Evaluation of the WFP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Policy

**CONTEXT**
The policy was issued in 2015

**POLICY OBJECTIVES**
- Stimulate Innovative Practices
- Expand Funding Sources for Food Security and Nutrition
- Support Country-Led Efforts towards Strengthening National Capacities to Make Progress Towards the SDGs

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO SSTC**
- **EXTERNAL drivers**
  - SDGs commitments
  - BAPA+40 conference
  - UN development system reform
  - Preferred approach for capacity strengthening and networking
  - Growing demand driven by climate crisis and pandemic
- **INTERNAL drivers**
  - WFP's engagement predates the 2015 policy
  - Introduction of Country Strategic Plans
  - Greater emphasis on capacity strengthening and work across the triple nexus

**EVALUATION**
assesses the relevance, effectiveness, coherence and sustainability of the Policy and its implementation from 2015 to 2020

- **2019**
  - 12 remote field missions due to COVID-19
  - 172 key informant interviews
  - 4 thematic case studies
- **2021**
  - 3 reviews of comparator organizations (IFAD, FAO, UNICEF)
  - Social protection, smallholder support, nutrition, emergency preparedness and response

**CONCLUSIONS**
- Normative framework adequate in 2015 – now partly outdated
- Policy results largely positive
- Broader scope, quality of support and systematization of WFP's engagement
- WFP is seen as respected SSTC broker in school feeding and, increasingly, in nutrition
- Opportunities to expand WFP's strategic use of SSTC
- There are risks related to over-reliance on extra-budgetary resources

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Strategic**
1. Revise the policy and develop related costed implementation plan
2. Reflect SSTC consideration in second-generation CSPs and in relevant new corporate frameworks and policies

**Operational**
3. Strengthen evidence and learning generation approaches
4. Invest in guidance for staff on integrating SSTC in different areas
5. Continue to strengthen staff capacity for SSTC at different levels
6. Continue to contribute to system-wide SSTC engagement