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Bhutan short-term interim country strategic plan (1 January–31 March 2019)

Country strategic plan duration	1 January 2019–31 December 2023
Short-term interim country strategic plan duration	1 January–31 March 2019
Country strategic plan total cost to WFP (5 years)	USD 8,942,053
Cost of short-term interim country strategic plan to WFP (3 months)	USD 549,934
Total number of beneficiaries under country strategic plan and short-term interim country strategic plan	172,050
Number of beneficiaries under short-term interim country strategic plan alone	172,050
Gender and age marker*	3

* <http://gender.manuals.wfp.org/en/gender-toolkit/gender-in-programming/gender-and-age-marker/>

Decision

The Board approved by vote by correspondence the Bhutan short-term interim country strategic plan (1 January–31 March 2019) at a total cost to WFP of USD 549,934.

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Note: This document should be read in conjunction with the draft full Bhutan country strategic plan (2019–2023) to be submitted to the Board for approval

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1. Making reference to the draft full country strategic plan (CSP) for Bhutan for the period 2019–2023, this short-term interim country strategic plan (ICSP) consists of activities that continue WFP's current projects in the country. It seeks the Executive Board's approval by vote by correspondence of the implementation of such activities during the period from January to March 2019 pending the Board's approval of the CSP at its 2019 first regular session. This early start is necessary to provide operational continuity until the Executive Board's approval of the CSP.
2. To ensure adequate governance and oversight, all strategic outcomes and activities under the short-term ICSP are based on previously approved projects and ongoing activities. The short-term ICSP will include no strategic outcomes or activities that do not stem from existing projects, and such outcomes and activities will be implemented only under the CSP after its approval by the Executive Board. Once approved, the CSP will supersede this short-term ICSP.
3. Under the short-term ICSP WFP will assist the Government of Bhutan and partners in working towards the following two strategic outcomes through three activities:
 - **Strategic outcome 1:** School-age children, women and vulnerable groups in Bhutan have improved nutrition in line with national targets by 2023 (Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2.2)
Focus area: Root causes
Key activities
 - Activity 1. Assist the Government in its transition to a national school nutrition programme based on an integrated approach to school feeding that connects school feeding to nutrition education, school health and school agriculture and embeds gender, environmental and social safeguards across all activities, with strengthened supply chains and the optimization of school nutrition infrastructure.
 - Activity 2. Provide technical assistance to the Government and the national food production and trade sectors to ensure that sound policies are in place and ensure the quality and safety of fortified foods, especially rice, throughout their supply chains.
 - **Strategic outcome 2:** Government has strengthened capability to address food security and nutrition challenges and prepare for and respond to crises, including those resulting from climate change, by 2023 (SDG 17.9)
Focus area: Resilience building
Key activity:
 - Activity 3. Through WFP's leadership of the emergency logistics and communications sector working group, provide the Government with gender-informed and vulnerability-focused capacity strengthening relevant to its management of national emergency resources and its development, enhancement and testing of national emergency response plans and coordination systems.
4. There will be no direct beneficiaries under the short-term ICSP.
5. The following tables provide budgetary overviews for both the full CSP and the short-term ICSP.

TABLE 1: INDICATIVE COST BREAKDOWN BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME (USD) COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (2019-2023)			
	Strategic Result 2, SDG target 2.2	Strategic Result 5, SDG target 17.9	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Transfers	5 150 281	993 801	6 144 082
Implementation	839 084	284 107	1 123 191
Adjusted direct support costs	931 002	198 018	1 129 020
Subtotal	6 920 367	1 475 926	8 396 293
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	449 824	95 935	545 759
Total	7 370 191	1 571 861	8 942 053

TABLE 2: INDICATIVE COST BREAKDOWN BY STRATEGIC OUTCOME (USD) SHORT-TERM INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (January-March 2019)			
	Strategic Result 1, SDG target 2.1	Strategic Result 5, SDG target 17.9	Total
	Strategic outcome 1	Strategic outcome 2	
Transfers	327 403	61 490	388 894
Implementation	64 781	14 003	78 784
Adjusted direct support costs	40 832	7 860	48 692
Subtotal	433 017	83 353	516 370
Indirect support costs (6.5 percent)	28 146	5 418	33 564
Total	461 163	88 771	549 934

Acronyms used in the document

CSP	country strategic plan
ICSP	interim country strategic plan
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal