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## Country strategic plan revision

### Nepal CSP 2024-2028, BR 01

Gender and age marker code: 4

Transmittal Slip Table - BUDGET OVERVIEW			
	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	1 January 2024 - 31 December 2028	No change	1 January 2024 - 31 December 2028
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>2 058 300</b>	<b>79 760</b>	<b>2 138 060</b>
<b>Total cost (USD)</b>	<b>139 287 403</b>	<b>1 104 865</b>	<b>140 392 268</b>
Transfer	100 134 393	829 775	100 964 168
Implementation	14 360 053	9 130	14 369 183
Direct Support Costs	16 535 115	200 000	16 735 115
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>131 029 561</b>	<b>1 038 905</b>	<b>132 068 466</b>
Indirect Support Costs	8 257 842	65 960	8 323 802

### DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL: CD

#### 1. RATIONALE

- On 3 November 2023, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake struck Jajarkot and Rukum West Districts of Karnali Province, Western Nepal, affecting 250,000 people (127,750 women and girls, 122,250 men and boys and including 69,575 children), leading to an increased need for assistance among the affected population. The earthquake caused damage to public and private structures including buildings and roads and other community assets.
- In response, WFP Nepal promptly initiated relief efforts by distributing ready-to-eat food prepositioned at the WFP Nepal Humanitarian Staging Areas/warehouses and distributing 8 mt of BP-5 to 12,000 households.
- WFP's Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) team conducted a rapid assessment using the 72-hour assessment methodology to identify the people in need and came up with an estimated figure complementing it with data collected by WFP field staff, Municipal level information of households affected by the earthquake from Municipal officials, and other secondary sources of information on food insecurity and malnutrition (Demographic and Health Survey, Census, etc). The UN Country Team, following a rapid assessment and using

the evidence available, prepared a Joint Recovery Action Plan (JRAP)<sup>1</sup> which was presented to in-country donors for resource mobilization.

4. As part of the JRAP and unilaterally, WFP mobilized resources in-country and provided multipurpose cash assistance to 3,055 highly prioritized and targeted households in December 2023. The resources mobilized by WFP were not sufficient to provide assistance to all households affected and hence WFP had to undertake a rigorous prioritization in consultation with affected communities and local governments.
5. Moreover, WFP Nepal mobilized USD 1.37 million in 2023 for the implementation of large-scale food fortification (rice fortification) programme. The share of the budget planned to be utilized in 2023 was not fully utilized, thus the balance was carried forward to 2024. The CO also undertook a repurposing of the overall budget to effectively utilize the available funds.
6. Following the reduction in budget allocation by the government to the MCHN Programme in Karnali, the duration of assistance has been reduced while the number of beneficiaries assisted remained the same. Similarly, following the handover of one of the districts assisted by WFP to the government, the total number of children assisted remained unchanged as the children in the handed over district continued to benefit from WFP technical assistance as part of the home-grown school feeding model.

## 2. CHANGES

### ***Strategic orientation:***

7. There is no change in the strategic orientation. The budget revision covers the first and the second year of the CSP.

### ***CSP outcomes:***

8. All the other conditions- targeting, and beneficiary selection, transfer value and modalities, partnerships, country office capacity, supply chain, monitoring and evaluation, and accountability to affected populations remain unchanged.
9. WFP, as a co-lead of the food security cluster, will receive USD 13.9 million to implement two recovery projects in Jajarkot and Rukum West Districts of Karnali Province. These projects will encompass various interventions such as conditional cash transfers, unconditional cash assistance, and cash assistance to pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBW/G) and children 6-23 months for the prevention of malnutrition. The unconditional cash transfer component (including the cash top-up), amounting to USD 3.30 million, will fall under Country Strategic Plan Outcome (CSPO) 1, while the food assistance for assets programming (delivered with conditional cash transfers) will be implemented as part of CSPO 3.
10. A major portion of the projects' funds will be allocated towards cash transfers, necessitating to adjust the split of the budget between the Cash Based Transfer (CBT) and Capacity Strengthening (CS) transfer modalities within the CSPO 3. The funds are allocated based on prioritization made jointly by the donor, the United Nations Resident Coordinator's office and government cluster leads with the biggest portion of the funds allocated to food security cluster, which involves conditional and unconditional cash transfers.
11. In addition to accommodating WFP's response to last November's earthquake, this budget revision also seeks to sufficiently amend the existing CSP to include WFP's rice fortification interventions. Nepal mobilized USD 1.37 million in 2023 for the implementation of a large-scale food fortification (rice fortification) programme. The share of the budget planned to be utilized in 2023 was not fully utilized, thus the balance was carried forward to 2024. To sustain

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1 United Nations. 2024. [Joint Recovery Action Plan](#) (JRAP).

and scaling up of rice fortification programme, WFP Nepal . The overall programme implementation approach remains the same, but some complementary activities will be implemented in 2024 to sustain and scale up the rice fortification programme in Nepal.

12. The Government of Nepal initially planned to procure 539 mt of wheat-soya blend with sugar (WSB+) for the Mother and Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) program in Karnali Province to cover rations for approximately 29,000 beneficiaries (pregnant and breastfeeding women, as well as children aged 6-23 months) for 180 days. However, due to the Government's fiscal constraints, there was a significant reduction in the budget for food procurement. As a result, the Government was only able to allocate enough funds for the procurement of about 265 mt of food, which corresponds to 4 months of rations. Consequently, adjustments had to be made to the food assistance plan, reducing both the tonnage and the number of days of assistance while keeping the number of beneficiaries unchanged.
13. As part of WFP's support to the National School Meals Programme, and in line with the five-years operational agreement among the Government , WFP and the United States Department of Agriculture, schools in Achham District were handed over to the Government in mid-2023 while WFP continues to support schools in 3 districts in 2024. However, despite the reduction in the number of beneficiaries following the handover, the number of total beneficiaries is expected to remain unchanged, as WFP is considering incorporating a Home-Grown School Feeding component in the handed-over district, which would keep WFP's beneficiary figures unchanged despite the prior handover to the Government.

***Beneficiary analysis:***

Under Activity 3, while the number of beneficiaries receiving SMP food has decreased, the total number of beneficiaries remains unchanged because the same number of beneficiaries receive capacity strengthening support. Under Activity 4, although the number of assistance days has reduced, the number of beneficiaries remains unchanged. Under Activity 5, the number of new beneficiaries has increased due to the increased need for assistance following the Jajarkot Earthquake. In summary, the cumulative number of beneficiaries assisted under all the programmes of the CSP has increased as indicated in Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1: DIRECT BENEFICIARIES BY CSP OUTCOME, ACTIVITY & MODALITY**

CSP Outcome	Activity and Modality	Period	Women (18+ years)	Men (18+ years)	Girls (0-18 years)	Boys (0-18 years)	Total
1	1 Cash-based transfer	Current	219,862	193,960	146,571	151,127	711,520
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	219,862	193,960	146,571	151,127	711,520
	1 Food	Current	111,640	6,126	117,816	122,582	358,164
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	111,640	6,126	117,816	122,582	358,164
	1 Capacity Strengthening	Current	412,580	39,361	-	-	451,941
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	412,580	39,361	-	-	451,941
2	3 Food	Current	-	-	140,613	133,379	273,992
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	(39,918)	(37,290)	(77,208)
		Revised	-	-	100,695	96,089	196,784
	3 Capacity Strengthening	Current	4,000	6,625	145,130	138,080	293,835
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	4,000	6,625	145,130	138,080	293,835
	4 Food	Current	33,732	-	16,602	17,286	67,620
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	33,732	-	16,602	17,286	67,620
	4 Capacity Strengthening	Current	143,556	4,192	21,390	-	169,138
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	143,556	4,192	21,390	-	169,138
3	5 Cash-based Transfer	Current	22,494	21,742	14,997	15,463	72,800
		Increase/ decrease	24,647	21,742	16,431	16,941	79,760
		Revised	47,140	41,588	31,428	32,404	152,560
	5 Capacity Strengthening	Current	59,006	52,056	39,338	40,560	190,960
		Increase/ decrease	-	-	-	-	-
		Revised	59,006	52,056	39,338	40,560	190,960
<b>TOTAL</b> <i>(without overlap)</i>		Current	765,955	305,904	501,599	484,843	2,058,300
		Increase/ decrease	24,647	21,742	16,431	16,941	79,760
		Revised	790,599	327,647	518,030	501,78	2,138,060

## Transfers

FOOD RATION (g/person/day) AND CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY									
	Country strategic plan outcome 1						Country strategic plan outcome 2		Country strategic plan outcome 3
	Activity 1						Activity 3		Activity 5
Activity type	Forecast-based anticipatory action	General food distribution	General food distribution	Nutrition BSFP	Nutrition TSFP	Conditional assistance	School meals programme	Mother-and-child health and nutrition	CBTs
Beneficiary type	Households	Households	Households	PBWG and children	Children	Households	Children	PBWG and children	Households
Modality	CBTs	CBTs	Food	Food	Food	CBTs	Food	Food	CBTs
Cereals							80		
Pulses							20		
Oil							10		
Salt							2		
Ready-to-use specialized nutritious foods			267						
Super Cereal (WSB+)				100				100	
Super Cereal Plus (WSB++)					200				
Micronutrient powder									
Total kcal/day				758	1 516		445	758	
% kcal from protein				18.4	36.8		9.4	18.4	
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day)	0.77	0.77				1.23			1.30
Number of feeding days per year	30	30	3	90	60	30	180	180	40

Abbreviations: BSFP = blanket supplementary feeding programme; PBWG = pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls; TSFP = targeted supplementary feeding programme; WSB = wheat-soya blend.

<b>TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND VALUE</b>						
<b>Food type / cash-based transfer</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>		<b>Increase</b>		<b>Revised Budget</b>	
	<b>Total (mt)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>	<b>Total (mt)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>	<b>Total (mt)</b>	<b>Total (USD)</b>
Cereals	6 784	6 098 734	- 143	- 104 012	6 641	5 994 722
Pulses	211	227 056	- 36	- 38 560	175	188 496
Oil and Fats	848	2 698 308	- 18	- 41 239	830	2 657 069
Mixed and blended foods	4 476	6 687 351	- 180	- 217 655	4 296	6 469 697
Other	170	33 508	- 4	- 638	166	32 869
<b>TOTAL (food)</b>	<b>12 489</b>	<b>15 744 958</b>	<b>- 381</b>	<b>- 402 104</b>	<b>12 109</b>	<b>15 342 853</b>
Cash-Based Transfers (USD)		23 570 986		4 338 944		27 909 930
<b>TOTAL (food and CBT value - USD)</b>	<b>12 489</b>	<b>39 315 943</b>	<b>- 381</b>	<b>3 936 840</b>	<b>12 109</b>	<b>43 252 783</b>

### 3. COST BREAKDOWN

14. The School Meal Programme in one of the districts is handed over to the Government of Nepal, thus the food plan for Activity 3 has been reduced. Likewise, the in-kind food that was anticipated to be received from the Government of Nepal did not materialise in full, thus the food value for activity 4 has been reduced. The increase in the transfer value is from the increase in the plan for the capacity strengthening budget from the Rice Fortification project. Nepal received USD 1.37 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) in 2023 for the implementation of a large-scale food fortification (rice fortification) programme. The share of the budget planned to be utilized in 2023 was not fully utilized, thus the balance was carried forward to 2024.

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)					
SDG targets/ WFP Strategic outcomes	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 1	SDG Target 2.2 - WFP Strategic Outcome 2	SDG Target 2.4 - WFP Strategic Outcome 3	SDG Target 17.16 - WFP Strategic Outcome 5	TOTAL
CSP Outcomes	01	02	03	04	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	
Transfer	0	829 775	0	0	<b>829 775</b>
Implementation	0	-17 800	26 930	0	<b>9 130</b>
Direct support costs					<b>200 000</b>
Subtotal					<b>1 038 905</b>
Indirect support costs					<b>65 960</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>1 104 865</b>

TABLE 5: OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)					
SDG targets/ WFP Strategic outcomes	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 1	SDG Target 2.2 - WFP Strategic Outcome 2	SDG Target 2.4 - WFP Strategic Outcome 3	SDG Target 17.16 - WFP Strategic Outcome 5	TOTAL
CSP Outcomes	01	02	03	04	
Focus Area	Crisis Response	Root Causes	Resilience Building	Resilience Building	
Transfer	32 122 466	31 136 902	34 644 586	3 060 214	<b>100 964 168</b>
Implementation	3 354 888	5 181 002	5 434 619	398 674	<b>14 369 183</b>
Direct support costs	5 136 903	5 133 255	5 913 866	551 092	<b>16 735 115</b>
Subtotal	40 614 257	41 451 158	45 993 070	4 009 980	<b>132 068 466</b>
Indirect support costs	2 639 927	2 694 325	2 989 550	0	<b>8 323 802</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43 254 184</b>	<b>44 145 484</b>	<b>48 982 620</b>	<b>4 009 980</b>	<b>140 392 268</b>