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Internal Audit of WFP Operations in Mozambique (AR/17/15)

Management Comments

WFP Management appreciates and welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report on WFP operations in Mozambique, covering the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2017.

WFP Management values OIG's recognition of the positive practices and initiatives pursued by the Country Office, including extensive Government and humanitarian community involvement in the Country Strategic Plan design to best ensure alignment with Government priorities and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF). Significant efforts were also carried out to address operational issues through the introduction of periodic task force meetings at CO level, which are in addition to those stipulated under WFP emergency protocols. Efforts also comprised the creation of a local temporary staff roster to facilitate the upscaling of emergency responses and a consultative process for downscaling, in addition to the replacement of manual forms with an online monitoring tool.

WFP Management acknowledges the overall conclusion of 'partially satisfactory' and has been proactive in taking immediate action to address high-risk observations. These include: conduction of a staffing needs assessment; finalization of a resource mobilization strategy; implementation of various measures to improve the cooperating partner selection process; conduction of a capacity assessment for a roster of potential new partners; review and endorsement of FLAs by a Cooperating Partner Committee. The implementation of several other agreed actions is also underway and Management has developed a detailed workplan to ensure full implementation within agreed timeframes. WFP Management in close collaboration with OIG will undertake quarterly reviews of outstanding agreed actions, which are also monitored through OIG's standard internal tracking system.

WFP Management would like to thank OIG for its meaningful collaboration and support. WFP Management considers the audit observations and agreed actions in Audit AR/17/15 as a valuable learning tool to continue to improve and streamline processes.