Evaluation of Syrian Arab Republic WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan 2022-2023

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Summary Terms of Reference

Country Strategic Plan Evaluations (CSPEs) encompass the entirety of WFP activities during a specific period. Their purpose is twofold: 1) to provide evaluation evidence and learning on WFP's performance for country-level strategic decisions, specifically for developing the next Country Strategic Plan and 2) to provide accountability for results to WFP stakeholders

Subject and focus of the evaluation

The Syria Interim CSP (ICSP 2022-2023) centers around four Strategic Outcomes focusing on crisis response, resilience building, nutrition and humanitarian common service provision, aiming at responding to the growing food and nutrition needs, the severe deterioration of livelihoods and resilience and the collapse of food systems. WFP continues its large-scale life-saving food assistance, while it refocuses its education, nutrition and livelihoods strengthening activities complemented by support for national social protection systems.

The overall budget of the Syria ICSP approved by the Executive Board in November 2021 was USD 2.87 billion for a total of 9.9 million beneficiaries.

The evaluation will assess WFP contributions to ICSP strategic outcomes, establishing plausible causal relations between the outputs of WFP activities, the implementation process, the operational environment and changes observed at the outcome level, including any unintended consequences.

It will also focus on adherence to humanitarian principles

findings and recommendations will be the WFP Country Office and its stakeholders to inform the design of the new Country Strategic Plan.

The evaluation report is planned to be presented at the Executive Board session in November 2024.

Key evaluation questions

The evaluation will address the following four key questions:

QUESTION 1: To what extent is the ICSP evidence based and strategically focused to address the needs of the most vulnerable?

The evaluation will assess the extent to which the ICSP was informed by existing evidence on hunger challenges, food security and nutrition issues to ensure its relevance at design stage; the extent to which the ICSP is aligned to national policies and plans as well as the SDGs; and the extent to which the ICSP is coherent and aligned with the wider UN and includes appropriate strategic partnerships based on the comparative advantage of WFP in the country. It will further assess the extent to which the ICSP design is internally coherent and based on a clear theory of change and the extent to which WFP's strategic positioning has remained relevant throughout the implementation of the ICSP in light of changing context, national capacities and needs.

QUESTION 2: What is the extent and quality of WFP's specific contribution to ICSP strategic outcomes and the UNSF in Syria?

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