

Evaluation title	Evaluation of Bangladesh WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018-2020	
Evaluation category and type	Centralized - Country Strategic Plan Evaluation (CSPE)	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) - overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 94%	
<p>The Evaluation of Bangladesh WFP Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020) is of excellent quality and can be used by decisions makers with a high degree of confidence. The mixed methods approach included a variety of data collection methods and demonstrated significant effort to ensure a robust assessment of the evaluation questions based on triangulated evidence. The findings are supported by extensive evidence, based on a solid analysis of an array of data sources that are well referenced both within the main narrative and in detailed footnotes. A balanced assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the CSP is presented and intended and unintended effects on human rights and gender equality are thoroughly analysed. The conclusions are organized according to key themes that cut across the main evaluation questions, for example by focusing explicitly on the development-humanitarian nexus. They discuss the implications of the findings for the future of the CSP and WFP programming in Bangladesh. Recommendations are relevant, specific, actionable, and targeted. While a very strong report, a few areas could have been improved, such as identification of outputs in the CSP line of sight, a clearer distinction made between evaluation purpose and objectives, and identification of lessons that contribute to wider organizational learning. However, these shortcomings do not significantly detract from the excellence of this report overall.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The summary evaluation report includes information on the evaluation purpose, framework, methodology, findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as a description of the country context and the CSP under review. Useful graphics complement the narrative descriptions. However, the main stakeholders and users of the evaluation are not described, and some lessons identified in the main report are not summarized.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report includes a very good introduction to the country context, with relevant, up-to-date information and a timeline showing the evolution of the country portfolio. It focuses strongly on issues of vulnerability, particularly of Rohingya refugees as well as cross-cutting considerations of gender, equity and inclusion. While the CSP description was informed by various needs assessments and evidence-based analyses, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) map is not included, and Agenda 2030 and the National Voluntary Review against SDGs 2 and 17 are not mentioned. Moreover, while the CSP's logic of intervention is described and illustrated, it does not identify the expected outputs which ensure effective linkage between the activities and longer-term strategic outcomes identified.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>While the report does not clearly distinguish between the evaluation purpose and objectives, it identifies learning and accountability as the twofold evaluation purpose and provides a general overview of the main users in the narrative with additional details in a stakeholder analysis in annex. The report effectively mainstreams gender equality and human rights concerns related to vulnerable populations, although these dimensions are not made explicit in the evaluation objectives. With respect to the scope of the evaluation, the report includes detailed information on the activities and time period of various CSP activities covered, but more limited information on the target groups.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The mixed methods approach adopted by the evaluation team is very briefly summarized in the main report, but the details provided in annex are well presented and provide a relevant breakdown of each of the data collection methods, data sources, and data analysis methods with adequate information on the sampling frame and rationale for each type of data collection method. The variety of data collection methods and sources indicates that significant efforts were made to ensure adequate assessment of each of the evaluation questions based on triangulated evidence. The evaluation developed several tools to involve beneficiaries including a community scorecard and a peer-to-peer survey to involve young people. The report also includes a detailed evaluability assessment that was used to transparently identify the</p>		

methodological limitations and mitigation strategies. Gender equality is well integrated into the evaluation matrix and the methodology in general and ethical standards are considered both from the standpoint of evaluator obligations and of participant safeguards. However, the standard evaluation criteria should have been explicitly identified in addition to the main evaluation questions. Moreover, the evaluation matrix includes several indicators that lack precision and does not clearly distinguish between data collection methods and data analysis methods. The methodological description in the main report should also have explicitly identified the evaluation design.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
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Findings are supported by strong and well-triangulated evidence that assesses both the CSP's strengths and weaknesses in a balanced and objective manner. All evaluation questions and sub-questions are systematically addressed. Findings specifically assess WFP's delivery of outputs and contributions to expected strategic outcomes of the CSP, including a table which clearly illustrates the achievement of targets against those planned for each of the CSP's outcomes. Findings also consider how recommendations from other strategic reviews, including one on the incorporation of human rights based approach to programming, have or have not been addressed. There is good disaggregation of data and analysis to show how different groups, such as vulnerable refugee populations, were impacted by CSP interventions.

CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
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Conclusions are balanced, cutting across the five main evaluation questions addressed. Beyond summarizing the key evaluation findings, they examine implications for future WFP programming and accountability in Bangladesh. However, while relevant information is included in the lessons learned section, the lessons identified read more like findings or conclusions, showing lack of clarity in terms of their broader applicability to WFP organizational learning.

CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
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The recommendations are relevant, actionable, and provide a clear response to the evaluation's accountability and learning objectives. There is a clear line of sight from the evaluation findings and conclusions to recommendations reflecting the key themes emerging from findings and conclusions. Recommendations are prioritized with a clear timeframe for action, targeted, and specific. Beyond being identified as strategic or operational, they are organized thematically, e.g., in relation to strategic partnerships, emergency preparedness, etc. GEWE, equity and inclusion are also clearly reflected in the recommendations.

CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
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The report is very well written, with visual aids that enhance its readability. Sections are well organized with information cross-referenced both within the report and between the report and the separate volume of annexes. Data is properly cited throughout. However, the good practices related to CSP interventions could have been more prominently featured in the text. Key annexes, e.g. the annex on methodology, could also have been appropriately referenced in the main text rather than the footnotes.

Integration of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) considerations in the evaluation report based on the UN System-Wide Action Plan (UN-SWAP) Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI) scorecard

UN-SWAP EPI – individual evaluation score	Meets requirements: 9 points
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Gender equality and human rights considerations are well-integrated in the evaluation. The analysis clearly highlights the effects of the interventions on different social groups including women, children and persons with disabilities, through a human rights lens. Gender and human rights questions in the evaluation framework, for example, sought to determine the extent to which WFP's work is aligned with people's needs and rights and to gather data on gender equality and human rights. For the methodology, the evaluation team adopted the gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) approach to assess the extent to which the country strategic plan addressed the rights and needs of all vulnerable groups including all women, the most disadvantaged social groups and people with disabilities, in alignment with the WFP Gender Policy (2015-2020). The evaluation report provides specific and relevant findings, conclusions, lessons, and recommendations on GEWE. The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Technical Note in annex also provides an in-depth analysis of how gender (and cross-cutting issues) was monitored by WFP.

Post Hoc Quality Assessment – Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the credible and useful evaluation findings provided and can use the evaluation with a high degree of confidence for decision-making. The report is considered an excellent example.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.
Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the quality and credible evaluation findings provided and can use it with confidence for decision-making.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Partly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the evaluation findings provided and may use it for decision-making noting that there are some gaps/shortcomings in the information provided.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Unsatisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can use some of the learning from the evaluation, noting that there are significant gaps/ shortcomings in the evaluation findings provided. The report may still contribute to decision making but should be used with caution.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.