Management Response from WFP Nepal Office to the recommendations of the decentralized evaluation of Mid-term evaluation Report of the FY2017 McGovern-Dole Project in Nepal [(DE/NPCO/2019/058)] from 2018 to 2021

1. This document, finalized in August 2021, presents the management response to the recommendations of the Mid-term evaluation of the FY17 McGovern-Dole Project in Nepal.

2. The evaluation, which was commissioned by WFP Nepal Country Office covers the period from 2019 to 2021. The evaluation serves the dual purpose of accountability and learning and informed establishing the current situation against which the next rounds of the evaluation (endline) will measure progress towards the targets.

3. The evaluation made five key recommendations with five actions. The matrix sets out whether WFP agrees, partially agrees, or disagrees with the recommendations and sub-recommendations. It presents the planned (or taken) actions, responsibilities, and timelines.

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) *[as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]*	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Management Response *[Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]*	Actions to be taken *[Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]*	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Action Deadline *[Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]*
Priority: High **Recommendation 1:** Advocate for expansion of the McGovern-Dole Programme to secondary schools to enhance inclusivity of the programme.	WFP Nepal CO	Agreed	Already done: Completed Previously we were having our programme in primary schools only (schools up to grade 5). However, from this year WFP has expanded the programme in all schools (schools having Early Childhood Development (ECD)-grade 10, even 12) regardless of the level to cover all students from ECD to grade 5. all the schools regardless of their level are receiving food for eligible children.	WFP Nepal CO (Programme – School Meal Programme)	July 2021

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
Priority: High **Recommendation 2:** Enhance participation of Local Governments to ensure sustainability and increase local accountability	WFP Nepal CO	Agreed	1. WFP started having a decentralized Food For Education (FFE) structure (implementing government entity for food distribution) at Palika/municipal level. Received Ministry of Education Science and Technology	WFP Nepal CO (Programme – School Meal Programme)	1. July 2021 2. June 2022 (will continue our work with Local Government's through FY20 cycle till July 2024) 3. December 2022 4. December 2022 5. July 2022 December 2021

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) *[as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]*	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Management Response *[Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]*	Actions to be taken *[Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]*	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Action Deadline *[Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation **deadline**.]*
			(MoEST) approval on the same. 2. WFP will continue Capacity Building of Local Government (LG)-education unit and elected officials to have a smooth transition in government-funded cash-based SMP. 3. Will streamline all our complimentary		

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
			activities like Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF), Early Grade Reading (EGR), and School Health and Nutrition (SHN) with Local Government 4. Will ensure the reflection of programme support in Annual work plan and budget of		

5

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
			Local Government 5. Advocate and ensure resource sharing from the Local Government from the beginning of the new project cycle. 6. Have started digital library establishment in all working Palika of McGD districts.		

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
Priority: High **Recommendation 3:** Adapt teaching medium and supplementary materials in local language to ensure better understanding.	WFP and its Implementing Partner(World Education)	Agreed	WFP will start advocating the same with the Local Government as they are the responsible body for school education, and they have the budget for the teaching-learning materials development and procurement. Through the new FY20 cycle, WFP will also do resource matching to strengthen this and provide technical support to the Local Government.	WFP Nepal CO (Programme – School Meal Programme)	July 2022

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) *[as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]*	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Management Response *[Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]*	Actions to be taken *[Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]*	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) *[Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]*	Action Deadline *[Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation **deadline**.]*
Priority: High **Recommendation 4:** Strengthen gender and equity dimension by encouraging a more equitable selection and election of women to school committees and the leadership position	WFP and its Implementing Partners	Agreed	WFP will endure gender mainstream through: 1. The programme will focus on bringing about a positive change in traditional gender roles by encouraging both, women, and community members to have more females occupy leadership roles. 2. Ensure active engagement of	WFP Nepal CO (Programme – School Meal Programme)	December 2022

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
			participants. The Schools will encourage equal and active participation of both men and women for handling operational activities. During School Management Committee (SMC) /Food Management Committee (FMC) meetings		

9

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
			according to SMC/FMC guidelines. 3. Members of all committee form/reform under this project will be balanced in terms of Gender, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) perspective		

10

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
Priority: High **Recommendation 5:** Advocate low transfer rate of Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) teachers with the government.	WFP and its Implementing partner (World Education)	Agreed	As the government is planning for its nationwide scale-up, the issues will be solved in the next 5 years under the government plan). The government machinery needs to be apprised of the challenges that will happen due to the transfer of trained staff. It affects programme efficiency and effectiveness and tends to delay impact. In case an EGR-trained teacher is	WFP Nepal CO (Programme – School Meal Programme)	June 2022

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations (Deadline) [as per evaluation report – one (sub-) recommendation per row, deadline in brackets.]	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division (/possibly external stakeholder in the case of Joint Evaluation). Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Management Response [Is (sub-) recommendation Agreed, Partially agreed or Not agreed? If Partially agreed or Not agreed, provide a brief reason for this.]	Actions to be taken [Briefly state what action(s) will be taken to address each sub-recommendation – one action per row.]	Action Lead (Supporting Offices/Divisions) [Name of responsible WFP office/division/unit. Names of supporting WFP offices/divisions and/or external stakeholders if any in brackets.]	Action Deadline [Month and year – not to exceed related (sub-)recommendation deadline.]
			transferred, he/she should be replaced only with an EGR-trained teacher. Therefore WFP will advocate these activities through different Technical Working Committee (TWC), Development partners (DPS) forums and directly with the government.		