

Tunisia Development Project 200493:
“Capacity Development in the Framework of the School Feeding Programme”
Budget Revision No.:03

BUDGET REVISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

	<u>Initials</u>	<u>In Date</u>	<u>Out Date</u>	<u>Reason For Delay</u>
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Start date: 01 December 2012	End date: 31 December 2014	Extension period: 6 months
New end date: 30 June 2015		

Cost (United States dollars)

	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Food and Related Costs	US\$ -	US\$ -	US\$ -
Cash and Vouchers and Related Costs	US\$ -	US\$ -	US\$ -
Capacity Development & Augmentation	US\$ 644,141	US\$ 181,906	US\$ 826,047
DSC	US\$ 757,728	US\$ (181,906)	US\$ 575,822
ISC	US\$ 98,131	US\$ -	US\$ 98,131
Total cost to WFP	US\$ 1,500,000	US\$ -	US\$ 1,500,000

CHANGES TO:

Food Tool <input type="checkbox"/> MT <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Value <input type="checkbox"/> External Transport <input type="checkbox"/> LTSH <input type="checkbox"/> ODOC	C&V Tool <input type="checkbox"/> C&V Transfers <input type="checkbox"/> C&V Related Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CD&A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DSC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project duration <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Project Rates <input type="checkbox"/> LTSH (\$/MT) <input type="checkbox"/> ODOC (\$/MT) <input type="checkbox"/> C&V Related (%) <input type="checkbox"/> DSC (%)
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NATURE OF THE EXTENSION-IN-TIME

- 1. This Budget Revision will extend Development Project 200493: "Capacity Development in the framework of the School Feeding programme" for 6 months until 30 June 2015. There are no food distributions or direct beneficiaries associated with this project as it is solely designed to provide technical support to the Government of Tunisia.***

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVISION

Summary of existing project activities

- 2. The Tunisia School Feeding Development Project supports the Government in reviewing its existing National School Feeding programme to improve its quality and sustainability in line with the international school feeding quality standards.***
- 3. The aim is to strengthen the operational aspects of the national programme to improve performance, cost effectiveness and management. The Government priorities are: a) The design of a National School Feeding strategy with a particular focus on institutional arrangements and stable funding and budgeting mechanisms; b) Analysis and streamlining of the school feeding supply chain; c) Review and production of guidelines regarding the nutritional compositions of the menus; and d) Design and implementation of a sound Monitoring and Evaluation system.***
- 4. Activities undertaken in 2014 included:***
 - a. An assessment workshop of the national capacities as per the international standards of Systems Approach to Better Education Results (SABER).***
 - b. A visit of a Tunisian delegation to WFP's Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil in April 2014, resulting in the elaboration of an Action Plan.***
 - c. A detailed diagnostic report, "Evaluation of the Tunisian school feeding system", and a cost analysis of the current national school feeding program.***
 - d. Public awareness activities in highlighting importance of school feeding in Tunisia.***
 - e. A National Sustainable School Feeding Seminar held from 20-21 September 2014, involving all relevant stakeholders, to discuss the elements of the national school feeding strategy.***
 - f. A visit by a Tunisian delegation, led by the Minister of Education, to the Russian Federation to share best practices in school feeding.***

Purpose of extension and budget increase

- 5. This Development project provides technical support and capacity strengthening to the Government of the Tunisian Republic and is fully funded by the Russian Federation. WFP is working with the Russian non-governmental organization Social and Industrial Food Services Institute (SIFI) to provide policy advice and technical support to the Government for the development of a sustainable school feeding programme, with links to local agricultural production and processing.***

6. WFP is currently supporting the Tunisian School Feeding Steering Committee to develop the national school feeding strategy document, to be finalized by December 2014. The extension-in-time to June 2015 will allow for additional Capacity Development and Augmentation (CD&A) activities which are essential to operationalize the implementation of the strategy, taking into account discussions and agreement with a new Government of Tunisia and a new Minister of Education.
7. As per the new strategy, proposed changes in modalities will be tested through the implementation of pilot projects. During the six months period of the extension, relevant feasibility studies for the implementation of the pilots will be conducted, and training materials such as guidelines of the national school feeding programme implementation will be developed. A longer-term budget revision is being planned to cover activities from July 2015 to December 2018, in order to carry out pilot projects, and provide technical support in order to:
 - a. Provide capacity development through training, in particular of human resources involved in the implementation of the school feeding program.
 - b. Contribute to local agricultural development by encouraging school feeding links to local agricultural production.
 - c. Design and implement an updated monitoring and evaluation system.
 - d. Enhance community participation in school feeding activities.
 - e. Improve infrastructure at school level, as a means to extend the capability to serve hot meals and improve the quality of cold meals.
8. The budget extension-in-time will allow the continued programming of the total US\$ 1.5 million, with additional funding being allocated to Capacity Development and Augmentation (CD&A) activities and a corresponding reduction in Direct Support Costs (DSC).

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

9. ***There are no beneficiaries or food requirements associated with this project.***