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COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION

|State of Palestine| country strategic plan (2018 – 2023), revision |09|

	Current	Change	Revised		
Duration	Jan 2018 - Dec 2022	2-month extension	Jan 2018 - Feb 2023		
Beneficiaries	435,170	0	435,170		
(USD)					
Total cost	506 396 446	35 550 599	541 947 045		
Transfers	454 414 559	33 230 036	487 644 595		
Implementation	17 137 210	1 046 110	18 183 320		
Adjusted direct support costs	14 374 616	522 415	14 897 031		
Subtotal	485 926 386	34 798 560	520 724 946		
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	20 470 060	752 039	21 222 099		

Gender and age marker code: 3*

1. RATIONALE

1. This ninth revision of the State of Palestine country strategic plan (CSP) seeks to extend the duration of the CSP by 2 months to align with the planned submission of the next CSP (2023 – 2028) for approval at WFP's February 2023 Executive Board Session. To that effect, the revision entails an increase in the budget to cover January and February 2023 with implementation arrangements for all current CSP strategic outcomes and activities remaining the same.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

- 2. This revision (BR 09) does not introduce any changes to the strategic direction of WFP's CSP in the State of Palestine.
- 3. The CSP has been subject to eight previous revisions:
 - BR 01 and 02: technical revisions.
 - BR 03 (approved by the Regional Director in December 2018): increased the budget by USD 13 million to reach 368,700 beneficiaries in 2019.
 - BR 04 (approved by the Regional Director in May 2019): increased the budget by USD 16.5 million to reach 404,000 beneficiaries in 2019.
 - BR 05 (approved by the Regional Director in July 2020): increased the budget by USD 22.4 million to reach 426,000 beneficiaries in 2020.
 - BR 06 (approved by the Regional Director in April 2021): increased the budget by USD 27.6 million to reach 435,170 beneficiaries in 2021.

^{*} http://gender.manuals.wfp.org/en/gender-toolkit/gender-in-programming/gender-and-age-marker/.

- BR 07 (approved by the Executive Director in September 2021): increased the budget by USD 40 million for CSP activity 4 Service provision of WFP's delivery platform to partners.
- BR 08 (approved by the Executive Director in January 2022): increased the budget by USD 147,942,074, primarily to accommodate an increased need under Activity 4 (CBT service delivery), but also to make minor operational adjustments for 2022.

Strategic outcomes

Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis:

4. There are no changes to the overall planned number of beneficiaries targeted under the CSP. During the extension period WFP will continue to support the same number of beneficiaries that are supported at the end of 2022.

Transfer modalities:

5. There will be no changes to the transfer modalities under this budget revision - all beneficiaries will continue to receive food assistance through cash-based transfers or in-kind food assistance, as appropriate.

Country Office capacity:

6. Following the organizational structure review of WFP in Palestine, WFP is recruiting key staff positions ahead of the new CSP in 2023, with plans to increase from 92 to 118 staff positions, plus one position shared 50/50 with WFP Jordan. The new office structure will reflect the technical and support needs required to successfully implement the new CSP in 2023, with additional technical staff in the field of resilience, social protection and nexus/conflict-sensitivity.

Service Provision:

7. In agreement with partners, WFP has been requested to continue providing CBT services (activity 4) over the extension period.

Beneficiary analysis

8. No change.

Transfers

9. BR 09 entails no changes to the food rations or cash-based transfer value.

TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND VALUE						
Food type / cash-based	Current Budget		Increase		Revised Budget	
transfer	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)
Cereals	43 254	14 653 645	1 292	671 892	44 546	15 325 537
Pulses	3 693	4 513 870	108	118 444	3 800	4 632 314
Oil and Fats	2 163	2 419 006	65	161 513	2 227	2 580 518
Mixed and blended foods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3 305	16 641 335	103	686 751	3 409	17 328 086
TOTAL (food)	52 415	38 227 856	1 568	1 638 599	53 982	39 866 455
Cash-Based Transfers		213 936 504		7 628 429		221 564 933
TOTAL (food and CBT value)	52 415	252 164 360	1 568	9 267 028	53 982	261 431 388

3. COST BREAKDOWN

10. The cost breakdown among outcomes remains unchanged, with changes solely indicative of the extension in-time and aligned with the average monthly 2022 budget.

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)					
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 8 / SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL	
Strategic outcome	01	02	03		
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Resilience Building	Crisis Response		
Transfer	10 133 394	436 642	22 660 000	33 230 036	
Implementation	757 701	68 408	220 000	1 046 110	
Direct support costs				522 415	
Subtotal				34 798 560	
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)				752 039	
TOTAL				35 550 599	

TABLE 5: OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)					
	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 5 / SDG Target 17.9	Strategic Result 8 / SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL	
Strategic outcome	01	02	03		
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Resilience Building	Crisis Response		
Transfer	290 300 358	7 136 237	190 208 000	487 644 595	
Implementation	16 781 275	907 545	494 500	18 183 320	
Direct support costs (6.5 percent)	11 111 916	256 506	3 528 609	14 897 031	
Subtotal	318 193 549	8 300 288	194 231 109	520 724 946	
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	20 682 581	539 519	0	21 222 099	
TOTAL	338 876 129	8 839 807	194 231 109	541 947 045	