

Decentralized evaluation for evidence-based decision making

WFP Office of Evaluation



Decentralized Evaluation Quality Assurance System (DEQAS)

Mid-term evaluation of Country Programme CP 200648 in Republic of Congo (2015-2018)

WFP Congo Brazzaville Country office

Rec #	Evaluation Recommendation (as per evaluation report)	Management Response (Is recommendation <i>Accepted, partially accepted or not accepted?</i> If partially accepted or not accepted, provide a brief response)	Actions to be taken (Briefly state what actions will be taken to address the recommendation)	Action By [WFP Country Office, WFP Regional Bureau, WFP Headquarters, External Stakeholders (UN Agency, Government body, Donor)]	Implementation timeframe [Month, Year]	Status [Not started/In progress/On hold/ Complete]
1	With the support of the Regional Office, the WFP country office must continue to plead with the Congo government for new political and financial obligations in school nutrition and food security programs. To do this, the WFP must develop a roadmap within the next six months setting the goals to be achieved. It will better involve country office leadership in continuing its advocacy, supporting requests to the relevant ministers for prioritization in the national agenda of programs conducted in conjunction with WFP.	<i>Accepted</i>	1-Visit of the WFP Regional Director to the Government of Congo to advocate for new political and financial commitments in school feeding and food safety net programs; 2-Advocacy of the Country Director and Deputy Country Director with the key ministries: Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Social Affairs and Humanitarian Action 3-Ensure that the government's contribution to WFP is recorded in the state budget each year. 4-Develop a partnership action plan as part of the CSP process	WFP Regional Office and Country Office	February 2019	Ongoing A financial commitment of the government for the year 2018 is included in the state budget. The government provided an in-kind contribution of salt in August 2018 for WFP's school feeding programme.
2	With the support of the Regional Office, the WFP country office must continue its efforts for the state-	<i>Accepted</i>	1-Technical support for the implementation of the National	WFP Country Office	December 2018	In progress Forum realized on March 6th

	owned technical possession of school nutrition and food security programs to maintain activities. In order to develop this long-term vision, the WFP country offices must establish a focal point for capacity building within the next four months: it will be responsible for the diagnosis of the relevant ministries. Based on the results obtained, a roadmap that prioritizes the reinforcement actions will be expanded.		School Feeding Policy Action Plan; 2-Technical and financial support for the organization of a first national forum on school feeding aimed at bringing together the stakeholders concerned by the National School Feeding Policy (PNAS) and to discuss important issues related to its operationalization; 3-Technical support to the Ministry of Social Affairs in setting up and managing the social security database (use of SCOPE); 4-Support the structuring and operationalization of the new School Feeding Directorate.			and 7th, 2018; other actions in progress
3	The WFP must strengthen the link between local production and school canteens, as set out in the National School Feeding Policy and WFP School feeding Policy. As soon as funds allow, the WFP country office must take a market survey that identifies potential local production resources. Thus, stakeholders, including communities, may consider different local purchasing alternatives.	<i>Accepted</i>	1- Reflect the linkages in the design of the CSP that is under formulation. 2-Technical, financial and organizational support to the 2000 smallholder farmers to increase their production; 3-To supply school canteens with local production.	WFP Country Office	February 2019	In progress
4	WFP must reconsider the post-transfer condition and the cash transfer modality in the FSA program. This conditionality represents an additional cost, which	<i>Accepted</i>	Subject to resource mobilization for the FSA as the program is currently suspended. The country office has already	WFP Country Office	March 2018	Program suspended due to lack of resources

	the evaluators find unjustified; and the modality involved with mobile phones causes too many technical problems in the Congo, which is not the case in other African countries. For any other food safety net, the WFP must look at post-transition studies to get a more scientific idea of the issues. After having sensitized state partners, it would be recommended to conduct an in-depth study on a cash transfer mechanism better adapted to the context		initiated the use of SCOPE for any cash transfer program			
5	WFP must further focus on gender issues in its programs. This commitment must first be fully endorsed by the country office. In this case, In this case, WFP must train ALL agents/partners on gender issues, so that equality sought between the sexes makes part of the fundamental values amongst each of them. The country office must reintegrate the Ministry of Women's Empowerment in its programs, as well as activists of civil society for women's rights.	<i>Accepted</i>	The office will integrate gender in the design of the CSP	WFP Country Office	February 2019	In Progress
6	WFP must continue to develop partnerships with other UN agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and local associations to build synergies around its school feeding activity. From now on, the WFP country office must support the effective establishment of the school	<i>Accepted</i>	1-Signature of a partnership agreement with UNICEF in the context of nutrition, hygiene and sanitation at school level. 2-Signature of a partnership agreement with UNESCO in teacher training 3-Signature of a partnership agreement with ACTED (French	WFP Country Office	December 2023	In progress These agreements have already been signed and will continue during the implementation of the CSP.

	feeding directorate within MEPSA, which will serve as a coordinating body. The WFP must then bring all the potential actors in this direction for a consultation over several days, which will stimulate new synergies.		NGO) in the supply of schools with kitchen utensils and in improved stoves as well as the trainings of women for cooking at the level of school canteens; 4-Signature of a partnership agreement with FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture in the framework of small agricultural producers			
7	For school feeding, some monitoring and evaluation indicators need to be redesigned to reflect more objectively the results achieved by WFP and to better measure their impact. In the next six months, it will be important to think about the counting of beneficiaries of school feeding by school year rather than calendar year in the SPRs to avoid duplication. In order to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation of this component, WFP should reflect on the establishment of indicators that measure the impact of access to education in broad terms (quality of education, academic success) etc.) as well as its impact students in the medium and long-term.	<i>Accepted</i>	Actions will be taken within the framework of the CSP, so that other indicators are integrated into the logical framework.	WFP Country Office	December 2018	In Progress