

COUNTRY CONTEXT

population
6.7
million

regular exposure
to **natural disasters**

multidimensional poverty affects both
rural and urban households

high levels of
food insecurity
and **malnutrition**

major concerns:
violence,
organised crime,
gender-based violence

COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN focused on five **strategic outcomes**

USD million
88.8
CSP budget

1
vulnerable households' access to **social protection**

2
support to **smallholder farmers**

3
increased **resilience** to climate change

4
access to food for people affected by **disaster**

5
government institutions **capacity strengthening**

EVALUATION covers WFP activities implemented from 2016 to 2020

October **2020**

July **2021**

Evidence and lessons to inform the development of the new Country Strategic Plan in El Salvador

83 online surveys

11 focus group discussions

80 interviews with stakeholders

document review

remote approach due to **COVID-19**

gender sensitive and **ethical approach**

CONCLUSIONS

WFP recognized as a key player in humanitarian response, but less so in development and capacity strengthening

CSP allowed flexibility in programming, especially during COVID-19 response, but synergies across strategic outcomes not fully explored

Room for improvement in gender transformative programming and partnership

Conditions for sustainability and scaling-up of pilots could have been more clearly identified

Evidence generation is a key strength, but there is need to reinforce results-based management

Critical assumptions on funding availability and continuation of programmes did not fully hold true

RECOMMENDATIONS

1
WFP should harness its strategic position and reputational capital to position itself as a key development partner in the post-COVID-19 reconstruction

2
The new CSP should link strategic outcomes, incorporating national capacity strengthening and the humanitarian-development-peace nexus

3
Continue adopting a gender-transformative approach with partners

4
Develop a strategy for enhancing the sustainability of interventions

5
Promote a results-based management approach

6
Develop a resource mobilization strategy with medium- and long-term horizons