transfer; GFA = general food assistance; PLWG = pregnant and lactating women and girls.



Food type/CBTs	Current budget		Increase		Revised budget	
	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)
Cereals	54 301	14 276 920	14 179	9 729 691	68 480	24 006 611
Pulses	9 816	4 623 243	2 176	2 591 998	11 992	7 215 241
Oil and fats	4 558	4 446 394	1 023	1 894 679	5 581	6 341 073
Mixed and blended foods	10 143	5 906 449	417	759 173	10 560	6 665 622
Other	5 966	7 093 711	1 010	1 188 495	6 975	8 282 205
Total (food)	84 784	36 346 716	18 805	16 164 036	103 589	52 510 752
Cash-based transfers		3 215 448		668 736		3 884 184
Total (food and cash-based transfer value)	84 784	39 562 164	18 805	16 832 772	103 589	56 394 936

Cost breakdown

	Strategic Result 1/ SDG target 2.1	Strategic Result 2/ SDG target 2.2	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Focus area	Crisis response	Crisis response	
Transfers	20 409 581	2 231 446	22 641 028
Implementation	688 516	170 156	858 672
Adjusted direct support costs			722 369
Subtotal			24 222 069
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)			1 574 434
Total			25 796 503

Abbreviation: SDG = Sustainable Development Goal.



TABLE 4: OVERALL ICSP COST BREAKDOWN, AFTER REVISION (USD)			
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG target 2.1	Strategic Result 2 / SDG target 2.2	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Focus area	Crisis response	Crisis response	
Transfers	67 477 957	7 808 166	75 286 123
Implementation	4 526 077	599 315	5 125 392
Adjusted direct support costs	3 266 528	374 278	3 640 806
Subtotal	75 270 562	8 781 759	84 052 321
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	4 892 587	570 814	5 463 401
Total	80 163 149	9 352 573	89 515 722