

INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION

REVISION

[Islamic Republic of Iran] Interim Country Strategic Plan, Revision |08|

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	Jan 2018 – Dec 2022	3-month extension	Jan 2018 – Mar 2023
Beneficiaries	130,100	1,000	131,100
(USD)			
Total cost (USD)	34 595 273	1 745 502	36 340 774
Transfer	27 200 465	1 375 580	28 576 046
Implementation	1 887 178	127 562	2 014 739
Direct Support Costs	3 441 678	135 827	3 577 505
Sub-total	32 529 322	1 638 969	34 168 290
Indirect Support Costs	2 065 951	106 533	2 172 484

Gender and age marker code: * 3

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

1. RATIONALE

1. The new Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) for the Islamic Republic of Iran (2023 – 2025) was planned for presentation to the Executive Board (EB) in November 2022, but was postponed to the February 2023 EB session to obtain necessary clearances from the Government of Iran. Hence this budget revision will extend the current ICSP by three months (until the end of March 2023) to accommodate this shift.
2. Over the extension period, the number of beneficiaries for activity 1 will increase from 31,000 to 32,000 to accommodate 1,000 new arrivals from Afghanistan who have received temporary refugee status and have thus been included in WFP’s beneficiary lists.
3. In addition, as a follow-up to one of the 2022 Joint Assessment Mission (JAM) recommendations, from January to March 2023, WFP will pilot the provision of cash top-ups to 100 refugees living with disabilities.

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

4. This revision (BR 08) does not introduce any changes to the strategic orientation of WFP’s ICSP in the Islamic Republic of Iran.
5. This ICSP has been subject to seven previous revisions:
 - BR 01 and BR 02 were technical revisions to address system adjustments;
 - BR 03, approved in April 2019 by the Country Director, added activity 3 in response to a flood emergency. The budget increased from USD 18,021,543 to USD 18,621,543;

- BR 04, approved in October 2019 by the Country Director, introduced the use of the capacity strengthening modality, and increased the beneficiary numbers under activities 1 and 2. The budget was increased from USD 18,621,543 to USD 19,846,288;
- BR 05, approved in June 2020 by the Country Director, included teachers under activity 2 (school feeding). The budget increased from USD 19,846,288 to USD 24,549,449.
- BR 06, approved in November 2020 by the Country Director, extended the ICSP by two years until December 2022 and adjusted the requirements under activities 1, 2 and 3, increasing the budget from USD 24,549,449 to USD 33,609,470.
- BR 07, approved in December 2021 by the Country Director, introduced a new strategic outcome, activity and output to accommodate the introduction of a service provision activity and to facilitate a one-off transfer of cash assistance to WFP beneficiaries on behalf of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). BR 07 also included additional beneficiary numbers under activity 3 to enable a quick response should any possible emergency requiring WFP's intervention arise in 2022. The budget increased from USD 33,609,470 to USD 34,595,272.

Strategic outcomes

Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis

6. To accommodate the 1,000 new arrivals from Afghanistan to the population of Torbat-e-Jam settlement, the total number of people to be assisted by WFP under activity 1 will increase from 31,000 to 32,000 beneficiaries.
7. Activity 2 will continue with the same number of beneficiaries into 2023, while activity 3 (emergency response) is not expected to be needed in the first quarter of 2023 and thus has no requirements planned during the extension period.
8. For the pilot activity to provide cash top-ups for refugees with disabilities, WFP will coordinate with the Bureau for Alien and Foreign Immigrant Affairs to secure a list of people with registered disabilities in all settlements based on health records and implement the pilot in two of the large settlements, Saveh and Semnan, which are located near Tehran and thus allow for close monitoring for successful implementation of this initiative.

Transfer modalities

9. Although the transfer modalities (food and cash) will remain largely unchanged over the extension period, a cash top-up of USD 4.2 monthly will be introduced under activity 1 to support up to 100 refugees living with disabilities. This cash top-up value is comparable to the monthly individual cash transfer value under activity 1, and is based on the estimated additional costs incurred by people living with disabilities. The transfer value will be reviewed once the pilot phase is completed at the end of March 2023.

Accountability to affected populations, protection risks, restrictions of gender and disabilities

10. Following the Joint Assessment Mission conducted in January 2022 and in line with the WFP's 2020 Protection and Accountability policy, WFP will include additional cash-top ups for up to 500 persons with disabilities under the 2G ICSP (April 2023 - December

2025) to support with the higher costs of living associated with disability. Consultation with WFP’s Disability Inclusion Helpdesk resulted in the following recommendations:

- Design and conduct a pilot in a small number of settlements to test the feasibility of disability assessment and certification for determining eligibility;
- Take deliberate action to identify and remove potential barriers, prioritising issues relating to impartiality and Do No Harm;
- Collect data to monitor inclusion/exclusion errors and learn from the process.

Accordingly, WFP will make use of the extension period to pilot the disability-inclusion top-ups, carrying out close monitoring and documenting the lessons of the pilot to inform the eventual scale-up over the next ICSP. People with disabilities will continue to have access to WFP’s community feedback mechanism to report any issues and WFP will plan a series of visit to engage people with disabilities and their families in the design of the pilot and gather feedback.

Beneficiary analysis

Strategic outcome	Activity	Period	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
			(18+ years)	(18+ years)	(0–18 years)	(0–18 years)	
1	1	Current	8,680	8,680	6,510	7,130	31,000
		Increase/decrease	280	280	210	230	1,000
		Revised	8,960	8,960	6,720	7,360	32,000
	2	Current	150	350	6,600	3,701	10,800
		Increase/decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	150	350	6,600	3,701	10,800
	3	Current	35,101	34,314	14,001	15,184	98,600
		Increase/decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	35,101	34,314	14,001	15,184	98,600
Total (without overlap)		Current	43,931	43,344	20,511	22,314	130,100
		Increase/decrease	280	280	210	230	1,000
		Revised	44,211	43,624	20,721	22,544	131,100

Transfers

TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day)							
BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY							
	Strategic outcome 1						
	Activity 1			Activity 2		Activity 3	
Beneficiary type	Refugee/ men HH*	Refugee/ women HH	People with Disabilities	Girls' education	Livelihoods women	School feeding	Crisis-affected persons
Modality	Food/CBT s	Food/CBT s	CBT	CBTs	CBTs	Food	Food
Cereals	300	300		-	-	-	83.33
Pulses/ green lentils							22.5
Pulses/pinto beans	-	-		-	-	-	22.5
Oil	27	27		-	-	-	20.25
Salt	-	-		-	-	-	4.16
Sugar	-	-		-	-	-	40
Tuna fish	-	-		-	-	-	18
Canned pinto bean	-	-		-	-	-	26.66
Tea	-	-		-	-	-	4.16
Super Cereal	-	-		-	-	-	
Super Cereal Plus	-	-		-	-	-	
Micronutrient powder	-	-		-	-	-	-
UHT milk (dairy products)	-	-		-	-	206	-
Biscuits (blended food)	-	-		-	-	38.5	-
Date bars (blended food)						42.5	
Fruits-dried	-	-		-	-		
Total kcal/day	1, 331	1, 331		-	-	653	915
% kcal from protein	9.3	9.3		-	-	13.8	28
Cash-based transfers	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.10		-	
Number of feeding days	360	360	90	270	N/A	198	30

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	16 560	4 427 170	882	510 017	17 442	4 937 186
Pulses	372	409 200	0	0	372	409 200
Oil and Fats	603	365 675	79	220 327	682	586 002
Mixed and blended foods	325	426 482	44	106 110	369	532 592
Other	1 724	1 972 651	100	124 745	1 824	2 097 396
TOTAL (food)	19 584	7 601 177	1 105	961 199	20 689	8 562 376
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		12 109 760		389 160		12 498 920
TOTAL (food and CBT value – USD)	19 584	19 710 937	1 105	1 350 359	20 689	21 061 296

3. COST BREAKDOWN

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)

	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 8 / SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	01	02	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Crisis Response	
Transfer	1 375 580	0	1 375 580
Implementation	127 562	0	127 562
Direct support costs			135 827
Subtotal			1 638 969
Indirect support costs			106 533
TOTAL			1 745 502

TABLE 5: OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)

	Strategic Result 1 / SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 8 / SDG Target 17.16	TOTAL
Strategic outcome	01	02	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Crisis Response	
Transfer	27 959 046	617 000	28 576 046
Implementation	2 013 739	1 000	2 014 739
Direct support costs	3 450 042	127 463	3 577 505
Subtotal	33 422 827	745 463	34 168 290
Indirect support costs	2 172 484	0	2 172 484
TOTAL	35 595 311	745 463	36 340 774