

Evaluation of WFP's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

CONTEXT



MAJOR DISRUPTIONS borders closed





access to affected populations constrained

supply chains impeded

million **people** at risk of acute hunger

June **2021**

EVALUATION assesses WFP's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was conducted under the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic

February 2020

WFP in emergency

mode



travel and movement restrictions

INTEGRATING with the surrounding evidence building

PRIORITIZING organizational learning needs

ENSURING evidence sharing with stakeholders throughout

evidence to support adaptation in a **dynamic** environment





retrospective developmental design

EVIDENCE

















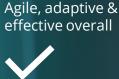








WFP stayed to deliver, but high human cost



Enhanced profile: WFP as systems enabler



Lack of formal knowledge management systems a constraint



understanding impeded organisational coherence/ decision-making



Limited central investment in gender/social protection restricted transformational change

Provision of Common Services was a critical element of the global response

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Reposition WFP in post-COVID-19 recovery

• Articulate WFP's role in mediumterm responses

 Clarify intersections in WFP's response to structural vulnerabilities and emergencies

WFP as a "systems enabler" Expand 'service offer' to other

- humanitarian actors • Define capacity needs
- Provide consistent external communications

Upscale advocacy

- Food security and nutrition aspects of socio-economic recovery • Skills training for staff
- Leverage partnerships

Shared overview/review

- management arrangements Common understanding of diverse
- emergency contexts "Empowered decentralisation"

Resilient but adaptative systems

 Stress test of/contingency planning Enhanced KM systems

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- Ethos of staff care Workplace culture/management skills
- Contractual basis
- Debriefing/harnessing experience