



WFP Tunisia and Morocco Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Capacity Development for School Feeding in Tunisia DEV 200493 (December 2012 – June 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	6.5 m	1.5 m	0.5 m

*September 2017 – January 2018

Tunisia – WFP supports the Government of Tunisia to enhance its National School Meals Programme in order to reach 120,000 girls and 130,000 boys (aged 6 – 11 years) in 2,500 primary schools, a key component of the Education Sector Reform. Starting in July 2013, WFP provided assistance under three main areas: (i) a review of the existing national programme; (ii) study visits for South-South cooperation, sharing experiences and best practices; and (iii) development of a Sustainable School Meals Strategy, validated by the Ministry of Education in December 2014. The Government requested WFP's continued assistance in a second phase spanning 2015-2018 to provide technical assistance and policy advice to implement its Sustainable School Meals Strategy.

In 2017, WFP continues to provide technical assistance and policy advice for the National School Meals Programme, with specific focus on: (i) strengthening regulatory frameworks and tools; (ii) upgrading the current decentralised school feeding model in order to augment the system's capacity to provide nutritious meals; and (iii) accompanying the piloting of new efficient implementation modalities that are accountable, and support local employment creation.

The pilot initiatives foster links with local smallholder farmers' groups, especially rural women's community-based organisations and promote the use of local agricultural produce. School gardens are currently being set up to support nutrition and environmental education, and be leveraged as hubs to promote community participation, as well as enhancing knowledge for a more nutritious diet.

The Ministry of Education has allocated USD 1.6 million for the construction and refurbishment of two central pilot kitchens, while the Ministry of Agriculture

Highlights

- Elected Pioneer Country by the Education Commission, WFP is supporting the Tunisian Government to implement the Education Sector Reform under the Learning Generation process, working towards the implementation of the "Big Results Now" methodology.
- WFP has strengthened gender equality and project sustainability following the submission of the Community Based Organisation (CBO) convention to the Ministry of Education (MoE). Endorsement will see support to rural women's full access to the central kitchen pilot's garden land.

contributes providing with technical expertise and gardening equipment such as plants and seeds.

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Morocco - In 2013, the Government requested WFP's support to review the National School Meals Programme, which provides meals for 658,000 girls and 742,000 boys in primary, secondary and boarding schools, of which 70 percent are located in rural areas. In response, WFP designed a Development Project that was implemented in three phases: (i) an assessment of the existing school meals programme; (ii) the development of a Plan of Action for the improvement of national school meals; and (iii) study visits and sharing of experiences.

A Plan of Action for the improvement of the National School Meals Programme was submitted to the Government in December 2015 and validated in July 2016. The plan leverages the findings of the comprehensive assessment phase of the project, encompassing activities for short and mid-term implementation. In October 2016, WFP approved Budget Revision 5, extending the Development Project until the end of 2017.

WFP will provide technical assistance and policy advice for the implementation of the Plan of Action. Specifically, the activities under the extended phase of the project aim to (i) strengthen regulatory frameworks and tools in the areas of governance and normative guidelines; and (ii) support the Government in the design of school meals pilots that are efficient, accountable and support local employment creation.

Operational Updates

Tunisia

- Tunisia has been nominated Pioneer Country by [the Education Commission](#), led by the UN Special Envoy for the Global Education, Gordon Brown, under the Learning Generation process. WFP, together with UNICEF, is supporting the Tunisian Government to make education a policy-priority, enact reforms for greater effectiveness and efficiency in line with the Education Commission's recommendations. WFP provides technical expertise in drafting Tunisia's plan to apply the "Big Results Now" initiative's methodology which aims to bolster the national education reform's implementation, following a results-based approach.
- Significant progress has been made on WFP's role in strengthening gender equality and project sustainability. The endorsement of the CBO's convention by the MoE will ensure the group of rural women constituted in the Nadhour district, where the first WFP-supported central kitchen school meals pilot will be launched in school year 2017/2018, has full access to and the right of usage of the school garden's land. The garden will be leveraged as a complementary source of fresh produce for school canteens, and as a hub for community participation, nutritional and environmental education.

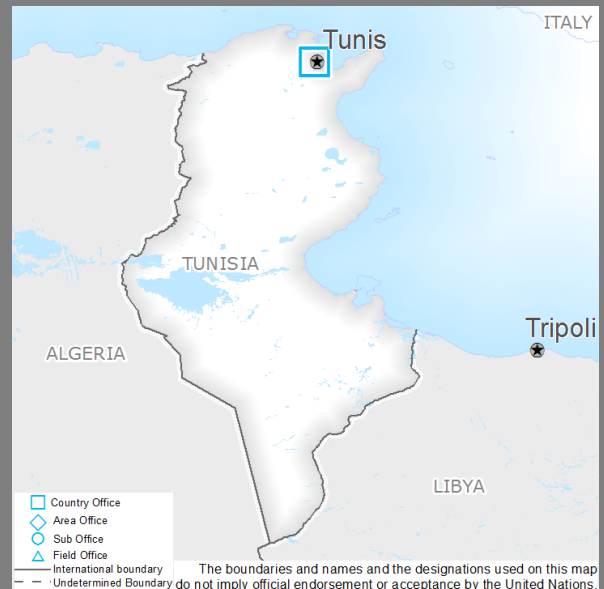
Morocco

- WFP is assisting the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco with the drafting of a National School Feeding Policy as part of the 2015-2030 Education Reform. This national policy responds to the need to formalize the school feeding program through a strong legal framework, with a budget adapted to the objectives and implementation requirements and linked to Health sector strategies.

Partnerships

- WFP and the Italian Development Cooperation are partnering to enhance Tunisia's National School Meals Programme, as a priority component of the Education Sector Reform.
- WFP sits on Tunisia's Technical and Financial Partners Committee (TFP), which works to increase financial support and foster a stronger commitment to delivering and financing education. A consolidated Financial and Technical Framework to ensure the achievement of this goal with a shared vision of key sectoral challenges, priorities and policies, has been drafted by the TFP for further endorsement by the Ministry of Education.
- In Morocco, WFP and FAO are partnering with the [Higher Planning Commission](#) (HCP), an independent government statistical institution which is the main source of economic, demographic and social statistical data, to launch Morocco's food security and nutrition Country Strategic Review. This partnership is part of the collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies to deliver on the 2030 Agenda.

Country Background & Strategy



Tunisia has undergone significant change following the Jasmine Revolution of January 2011. Legislative and presidential elections were held between October and December 2014, a successful milestone in the democratic transition. The strategic direction of the Government focuses on strengthening democracy, while laying the groundwork for a stronger economic recovery. Tunisia has a GNI per capita of USD 11,250 purchasing power parity (World Bank, 2015). The 2016 UNDP Human Development Report ranks Tunisia 97 out of 188 countries and as 58 on the Gender Inequality Index (GII 2015).

Morocco is a middle income, yet food-deficit country where the agricultural production fluctuates yearly as a result of weather variations and relies heavily on international markets to meet its consumption needs. Morocco is ranked 123 out of 188 countries in the 2016 HDI and as 113 on the GII 2015.

WFP has repositioned itself to a technical advisory role through capacity reinforcement activities in both countries, with the provision of technical assistance to the governments as part of their on-going effort to review and improve the national school meals systems. The projects contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2, ending hunger and SDG 17, revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.

WFP has been present in Tunisia since 2011 and in Morocco since 2013.

Tunisia Population: **11 million**
Morocco Population: **33.8 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
Tunisia: **97 out of 188**
Morocco: **123 out of 188**

Income Level:
Tunisia: **Lower middle**
Morocco: **Lower middle**