**Evaluation of the WFP Gender Policy (2015-2020)**

**Gender Policy Goal**

“To enable WFP to integrate gender equality and women’s empowerment into all of its work and activities [and] to ensure that the different food security and nutrition needs of women, men, girls and boys are addressed”

**Gender Policy Objectives**

- Food assistance adapted to different needs
- Decision-making by women and girls
- Equal participation
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**Evaluation**

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**Conclusions**

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Limited financial investment made to operationalize the Gender Policy has weakened WFP’s ability to ensure that gender equality and women’s empowerment become integral to the culture and learning of the organization.

**Recommendations**

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**Evaluation of 2016 Gender Action Plan**

Defined actions and accountabilities against driving gender equality programming results and programme processes and organizational change.

**Stakeholders interviewed**

212 stakeholders interviewed (59% women)

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