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## WFP Tunisia Country Brief June 2024



## In Numbers

WFP Tunisia country programmes focus on Government and community capacity-building to strengthen social protection programmes, support the National School Feeding Programme and promote local agriculture.

### Operational Context

Since the Jasmine Revolution in 2011, Tunisia has been dealing with difficult political and socio-economic circumstances. The country has seen 14 governments in the last decade and is facing noticeable social tensions and a slow economic recovery due to ongoing structural challenges and heavy reliance on external sources of revenue. While progress has been made in combating malnutrition, Tunisia still grapples with the dual burden of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies, along with overweight and obesity. Although hunger levels are low according to the Global Hunger Index, an economic recession, high unemployment, climate change, regional disparities, and cereal imports threaten the ability of vulnerable populations to access a nutritious diet. Prevalence of food insecurity has risen from 18 percent in 2016 to 29 percent in 2022, affecting 3.5 million Tunisians, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) [2023 Food Security report](#).

In Tunisia, WFP is providing technical assistance and policy advice through capacity-strengthening activities at both the government and community levels. WFP Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022-2025 continues to enhance the government-operated school feeding programme, while strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers and the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality, adaptability, inclusivity, and shock-responsiveness of national social safety nets. The CSP aligns with Tunisia government's priorities for education reform, its Sustainable School Meals Strategy, and Tunisia's UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2021-2025). WFP will supplement its regular monitoring efforts with gender-sensitive food security and nutrition assessments aimed at supporting evidence-based policy design and implementation.

Population: **12 million**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2021 Human Development Index: **94 out of 188**



### Operational Updates

#### Under CSP Strategic Outcome 1: WFP's Joint Programme - Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE)

WFP jointly implements the JP RWEE project with FAO, IFAD, and UN Women, aiming to empower rural women in Tunisia by securing their livelihoods and resilience for sustainable development under the Tunisia 2030 Agenda.

- In early June, WFP conducted field missions in the governorate of Kairouan, in collaboration with government officials from Tunisia's Ministry of Agriculture to evaluate the preparedness of targeted Professional Agricultural Organizations (OPAs) to receive and utilize the agro-processing equipment provided by WFP. Representatives and members of the participating OPAs showed strong interest in the upcoming activities and expressed their willingness to implement the recommendations provided by experts and officials from the Regional Commission for Agricultural Development (CRDA). The assessment results will help in planning future practical trainings, as well as equipment delivery, that are scheduled for the coming weeks.

#### Under CSP Strategic Outcome 1: WFP's Support for Sustainable Development in the Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Sector in Tunisia (ADAPT\*)

- In June, as part of the capacity-building efforts for the OPAs under the ADAPT programme, WFP Tunisia collaborated with its cooperating partner (CP), NGO Balades Solidaires in organising a series of training sessions for 35 women and men smallholder farmers.

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**Photo Caption:** Women holding local products in the Agricultural Development Group Hrayer Zaghdoud and Marouf - Oueslatia – Kairouan 2024 – WFP/ Takwa Khelifi

**Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (CSP)  
(2022-2025)**

Total Requirement (in US\$)	Allocated contributions (in US\$)
<b>11.6 m</b>	<b>7.8 m</b>
2024 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (May 2024 to October 2024) (in US\$)
<b>2.9 m</b>	<b>0 m</b>

**SDG Target 4: Sustainable Food system**

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Vulnerable groups have increased economic opportunities and strengthened resilience to shocks and climate risks

**Focus area:** Resilience Building

**Activities:**

- Provide technical assistance to smallholder farmers

**SDG Target 5: Capacity Building**

**Strategic Outcome 2:** National institutions in Tunisia have strengthened their capacity to implement enhanced school meals and social protection programs that advance food security and nutrition by 2025.

**Focus area:** Root Causes

**Activities:**

- Provide technical assistance to national institutions through innovations, enhanced data, pilot transfer modalities and South-South cooperation.

The training had participants attending from three Professional Agricultural Organizations (OPAs), namely Lella Kmar Ebaya, Nadhour, and Fontaines Bénies (Pure Nature).

Throughout the training sessions held over several days, WFP provided comprehensive skills development in various areas. This included training on juice production, digital marketing as well as members' coaching sessions, designed to enhance communication skills of participants.

**Under CSP Strategic Outcome 2: Strengthening capacities of the National School feeding programmes**

- In June, under the National School Feeding Programme and the School Mapping Project, WFP Tunisia held a meeting with the School Works Office (OOESCO) of Tunisia's Ministry of Education where the scope of work for the project was approved. This initiative aims to enhance the

efficiency and effectiveness of the School Feeding Department's operations by integrating Geographic Information System (GIS) technology. By mapping and analyzing school locations, infrastructure, and related data, the project seeks to support informed decision-making and optimize resource allocation.



**Photo Caption** – School child using pesticide sprayer in the garden of Wed Ksab primary school in a gardening workshop session facilitated by WFP's cooperating partner the Regional Commission for Agricultural Development (CRDA). – Kairouan – 2024 ©Ikigai/Oussema Hajji

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