

Evaluation title	Final Evaluation of Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 200938: 'Rebuilding food and nutrition security and strengthening disaster management capabilities in Sierra Leone'	Evaluation report number	DE/SIERRALEONE/2017/01
Type	Operation evaluation	Centralised/ decentralised	Decentralised
Global/region or country	Sierra Leone	PHQA date	January 2019
Overall category – Quality rating		Gender Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI) – Overall report category and rating	
Meets requirements: 71%		Meets requirements: 9 points	
<p>The evaluation of WFP's Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) in Sierra Leone meets requirements. The strengths of the report lie in the clarity of its purpose (inform the development of the Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan), in the mainstreaming of gender considerations and in the robustness of the recommendations. The evaluation subject is clearly described, and the methodology pays due considerations to ethical safeguards, limitations and mitigation strategies in the challenging context of the operation. The report would have benefitted from a more consistent presentation of findings and conclusions, which are respectively presented by themes and evaluation criteria.</p>			

CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Category	Meets
The summary includes a clear description of the evaluation purpose and objectives and provides the recommendations in full. A short but comprehensive overview of the methodology is also provided. The evaluation questions are not listed, however, which makes it difficult to assess the extent to which the key findings answered them. The evaluation subject, the intended scope and activities as well as the conclusions could have been presented in more detail.		
CRITERION 2: OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Category	Meets
The overview provides key information about the PRRO, including the duration, outcomes, beneficiary numbers, key activities, and main partners. It also clearly states that the lessons and findings are drawn to inform the development of the Transitional Country Strategic Plan. However, the overview fails to provide comprehensive information about the resourcing and transfer modalities of the programme and how they have changed over its duration.		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION CONTEXT, PURPOSE AND SCOPE	Category	Exceeds
The evaluation context is clear with reference to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak and recent flooding, which are explicitly framed in relation to the implementation of the programme. Gender dimensions surrounding food security and nutrition in the country context are also considered. Furthermore, the specific objectives of learning and accountability are described and the timing and period of the evaluation are clearly stated. Government policies, equity dimensions, and the scope of the evaluation subject could have been described in more detail.		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Category	Meets
The methodology is clearly presented and lists evaluation criteria that are aligned to the purpose and objectives of the evaluation, along with well-defined evaluation questions. Limitations and mitigation efforts as well as ethical safeguards in dealing with sensitive issues such as the EVD crisis and HIV are all well described. The section would have benefitted from a more detailed presentation of the sampling approach and the inclusion of findings from previous evaluations as evidence sources.		
CRITERION 5: FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS	Category	Meets
Findings make good use of the evidence available and clearly explain where triangulation from different sources has been used and where data gaps have hindered the evaluative work. Enablers and constraining factors are also clearly described. However, findings do not explicitly address all the evaluation questions and the report does not provide a clear assessment of performance against the International Humanitarian Principles.		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS	Category	Meets

The conclusions present a balanced picture of the successes and challenges of the programme. They also make explicit use of evidence from the findings. However, their organisation by criterion rather than by theme limits their logical flow from the findings.		
CRITERION 7: GENDER AND EQUITY	Category	Exceeds
Gender is mainstreamed throughout the evaluation. A mixed-method approach has been used to hear the voices of men, women, boys and girls and several evaluation questions and indicators integrate Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (GEEW) dimensions. The report also provides an explicit assessment of the extent to which the design of the PRRO does (or in this case, does not) integrate gender dimensions. Gender analysis could have been strengthened if transformative gender aspects were also embedded in the evaluation matrix.		
CRITERION 8: RECOMMENDATIONS	Category	Exceeds
Recommendations are relevant to the purpose and objectives of the evaluation and address the critical areas identified in the finding section. They are also specific, actionable, and well targeted. Grouping them by priority and suggesting an overall timeframe for implementation would have better enabled their sequencing.		
CRITERION 9: ACCESSIBILITY/CLARITY	Category	Meets
The tone is balanced, and data and quotes are appropriately cited. The report meets requirements on length and page numbers, and acronyms and visual aids are used effectively. Key messages are highlighted in summary boxes at the end of each section, but additional use of headings would have enhanced the readability of the report.		

Gender EPI	
1. Scope of Analysis, Evaluation Criteria and Questions	3
2. Methodology	3
3. Findings, Conclusions & Recommendations	3
Overall EPI score	9

Quality rating scale legend: Evaluation reports	Overall scoring of gender EPI scale legend: Evaluation reports UNSWAP Evaluation Performance Indicator
Exceeds requirements: 75–100%	
Meets requirements: 60–74%	
Approaches requirements: 50–59%	7–9 points = Meets requirements
Partially meets requirements: 25–49%	4–6 points = Approaches requirements
Does not meet requirements: 0–24%	0–3 points = Missing requirements