

Evaluation title	Midterm Evaluation of Nutrition Activities in The Gambia 2016-2019	
Evaluation category and type	Decentralized Evaluation	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) - overall rating	Satisfactory: 86%	
<p>The report provides a comprehensive overview of the country context including development and socioeconomic indicators as well as a clear description of the nutrition activities supported by WFP in The Gambia. A gender-sensitive approach was applied in the evaluation methodology, with gender equality and women empowerment (GEWE) considerations mainstreamed in several evaluation questions. The report also clearly describes the triangulation methods employed to ensure the credibility of the evaluation analysis and findings. Findings are substantiated by robust evidence that is appropriately sourced from a varied range of data and stakeholders, including the most vulnerable groups. Conclusions and recommendations are correctly linked to the findings and in general observe WFP quality requirements. However, the report would have benefited from a more comprehensive description of the subject's theory of change and should have provided a justification for the exclusion of the impact criterion which was initially included in the evaluation terms of reference and confirmed in the inception report.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The executive summary provides concise and useful information and can be used as a stand-alone document by decision makers. It includes a synthesized account of the main features of the interventions covered by the evaluation as well as of the evaluation itself, such as its objectives, scope, methodology, stakeholders and intended users. Furthermore, it provides a good general overview of the findings and summarizes well conclusions and recommendations, including those related to GEWE issues. However, the recommendations in the executive summary should have included both the level of priority and suggested timeframe for their implementation.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Partly Satisfactory
<p>The report presents a comprehensive overview of the country context with information clearly geared toward the subject of the evaluation. The overview also includes a clear description of the subject of the evaluation, including its main objectives and main partners, although it could have included more details on its theory of change and expected results, such as the nutrition activities' specific outputs. While the overview and the annexes present a complete portrait of the planned versus actual results of the interventions, disaggregated by year and by sex, it would have benefited from a discussion on advancements against SDGs 2 and 17 as outlined in The Gambia's 2020 Voluntary National Review (VNR).</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report presents an overview of the rationale, objectives, thematic and chronological scope, main users as well as the intended use of the evaluation. Moreover, the report describes gender dimensions that were explicitly incorporated into the scope and the methodology of the evaluation.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report provides a good description of the evaluation design, data sources, data collection and analysis methods, and methodological limitations. The report also includes in annex an evaluation matrix identifying the evaluation criteria and questions, as a complementary tool to the information provided in the body of the report. Both GEWE and ethical considerations are well integrated into the methodology. Moreover, the report clearly describes the triangulation methods used in order to ensure the credibility of the evaluation analysis and findings. On the other hand, the methodology section could have been strengthened by providing information on the reasons justifying the omission of the criterion of impact. Furthermore, a more complete assessment of the nutrition activities' M&E system and the way in</p>		

which the availability of monitoring data informed the choice of methodology for this evaluation could have been provided.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report presents findings that are underpinned by robust evidence that is correctly sourced and triangulated across a varied range of data sources and stakeholder voices, including the most vulnerable groups. Findings are presented in an unbiased fashion and are balanced since they underline both the strengths and weaknesses of the nutrition activities. In addition, the report effectively indicates whenever evidence was inconclusive, which is testimony to the transparency of the evaluation process. Findings correctly respond to almost all of the evaluation questions, with the exception of the question that called for an analysis of negative and positive unintended effects, in particular relating to human rights or gender. The findings should have also included an assessment of the performance of the subject of the evaluation against international humanitarian principles.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>Conclusions are forward-looking, correctly based on the evidence presented in the findings, and pitched at a higher level of analysis that captures key messages and provides a strategic perspective. Conclusions are balanced between the evaluation subject's strengths and weaknesses. They also make good reference to several aspects related to GEWE as well as to equity and inclusion. Finally, the report includes well formulated lessons learned.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation recommendations are realistic and actionable, clearly identify the target groups for action and provide sufficient detail as to how they should be implemented. They are grouped as either overall strategic recommendations or activity-specific recommendations and include attention to GEWE and wider equity and inclusion dimensions. The report also provides clear timelines for the implementation of each recommendation.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report observes WFP requirements in terms of the clarity of the information presented, the neutrality and professionalism of the language used, and the format and length expected for this type of report. Data sources are consistently provided and all cross-references within the report are clearly and accurately signposted. Finally, the report includes almost all requested lists and mandatory annexes.</p>		

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: 8 points
<p>The report clearly identifies GEWE as a specific evaluation objective and effectively integrated gender dimensions into the evaluation scope and methodology. While no specific GEWE criterion was included as part of this evaluation, the collection of GEWE-related data was ensured through several evaluation questions. Findings report on GEWE issues and sex-disaggregated data is consistently presented throughout the findings. The conclusions and recommendations duly address GEWE-related issues such as the need for WFP CO to conduct a gender analysis study examining power dynamics between men and women in the Gambia. On the other hand, the evaluation methods do not sufficiently describe the sampling frame and do not explain the ways in which the evaluation ensured that the voices of the most vulnerable groups were included.</p>	

Post Hoc Quality Assessment – Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<p><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.</p> <p><i>Definition at criterion level:</i> The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.</p>
Satisfactory	<p><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.</p>

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	<i>Definition at criterion level: There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.</i>
Partly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level: 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>
	<i>Definition at criterion level: There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.</i>
Unsatisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level: 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>
	<i>Definition at criterion level: There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.</i>