Operational Context

Despite the democratic achievements of the Jasmine Revolution, Tunisia 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. A referendum on constitutional reforms was held in July 2022 to grant the President vast prerogatives. But the low turnout undermines the legitimacy of the process and threatens the young Tunisian democracy. The adoption of the new Constitution is to be followed by a parliamentary election in December 2022.

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

- As part of the Ministry of Agriculture’s PROFITS project in Siliana, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, WFP commissioned the production of a culinary demonstration video, the filming was launched this month in the schools of Harrya, Bouabdallah and Sodga. The cooking demonstrations consist of nutritional messages for children and their families, developed on the basis of the latest nutritional study conducted by WFP in the Siliana region. School cooks and students participated in the production of the video which will be broadcast on social networks and on the official channel of the Ministry of Education. A 2D video promoting healthy eating, responsible consumption and good hygiene practices has also been developed and will be broadcast in November.

- WFP participated to the celebration of the UN Day with sister agencies, organized by the office of the Resident Coordinator. This was an opportunity to present WFP’s work to the Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as to the various diplomats present, representing donor countries and institutions supporting UN activities in Tunisia.

- WFP participated with the Office des Oeuvres Scolaires (OOESCO) in the Global Child Nutrition Forum held this year in Cotonou, Benin. It was an opportunity to present Tunisia’s national school feeding programme and to exchange lessons learned and best practices with other countries.

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Image WFP/Aziza Bouhejba: Participants to the UNPP training.
**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

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**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

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**Partnerships**

- WFP organized a training for members of Agricultural Development Groups on how to register and use the United Nations Partner Portal. Through this portal, Community Based Organizations will be able to apply for calls for expressions of interest from WFP and other UN agencies. 70 people participated, including 55 women, accounting for some 20 women-led community organizations.

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**Through Japan’s contribution, WFP is supporting Tunisia’s response to support food security and nutrition for vulnerable populations.**

In mid-2022, the Government of Japan generously provided the World Food Programme (WFP) with a US$1 million grant to strengthen the capacity of the Tunisian government to mitigate the impact of wheat shortages and price inflation caused by the conflict in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
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- UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- Principality of Monaco
- Government of Japan