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In September 2021

WFP conducted a training session for technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Transport, to demonstrate how to assemble and disassemble the Mobile Storage Units delivered earlier this month.

Operational Context

Ten years after the Jasmin revolution, Tunisia continues to grapple with addressing underlying systemic change required in response to the political and socio-economic challenges it faces and constrained by the fragmented political landscape that has characterised the country in the wake of the 2019 Presidential elections.

Since 2013, WFP has been assisting the Government of Tunisia to strengthen its capacity to implement and bring innovative approaches to the National School Meals Programme (NSMP) serving as a social protection mechanism for 260,000 children and their families. Working towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 (targets 2.1 and 2.2), SDG 4 and SDG 17 (target 17.9), WFP's activities in Tunisia contribute to the achievement of WFP's Strategic Result 5 "Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the Sustainable Development Goals". WFP's Country Strategic Plan (CSP) (2018-2022) for Tunisia is aligned with Tunisia's United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2021-2025).



Population: **11.7 million**

2019 Human Development Index:
95 out of 189

Income Level: **Lower middle**

GNI per Capita (PPP): **USD 10,800**

Operational Updates

- WFP held a training with its partner COSPE (Association of Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries) on data collection in the governorates of Kasserine and Jendouba. A total of 6 enumerators have been trained. Food security and supply chain data will be collected; in addition information on work condition and transportation challenges for women workers will also be gathered..

Monitoring

- WFP and the Tunisian Union of Social Solidarity (UTSS) conducted a baseline study and a Market Functionality Index (MFI) assessment to support the implementation of food intervention, funded by the Government of Japan to help improve the food security and nutrition of vulnerable rural families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Kasserine, Kairouan and Siliana. The baseline study showed that a vast majority of the surveyed population prefer in kind food distribution rather than cash or vouchers, especially in the governorate of Kasserine where 91 percent of the beneficiaries chose in kind food support. The Market Functionality Index study (MFI) also indicates that the most suitable transfer modality is in kind food distribution. As a one off, WFP will distribute food parcels as top-ups to the Government's social allowances safety net in coordination with the Ministry of Social Affairs and UTSS. This will allow 3,000 households (more than 15,000 individuals) to improve their nutrition through healthy and nutritious food.

Image WFP/Aymen Said: Training session to demonstrate how to assemble and disassemble the MSUs.

WFP Country Strategy

Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (2018-2021)	
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
4 m	6 m
2021 Requirements	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Oct.2021 - Mar 2022)
1.1 m	0 m

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 1: National institutions in Tunisia have strengthened capacity to implement enhanced school meals and social protection programmes which advance food security and nutrition by 2022.
Focus area: Root Causes

Activity:

- Provide policy advice and technical assistance to national institutions implementing school meals and social protection programmes.

Challenges

- A few of WFP's interventions are currently on hold due to COVID-19 health security measures. These interventions include mainly the capacity strengthening support to the government through trainings.

Partnerships

- WFP has signed a partnership agreement (FLA) with COSPE (Cooperation Association for the Development of Emerging Countries). This partnership is under the initiative funded by Japan's COVID -19 contingency fund, which aims to strengthen the capacity of the agri-food supply chain in Tunisia. The main objective of this project is to support the government's response to COVID-19 and mitigate economic hardship by supporting the early recovery of food insecure people through direct food assistance. Through this partnership, WFP and COSPE also aim to strengthen the government's capacity in supply chain management through asset transfer and capacity building.

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Thanks to a contribution from Japan, WFP delivers 2 Mobile Storage Units to the Tunisian government

Thanks to the Japanese contribution of US\$ 280,000 to WFP announced in May to support the resilience of the agri-food supply chain affected by COVID-19, WFP has delivered on 23 September 2021, two Mobile Storage Units (MSU) to the Tunisian government.

The MSUs will increase national storage capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Transport. For the Ministry of Agriculture, it will be used to store agricultural equipment and inputs for local farmers such as seeds and cereals. The MSU for the Ministry of Transport will be deployed at the Ras Jedir border between Tunisia and Libya to meet emergency storage challenges in times of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers flow crises. In addition, concerned ministries will receive a series of training on the installation and maintenance of the MSUs.

The handover ceremony took place at the Office of the Merchant Navy and Ports (OMMP) in presence of His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan, Mr Shinsuke SHIMIZU, WFP Tunisia Head of Office ai, Mr Gianpietro BORDIGNON, the Director of the OMMP, Mr Karim NOUIRA, the Director General of the National Observatory of Agriculture (ONAGRI), Mr Hamed DALY and the Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Logistics Mrs Samia JELASSI.



"We are proud to collaborate with WFP, one of our privileged partners, the winner of Nobel Peace Prize in 2020." said Mr. Shinsuke Shimizu, Ambassador of Japan to Tunisia. "Our partnership in Tunisia has been initiated to deliver protection equipment against COVID-19 and we are pleased to continue our cooperation by strengthening capacities regarding the agri-food supply chain in Tunisia, that has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic"

Funding partners

- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- Ministry of Agriculture - Regional Commissariat for Agricultural Development of Siliana (CRDA)
- UNAIDS - Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework (UBRAF)
- UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund
- Principality of Monaco