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Country strategic plan revision

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Gender and age marker code: |3|

	Current	Change	Revised
Duration	July 2019- December 2025	No change	July 2019- December 2025
Beneficiaries	394,530	-12,317	382,213
Total cost (USD)	84 191 636	1 221 403	85 413 039
Transfers	61 993 905	1 146 857	63 140 762
Implementation	10 977 014	0	10 977 014
Adjusted direct support costs	6 186 809	0	6 186 809
Subtotal	79 157 728	1 146 857	80 304 585
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	5 033 908	74 546	5 108 454

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL: CD

1. RATIONALE

1. This CSP revision 06 makes several small adjustments to the Armenia CSP (2019-2025), including adding a commodity to the school meal, adjusting beneficiary targets in response to the evolving context in-country, and making technical adjustments to the budget.
2. To promote healthy nutrition practices among schoolchildren in Armenia, WFP piloted the provision of milk to complement school meals during the 2023-2024 academic school year. Based on the successful results of the "Milk to School" pilot project and at the request of the Government of Armenia, WFP will scale up the provision of milk to select schools during the 2024-2025 school year.
3. The 2023 conflict continued to have an impact on the food and nutrition needs among both refugee and host populations in 2024, which was exacerbated further by spiking winterisation costs.¹ Accordingly, the Government of Armenia requested WFP to increase the number of refugees targeted for assistance under activity 4 (emergency response), including scaling up recovery efforts, and increase the number of crisis-affected host communities targeted under activity 6 (social protection) in 2024.

¹ WFP. Sixth Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment in Armenia. March 2024.
<https://www.wfp.org/publications/food-security-and-vulnerability-assessment-armenia>

2. CHANGES

Strategic orientation

4. No changes will be made to the strategic direction of the CSP.

CSP outcomes

Targeting approach and beneficiary analysis

5. The overall number of beneficiaries targeted under the CSP will decrease slightly from 394,530 to 382,213, primarily to accommodate a reduced number of schoolchildren to be reached under the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Under activity 1, in line with the Government's commitment to fund school meals in Yerevan through the national budget, WFP will scale down the number of schoolchildren and kitchen helpers benefiting from WFP's school feeding activity in Yerevan from 50,000 (49,000 school children and 1,000 kitchen helpers) to 15,300 beneficiaries (15,000 school children and 300 kitchen helpers) during the 2024-2025 academic year. At the same time, WFP will support the Government to expand the pilot provision of milk to 10,000 school children in select districts, focusing on disaster-affected and high-poverty areas, complementing meals provided by the Government under the national school feeding programme.
7. Under activity 4 (emergency response), WFP has extended assistance to additional refugees selected based on eligibility criteria established in collaboration with the Government and partners, increasing the beneficiary number from 30,000 to 52,613 in 2024. Similarly, under activity 6 (social protection), WFP has increased the number of beneficiaries targeted in 2024 from 3,000 to 12,270 crisis-affected host communities, identified according to eligibility criteria agreed with the Government.

Transfer modalities

8. This budget revision adds milk as a commodity under activity 1 (school feeding), whereby schoolchildren will receive 275g of milk every day they attend school. This will be provided both through in-kind and commodity vouchers, piloting the two modalities in order to better inform the Government ahead of the roll out of the commodity into the national school meals programme.
9. Under activity 4 (emergency response), WFP is scaling up livelihood and recovery efforts in crisis-affected communities at the request of the Government. The capacity strengthening modality will be used to carry out a range of activities, including the provision of equipment and assets to improve irrigation, solar production, and agricultural processing and sorting.

Risk management

10. As a new commodity to the school meal, milk presents a few specific Food Safety and Quality (FSQ) risks. A set of tailored measures have been implemented to mitigate risks, considering the local context, and in alignment with WFP's corporate standards. Standard Operating Procedures were developed in collaboration with the local Food Safety Inspection team and approved by WFP's global FSQ team. In addition, training and control mechanisms have been introduced to mitigate FSQ risks, while to address the potential risk of lactose intolerance among children, WFP will implement comprehensive measures, including symptom checklists, parental consent forms, medical consultations, and the option for lactose intolerance testing.

Beneficiary analysis

CSP Outcome	Activity	Period	Women	Men	Girls	Boys	Total
			(18+ years)	(18+ years)	(0-18 years)	(0-18 years)	
1	1 (school feeding)	Current	5,443	4,912	63,043	71,102	144,500
		Increase/decrease	(930)	(840)	(10,776)	(12,154)	(24,700)
		Revised	6,373	5,752	73,819	83,256	119,800
2	5 (food systems) ²	Current	15,884	14,506	756	854	32,000
		Increase/decrease	(9,679)	(8,840)	(461)	(520)	(19,500)
		Revised	25,563	23,346	1,217	1,374	51,500
2	6 (social protection)	Current	4,326	3,759	1,134	1,281	10,500
		Increase/decrease	3,819	3,319	1,001	1,131	9,270
		Revised	8,145	7,078	2,135	2,412	19,770
4	4 (emergency response)	Current	82,649	68,710	27,809	30,362	209,530
		Increase/decrease	8,920	7,415	3,001	3,277	22,613
		Revised	91,569	76,125	30,810	33,639	232,143
TOTAL (without overlap)		Current	108,302	91,887	92,742	103,599	394,530
		Increase/decreas	2,129	1,055	(7,235)	(8,266)	(12,317)
		Revised	110,431	92,942	85,507	95,333	382,213

Transfers

CSP outcome	1			2			4	
Activity	1 (school feeding)			5 (food systems)	6 (social protection)		4 (emergency response)	
Beneficiary type	Schoolchildren benefiting from milk provision	Primary schoolchildren	Kitchen staff and families	Food assistance for assets participants	Food-insecure people	Food-insecure people	Crisis-affected people	Crisis-affected people
Modality	In-kind or Commodity Voucher	CBTs	CBTs	Food or CBTs	Food	CBTs	Food	CBTs
Cereals		-	-	-	421	-	421	-
Pulses		-	-	-	89	-	89	-
Oil		-	-	-	35	-	35	-
Milk	275		-					
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day)	0.3	0.31	0.31	1.6		0.63		0.63
Total kcal/day	165		-	-	2 109	-	2 109	-
% kcal from protein	39		-	-	13	-	13	-
Number of feeding days per year	220	100	180	60	60	30	30	60

² The reduction in the number of beneficiaries targeted under activity 5 is due to a change in beneficiary calculation methodology, resulting in the removal of tier 2 (indirect) beneficiaries.

TABLE 3: TOTAL FOOD/CASH-BASED TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS AND VALUE

	Current budget		Increase		Revised budget	
	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)	Total (mt)	Total (USD)
Cereals	6 754	3 805 551	0	0	6 754	3 805 551
Pulses	724	547 688	0	0	724	547 688
Oil and fats	484	853 584	0	0	484	853 584
Mixed and blended foods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	303	588 627	303	588 627
Total (food)	7 963	5 206 823	303	588 627	8 266	5 795 450
Cash-based transfers		25 155 803		- 1 909 957		23 245 846
Total (food and cash-based transfer value)	7 963	30 362 626	303	- 1 321 330	8 266	29 41 296

3. COST BREAKDOWN

11. The bulk of increase under this revision falls under CSP Outcome 4 to accommodate the increased number of beneficiaries under Activity 04 (emergency response), while a decrease under Outcome 1 relates to the reduction in the number of beneficiaries under Activity 1 (school feeding). The revision also makes technical adjustments to monitoring and evaluation costs in line with corporate guidance.

COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION ONLY (USD)					
SDG targets/ WFP Strategic outcomes	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 2	SDG Target 17.9 - WFP Strategic Outcome 4	SDG Target 17.16 - WFP Strategic Outcome 5	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 1	TOTAL
CSP Outcomes	01	02	03	04	
Focus Area	Root Causes	Root Causes	Crisis Response	Crisis Response	
Transfer	- 2 972 710	353 910	0	3 765 657	1 146 857
Implementation	0	0	0	0	0
Direct support costs					0
Subtotal					1 146 857
Indirect support costs					74 546
TOTAL					1 221 403

OVERALL CSP COST BREAKDOWN, FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)					
SDG targets/ WFP Strategic outcomes	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 2	SDG Target 17.9 - WFP Strategic Outcome 4	SDG Target 17.16 - WFP Strategic Outcome 5	SDG Target 2.1 - WFP Strategic Outcome 1	TOTAL
CSP Outcomes	01	02	03	04	
Focus Area	Root Causes	Root Causes	Crisis Response	Crisis Response	
Transfer	20 787 404	17 103 491	1 420 000	23 829 866	63 140 762
Implementation	3 768 108	4 071 955	210 000	2 926 951	10 977 014
Direct support costs	2 010 132	1 790 354	82 987	2 303 337	6 186 809
Subtotal	26 565 644	22 965 800	1 712 987	29 060 154	80 304 585
Indirect support costs	1 726 767	1 492 777	0	1 888 910	5 108 454
TOTAL	28 292 411	24 458 577	1 712 987	30 949 064	85 413 039

