

Strategic Evaluation of WFP's Use of Technology in Constrained Environments



WFP leadership in the technologies

Important gains in terms adaptability

Concerted efforts to strengthen cyber-security and data protection

Lag in implementation of data protection regulatior

Strategic role of technology not clearly articulated



GOVERNANCE

Regulations and responsibilities for digital technologies recently clarified

Struggle to find right balance between centralized and localized approaches



→ Protection risks for affected populations



INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT

Limited engagement with people served

Lack of monitoring of exclusion risks and impacts on different groups



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Unique experience on use of digital technologies in constrained environments

Lack of monitoring and exchange of experiences



DIGITAL SKILLS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Insufficient investment in diverse digital skills of staff and partners

Opportunities to engage more with partners on humanitarian technologies

RECOMMENDATIONS

Formulate an overall strategic vision and clear standards for the use of digital technology and data in which people and protection are central concerns

Strengthen governance arrangements and allocation of resources driving WFP's digital transformation across all levels of the organization



Ensure effective protection of people and management of risks associated with the use of technologies, in particular in constrained environments



Integrate inclusion and gender in technology development and use, and meaningfully engage with diverse community members



Develop a knowledge management approach to capture, store and disseminate relevant information on WFP's use of technology



Develop and implement a coherent capacity development strategy to enhance basic digital skills and data literacy for all WFP staff





