

ADDENDUM: Guidance on calculating transfer values for varying HH sizes (Supplementary food assistance).

Notes:

- This document is an addendum to the “[Recommendations for Food Assistance Food Security and Agriculture/Livelihoods Sector, Revised edition June, 2018](#)”.
- It is informed by the “[Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket \(SMEB\), Northern Syria, Revised edition Feb. 2017](#)”
- This addendum does not factor in additional seasonal needs. An expanded version of this guidance may be developed to support harmonization of cash and voucher programming for winter.

1. Objective and intended outcomes

Addendum objective

- To provide a clear guidance on how to calculate transfer values for food assistance in the form of cash or vouchers, taking into consideration varying household sizes.
- To identify one set of thresholds with corresponding HH sizes.

Intended outcomes

- FSL partners have a harmonised approach to calculating transfer amounts per HH size
- Community and local authorities clearly understand the formula and appreciate that all humanitarian agencies providing food assistance apply the same thresholds and calculations.

2. Guidance and Methodology

To account for a range of HH sizes, the transfer value per individual HH member had to be extrapolated from the full SMEB amount for a family of 6 (See Box 1).

Based on this per HH member amount, the following thresholds can be applied:

HH size	Transfer value ¹
1-2 members	\$15
3-7 members	\$45
8 and above	\$60

Box 1. Monthly transfer value per HH member based on SMEB guidance and gap (in USD)

	Per HH	Per member
Full SMEB for family of 6	\$130.00	21.67
Food items in SMEB	\$100.00	16.67
Current coverage by WFP	\$60.00	10
Gap (food)	\$40.00	6.67

3. Important considerations

- While these recommended threshold approach and values may be applied in both camp and out-of-camp settings for supplementary food assistance, always consider beneficiary experience through needs assessments, PDMs, and other forms of consultations. For example, distance of some camps to markets may require either raising the transfer value to cover transportation cost, or considering switching modalities.
- Voucher values should be harmonised as much as possible, particularly in camp settings.
- Organisations are encouraged to conduct their own price monitoring, especially in areas not regularly covered by the joint monthly market monitoring led by REACH. Sharing price monitoring results is strongly recommended.

¹ Amounts are rounded for ease of distribution.