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Operational Context

Tunisia has faced political and socio-economic challenges since the 2011 Jasmine Revolution. Tunisia has experienced 14 governments in the last decade and faces social tensions and slow economic recovery due to structural challenges and reliance on external revenue. Despite progress, Tunisia faces the dual burden of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies, as well as overweight and obesity. Although hunger levels are low according to the Global Hunger Index, an economic recession, high unemployment, climate change, regional disparities, and cereal imports threaten the ability of vulnerable populations to access a nutritious diet. Prevalence of food insecurity has risen to 28 percent, affecting 3.3 million Tunisians, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) 2022 [Food Security report](#).

In Tunisia, WFP offers technical assistance and policy guidance through capacity-building initiatives at both governmental and community levels. WFP Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2022-2025 continues to enhance the Government-run school feeding programme, while strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers. It also seeks to strengthen the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality, flexibility, inclusivity, and shock responsiveness of national social safety nets. The CSP is aligned with the Government's reform of the education sector and its Sustainable School Meals Strategy, as well as with Tunisia's United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2021-2025).

Population: **12 million**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2023 Human Development
Index: **101 out of 193**



Key Highlights

- In line with the decision for WFP to exit from Tunisia by December 2025, the Country Office is accelerating implementation of programme activities under the Country Strategic Plan for a responsible exit.
- Transition planning and launch-related staff engagement processes have commenced.
- WFP trained **166** women farmers
- WFP'S Food Assistance for Assets activity benefited **152** beneficiaries

Operational Updates

Under Strategic Outcome 1 and the Joint Programme on Accelerating Progress towards Rural Women's Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE):

- WFP has conducted nine hands-on training sessions, equipping **166** women farmers with practical skills in grain processing, fruit and vegetable drying, food sterilization, and packaging. These capacity-building activities are part of a broader effort launched in 2024 to support Agricultural Professional Organizations (OPAs) in Jendouba and Kairouan through the provision of agro-processing equipment. By enhancing technical know-how and access to essential tools, WFP aims to strengthen economic opportunities, foster sustainable livelihoods, and build long-term resilience, promoting greater inclusion and self-reliance in rural communities.
- In March, WFP launched a Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activity in Tabarka, Jendouba, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the General Directorate of Forests. The activity, focused on wildfire prevention, involves the maintenance of firebreaks and is implemented with a local cooperating partner (AFPCD). WFP and its partners identified priority project sites and recruited an initial group of **152** vulnerable beneficiaries, selected according to pre-established criteria. By the end of April 2025, beneficiaries successfully maintained over 5 kilometres of firebreaks reaching 30 percent of the 17.5 km target. This initiative has generated nearly 1,400 work days, primarily benefiting rural women who represent 95 percent of the participants. The activity is scheduled to continue until the end of June 2025, expanding to engage 300 participants and ultimately supporting approximately 1,500 direct beneficiaries. This initiative mitigates wildfire risks and strengthens community resilience by providing vulnerable households with stable income and enhanced food security.

Tunisia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) (2022-2025)

Total Requirement (in US\$)	Allocated contributions (in US\$)
11.8 m	8.3 m
2025 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-month Net Funding Requirements (May 2025 to October 2025) (in US\$)
2 m	0 m

Strategic Result 4: Food systems are sustainable

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable groups have increased economic opportunities and strengthened resilience to shocks and climate risks

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance to smallholder farmers

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

Strategic Outcome 2: National institutions in Tunisia have strengthened their capacity to implement enhanced school meals and social protection programs that advance food security and nutrition by 2025.

Focus area: Root Causes

Activities:

- Provide technical assistance to national institutions through innovations, enhanced data, pilot transfer modalities and South-South cooperation.

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Donors

- Government of Japan
- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)
- Principality of Monaco
- UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UNMPTF)- RWEE FUND (Sweden / Norway)

Under CSP Strategic Outcome 2 and the Support for Sustainable Development in the Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Sector in Tunisia (ADAPT*)

- In March and April, WFP continued implementation of its Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) project in support of the national school feeding programme. This initiative is carried out in partnership with the School Works Office (OOESCO) of the Ministry of Education and the local cooperating partner Balades Solidaires. [The project integrates 12 Professional Agricultural Organizations \(OPAs\) into the school feeding supply chain across nine governorates](#). The project is expected to benefit around 35 schools and more than 7,000 schoolchildren. Efforts focused on infrastructure development, equipment delivery, and coordination with local partners to support field-level implementation. In alignment with this goal, the project collaborates closely with the Ministry of Education (OOESCO) to facilitate a gradual transition of ownership. This collaboration aims to help the Ministry manage and scale up improved practices independently, ensuring continuity beyond the project's duration.

Partnerships

- The WFP Tunisia Country Office maintains close communication with all partners and donors.
- WFP's goal is to hand over JPRWEE activities to FAO, and the ADAPT project to OOESCO of the Ministry of Education and ILO.

Imen's Path to Economic Growth

Imen, a member of the Professional Agricultural Organization in Tunisia, exemplifies the impact of economic empowerment through the Joint Programme on Accelerating Progress towards Rural Women's Economic Empowerment—implemented in collaboration with WFP, FAO, IFAD, and UN Women.

Since joining in 2019, she has transformed her business by accessing modern agro-processing equipment and receiving specialized training, which improved her product quality and market reach. Imen now has access to essential tools such as electric and solar-powered dryers, drastically improving product quality and efficiency.

Imen's success reflects a broader trend among rural women who have gained economic stability and efficiency, allowing them to market their products confidently, even internationally.



Imen carefully prepares and blends raw ingredients © Layla Jarray/ Nissa Sabra