

Rationale

1. The proposed revision would extend the current transitional interim country strategic plan (T-ICSP) for Algeria by six months, to 30 June 2019, thus enabling the country office to continue ongoing discussions with the Government on the orientation of WFP activities in the interim country strategic plan. It would also accommodate the introduction of cash-based transfers (CBTs) for pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG). The country office, with technical inputs and support from the Regional Bureau Cairo, would continue to improve programming during the period based on the findings of a food security assessment and a decentralized evaluation of its nutrition activities.

Changes

Strategic orientation

2. The proposed revision would not result in any change to the strategic orientation of the T-ICSP.

Strategic outcomes

3. The strategic outcomes and activities would remain unchanged, although CBTs for PLWG would be introduced under activity 4, along with a new output (“Targeted PLWG benefit from cash-based transfers that improve their nutritional status and dietary diversity”). The introduction of CBTs would allow PLWG to access a selection of food products (eggs, tuna and dates) at local markets to improve the variety of foods they eat and support their specific nutritional needs. The composition of this specific additional food ration is based on a December 2014 protocol on malnutrition and anaemia for PLWG formulated by the Sahrawi health authorities, WFP and other stakeholders. WFP Algeria conducted a multisectoral assessment¹ in 2015 that provided evidence to support the use of CBTs on a small scale. PLWG attending health centres in the camps would be issued vouchers equivalent to USD 11 per month per person. The proposed transfer would complement the nutrition programme for malnourished PLWG.

¹ WFP (Regional Bureau Cairo). 2016. *Intersectoral Assessment - Sahrawi Refugee Camps in Algeria*.

Beneficiary analysis

4. The target beneficiaries would remain the same overall, but pilot livelihood activities would target an additional 141 refugees (38 boys/men and 103 girls/women).

Strategic outcome	Activity	Current			Increase/decrease			Revised		
		Boys/ men	Girls/ women	Total	Boys/ men	Girls/ women	Total	Boys/ men	Girls/ women	Total
1	1. Provide unconditional general food assistance to food-insecure refugees	49 153	75 807	124 960	0	0	0	49 153	75 807	124 960
	2. Provide complementary activities/ livelihood to Sahrawi refugees	423	657	1 080	38	103	141	461	760	1 221
	3. Nutrition-sensitive school meals for Sahrawi refugee children	20 101	20 399	40 500	496	504	1 000	20 597	20 903	41 500
2	4. Provision of MAM treatment and prevention to Sahrawi refugees, PLWG and children 6–59 months	7 500	14 860	22 360	-540	-1 260	-1 800	6 960	13 600	20 560
TOTAL*		49 153	75 807	124 960	0	0	0	49 153	75 807	124 960

Abbreviations: MAM = moderate acute malnutrition

* Excluding overlap.

Transfers

5. The food basket remains the same for activity 1 except for dates, which will be provided in kind and distributed during the month of Ramadan in May 2019.
6. The proposed revision provides for a USD 11 per person per month voucher for PLWG to be proposed to the authorities under activity 4 to support a more varied diet. The country office would develop the mechanism for the redemption of vouchers based on a multisectoral CBT assessment and share the list of authorized items (eggs, tuna and dates) with participating retailers.

TABLE 2: FOOD RATION (g/person/day) or CASH-BASED TRANSFER VALUE (USD/person/day) BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME AND ACTIVITY						
	Strategic outcome 1		Strategic outcome 2			
	Activity 1	Activity 3	Activity 4		Activity 4	
Beneficiary type	Refugees	Schoolchildren	PLWG	Children aged 6–59 months	PLWG	Children aged 6–59 months
Modality	Food	Food	Cash-based transfers /food	Food	Food	Food
Cereals (wheat flour, barley and rice)	400					
Pulses (lentils, chick peas and beans)	67					
Vegetable oil	31				10	
Sugar	33				7.5	
SuperCereal Plus	33				100	
Dates*	66*		66*		66*	
Dried skimmed milk		80				
High energy biscuits		50				
Micronutrient powder			1			
PlumpySup						92
Nutributter				20		
Total kcal/day	2 166	468	233	108	413	989
% kcal from protein	12	8	15.2	10	16+	10
Cash-based transfers (USD/person/day)			0.36			
Number of feeding days per year	183	102	183	90	183	183

* Dates are not included in the calculation of energy intake per person per day for the period covered by the proposed revision.

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	18 260	4 077 506	9 054	2 052 621	27 314	6 130 127
Pulses	3 056	2 424 854	1 515	1 238 536	4 571	3 663 390
Oil and fats	1 418	1 701 087	702	851 098	2 120	2 552 185
Mixed and blended foods	2 063	1 281 069	1 024	647 930	3 087	1 928 999
Other	2 171	3 180 765	1 388	1 332 163	3 559	4 512 928
Total (food)	26 968	12 665 281	13 683	6 122 348	40 651	18 787 628
Cash-based transfers	-	-	-	524 160	-	524 160
Total (food and CBT value)	26 968	12 665 281	13 683	6 646 508	40 651	19 311 788

Supply chain

- In accordance with a recommendation from the 2016 nutrition survey, the country office is exploring the possibility of procuring iron-fortified wheat flour on international and local markets. Accordingly, the additional cost of fortified wheat flour has been added to the cost of food under this revision.

Other considerations

- WFP will engage new partners to undertake the various actions necessary to use CBTs, including the distribution of vouchers to PLWG, beneficiary engagement and sensitization and monitoring and evaluation. Screening, beneficiary selection, prenatal consultations, vaccinations and other relevant services in clinics are particularly important and will be implemented by a partner specializing in public health management.
- WFP will conduct on-site monitoring to ensure that PLWG beneficiaries receiving vouchers are satisfied. Post-distribution monitoring will be conducted through beneficiary home visits and contracted retailers will be monitored closely to ensure that they are offering high-quality food. Complaint mechanisms will be put in place to receive timely feedback from beneficiaries.

Cost breakdown

- The additional costs of the proposed revision arise from the introduction of CBTs, adjustment of the cost of livelihood activities and the inclusion of dates under general food assistance.

TABLE 4: COST BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISION VALUE ONLY (USD)			
	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2/ SDG Target 2.2	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Focus area	Crisis response		
Transfer	9 292 783	755 375	10 048 158
Implementation	952 335	17 080	969 415
Adjusted direct support costs			479 964
Subtotal			11 497 537
Indirect support costs (6.5 %)			747 340
Total			12 244 877

TABLE 5: COST BREAKDOWN FOR THE FULL T-ICSP FOLLOWING THE REVISION (USD)			
	Strategic Result 1/ SDG Target 2.1	Strategic Result 2/ SDG Target 2.2	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Focus area	Crisis response		
Transfer	24 581 002	1 151 760	25 732 762
Implementation	1 860 995	100 080	1 961 075
Adjusted direct support costs	1 835 496	86 165	1 921 661
Subtotal	28 277 493	1 338 005	29 615 498
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	1 838 037	86 970	1 925 007
Total	30 115 531	1 424 975	31 540 506

Acronyms used in the document

T-ICSP	interim country strategic plan
CBT	cash-based transfer
PLWG	pregnant and lactating women and girls