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**Management comments to the internal audit report of the Management of CERF
Funded Activities in Ethiopia (AR/16/17)**

Management Comments

WFP management appreciates and welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report on the Management of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Funded Activities in Ethiopia (AR/16/17) for the period 1 January 2015 to 30 April 2016. Management has agreed to address the audit observations and has started implementing the agreed actions.

WFP management further welcomes the OIG's recognition of WFP Ethiopia's positive practices and initiatives, including: the positive working relationship with the governmental implementing partners at the federal level and in the Somali Region; a Special Operation focused on capacity building of its implementing partners which has been praised by other humanitarian actors; the timely financial and operational reporting provided to CERF as per the defined deadlines; and the improvement of monitoring activities.

WFP Management recognizes the overall conclusion of a partially satisfactory audit. Management is pleased to note that no high-risk observations have been issued. Further, it is noted that the implementation of all four medium risk observations raised is well underway, and expects that these will be fully implemented by the agreed implementation dates in the report.

To ensure the full implementation of the Internal Audit agreed actions, Management will closely monitor the Country Office efforts to implement them on or before the target implementation dates. Management will also ensure that updates on the implementation status of the agreed actions are provided to OIG on a regular basis through the WFP internal tracking system.

WFP Management would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General for the meaningful collaboration and support.