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Internal Audit of Monitoring Function, November 2018

WFP Management takes note of the audit observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its report of the Internal Audit of Monitoring (AR/18/11), focused on the period 1 January 2017 to March 2018. Management is implementing the agreed actions.

Management accepts the rating of Partially Achieved/Major Improvement Needed, given by this audit after significant improvements in normative guidance and efforts to support country offices have already taken place. The sample of six country offices, comprising two field visits and four desk reviews, drew attention to some persisting weaknesses of monitoring in WFP: insufficient financial plans for monitoring, operations delivery frequently prioritised over monitoring in WFP field operations, and staffing challenges which include a lack of dedicated monitoring staff, most of them on short-term contracts, and lack of continuity of monitoring staff.

As stated in the audit report, the Corporate Monitoring Strategy 2018-2021 was released in June 2018. Several of the audit agreed actions are already being addressed in the context of implementation of the Strategy, including workforce analysis and planning, financial commitment for monitoring, and the investments made in learning resources to increase the functional capacity of the monitoring staff. Management, therefore, welcomes the observations and agreed actions and expects to address them by mid-2019.

Management would like to thank OIG for the collaboration and support during the audit process and will ensure that updates on the implementation status of the outstanding agreed actions are provided to OIG on a regular basis through the WFP internal tracking system.