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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda

The Executive Board adopted the agenda as proposed (Annex I).

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Evaluation reports

The Board took note of the three evaluation reports presented and endorsed the Secretariat’s plan to integrate the recommendations and lessons learned into the future work of WFP. The Board confirmed that evaluation reports should be a part of the programme planning process. Evaluations should take place prior to the preparation of a country programme.

a) Natural resource management projects in Pakistan

The Board took note of the sectoral evaluation report on four projects: Pakistan 2451 (Exp.1) - Assistance to the Tarbela and Mangla watersheds; Pakistan 4003 - Rural development works in the North-East Area; Pakistan 4377 - Rural development in Balochistan; and Pakistan 4650 - Environmental rehabilitation in Malakand Division of North-West Frontier Province (WFP/EB.2R/97/2/Add.3), and endorsed the appropriateness of the gradual introduction of a participatory approach with an emphasis on the central role of women. The related need for new methods of data selection and collection was noted, as well as the need for further exploration of synergy effects by collaborating with other United Nations agencies, NGOs and donors.

b) Use of food aid for the conservation and management of soil and water - WFP projects in Latin America

The Board examined the thematic evaluation report on three projects in Latin America: Bolivia 3866 - Development of depressed rural areas; Peru 5162 - Ecological rehabilitation of Andean micro-watersheds; and Nicaragua 4571 - Socio-economic rehabilitation of war-affected population (WFP/EB.2R/97/2/Add.1), and supported the conclusion regarding the soundness of the micro-basin approach. The Board strongly endorsed the recommendation that more effort should be made to improve cooperation with FAO and IFAD, and that the positive role of food aid should be more clearly justified.

c) Summary evaluation report on project Ethiopia 2488 (Exp.3) - Rehabilitation and development of rural lands and infrastructure
The Board considered the report on project Ethiopia 2488 (Exp.3) - Rehabilitation and development of rural lands and infrastructure (WFP/EB.2R/97/2/Add.2). It endorsed the conclusion that the project is making a useful contribution in assisting rural communities to implement land conservation and reclamation activities in the densely populated highland areas of Ethiopia, and that participants, including women, are being empowered through the implementation of the project. The Board urged the Secretariat to ensure that lessons learned from this evaluation, in particular in the area of technical improvements, are incorporated in future activities, to pay due attention to cost-efficiency and the global food situation in the country, to exploit opportunities for the local purchase of commodities, and to seek partnerships with donors and other United Nations agencies.

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1997/EB.2R/2 Country Strategy Outline - Angola

The Board took note of the Country Strategy Outline (CSO) for Angola (WFP/EB.2R/97/3/Add.1), and recommended that WFP:

- continue monitoring closely developments affecting the overall socio-economic situation—especially agricultural production—and adapt WFP interventions accordingly;
- maintain, together with the Government, a high level of coordination, within an integrated approach, with other United Nations agencies, donors and humanitarian agencies; and
- encourage the Government to assume greater responsibilities for the rehabilitation of physical and social infrastructure.

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1997/EB.2R/3 Country Strategy Outlines - El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua

The Board took note of the Country Strategy Outlines submitted for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua (WFP/EB.2R/97/3/Add.2 to 5). It concluded that when formulating country programmes for these countries WFP should take into consideration that the programmes would have to be in line with the expected availability of resources. The Board confirmed that WFP had to focus on the most vulnerable target groups. WFP should develop and apply indicators in order to assess project impact. The Board requested the governments of the four countries to make efforts to guarantee the long-term sustainability of WFP activities by increasing their commitment to the projects and allocating adequate counterpart resources.

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1997/EB.2R/5  Progress report on WFP’s development portfolio

The Board took note of the Progress report on WFP’s development portfolio for 1996 (WFP/EB.2R/97/5).

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1997/EB.2R/6  Summary of the work of the Second Regular Session of 1997

The Board endorsed the summary of the work of the Second Regular Session of 1997 (WFP/EB.2/97/Summary).

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Evaluation reports
   - Natural resource management projects in Pakistan
     Pakistan 2451 (Exp.1) - Assistance to the Tarbela and Mangla watersheds;
     Pakistan 4003 - Rural development works in the North-East Area;
     Pakistan 4377 - Rural development in Balochistan; and
     Pakistan 4659 - Environmental rehabilitation in Malakand Division of North-West Frontier Province.
   - Use of food aid for the conservation and management of soil and water - WFP projects in Latin America
     Bolivia 3866 - Development of depressed rural areas;
     Peru 5162 - Ecological rehabilitation of Andean micro-watersheds; and
     Nicaragua 4571 - Socio-economic rehabilitation of war-affected population.
   - Rehabilitation and development of rural lands and infrastructure - Ethiopia 2488 (Exp.3)

3. Country Strategy Outlines
   Angola
   El Salvador
   Guatemala
   Honduras
   Nicaragua


5. Progress report on WFP’s development portfolio


7. Other business

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