

## Decentralized Evaluation Quality Assurance System (DEQAS)

# Management Response for the End-line Evaluation of the Pilot on Fortification of the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) in Dhenkanal, Odisha

Rec. #	Recommendation	Management Response	Actions to be taken	Action By	Implementation timeframe	Status
1	Support Scale-up of fortification of MDM	<i>Accepted</i>	1. A scale-up and handover strategy will be developed and shared with the Government of Odisha (GoO).	WFP India Country Office (CO)	December, 2018	Completed
2	For scale-up through Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK), development of systems and processes for supervision and close monitoring of efficient blending of the fortified kernel with the routine MDM rice should be done	<i>Accepted</i> GoO agrees and plans to scale-up FRK	1. SOP on blending efficacy of rice with FRK will be developed and shared with the GoO.	CO	December, 2019	Completed
3	If the decision is to scale-up MNP then more rigorous training of CCH and much enhanced supervision and monitoring of the entire MNP-fortified MDM system should be ensured.	<i>Not Accepted</i> As per the evaluation findings, MNP is not operationally feasible. Accordingly, government agreed not to scale-up MNP.				
4	The decision for scale-up of fortification modality need to be based on costing	<i>Accepted.</i>	1. To prepare a scaled-up comparative costing of FRK and MNP and share with GoO.	CO	March, 2020	Completed

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	analysis considering economies of scale and operational ease.		2. To prepare an analytical note comparing FRK and MNP in terms of costing and operational features for GoO.			
5	The Iron Folic Acid (IFA), deworming medication, delivery and consumption along with school health check-ups need to be strengthened further.	<i>Partially Accepted</i> WFP does not work in the areas of IFA and deworming. WFP will share the evaluation findings with UNICEF and support them to take actions on it.	1. CO to share the evaluation findings with UNICEF in Odisha and support UNICEF in their further actions.	CO	December, 2020	On-going
6	The knowledge of the children, teachers and the parents with regards to malnutrition, undernutrition, anaemia and MDM fortification need to be further strengthened.	<i>Partially Accepted</i> Further, strengthening of knowledge needs to be led by government. CO would support government by sharing IEC materials.	1. IEC material developed as part of the project would be shared with the government for dissemination and use in the schools.	CO	December, 2020	On-going
7	Handwashing of the children by soap before meals should become almost universal.	<i>Partially Accepted</i> Although WFP do not directly work in this domain, but improved hand	1. IEC material <b>around handwashing</b> developed as part of the project would be shared with the government for dissemination and use in the schools.	CO	December, 2020	On-going

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		washing practices was part of wider IEC materials, which would be shared with government.				