

Evaluation title	Final Evaluation of Enhanced Nutrition and Value Chains (ENVAC) Project 2016-2021 in Ghana	
Evaluation category and type	Decentralized - Activity	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory: 80%	
<p>The final evaluation report of the Enhanced Nutrition and Value Chains (ENVAC) Project in Ghana is well written and observes most of WFP requirements, providing credible findings that can be used with confidence by decision makers. The report presents a sufficient level of contextual background information, including on gender and social equity issues and COVID-19. The evaluation applied a sound methodology, combining different methods of data collection and analysis, although it should have described explicitly the methodological approach(es) that guided the evaluation and the stakeholder sampling design. The findings balance the strengths and weaknesses of the ENVAC project, and the conclusions provide a higher level of analysis, clearly identifying implications for future decision making. Recommendations are feasible and sufficiently detailed to be actionable. GEWE is well integrated in the evaluation objectives, framework and findings, but fewer findings are reported in relation to inclusion. The report would have been improved by clearly stating the rationale of the evaluation and outlining the ENVAC project's theory of change, describing the linkages between the different levels and elements of the results chain, and project assumptions.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The summary provides sufficient information on the country context, the evaluation subject, stakeholders, scope, objectives, and methodology. Key findings are organized around the evaluation criteria and questions, and conclusions and recommendations are clearly outlined. However, recommendations in the summary could have been improved by including information on prioritization, targeting, and timeframe.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Partly Satisfactory
<p>The report provides a succinct overview of Ghana's context, with a particular emphasis on food security and nutrition. It presents a comprehensive description of the ENVAC project's key pillars, main partners and beneficiaries, geographic coverage and planned results; it also makes reference to the 2019 Ghana Voluntary National Review (VNR). However, the report does not outline the ENVAC project's theory of change nor the linkages between the different levels of the results chain, multiple activities, outputs and outcomes, as well as key assumptions. The section lacks details on planned and actual transfers. While the report highlights significant changes in WFP's work in Ghana, the description could have been strengthened by identifying key external events that triggered these changes.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report clearly outlines the evaluation objectives of learning and accountability but does not clearly state the rationale of the evaluation. While gender equality is mainstreamed, with one evaluation objective specifically focused on GEWE, human rights considerations are not explicitly integrated. The temporal and programmatic scope of the evaluation are well defined, but the report does not clearly define the geographic scope.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation methodology combined different methods of data collection and data sources, and applied systematic triangulation, which allowed for unbiased answers to evaluation questions. The report clearly outlines the evaluation criteria and questions used for this evaluation, including a specific evaluation question aimed at collecting GEWE-related data. The report discusses methodological limitations and related mitigation strategies. However, the methodology could have been strengthened by explicitly describing the methodological approach(es) that guided the evaluation (e.g., theory-based approach, utilization-focused approach, etc.) and by describing the strategies used to sample stakeholders for interviews.</p>		

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The findings are organized around the five OECD-DAC evaluation criteria and provide answers to all evaluation questions and sub-questions. They are presented in an unbiased manner, balancing the strengths and weaknesses of the ENVAC project, and with a sufficient level of evidence. However, without a clearly articulated project theory of change, it is difficult to see the extent to which all WFP contributions were assessed. Moreover, the report could have been improved by systematically making reference to all lines of inquiry, notably by ensuring that the views (including diverging ones) of the different groups of stakeholders consulted clearly emerge. Finally, few findings are reported in terms of inclusion.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The conclusions of the evaluation present a higher level of analysis, are logically derived from the evaluation findings, and identify implications of the findings for future decision making. They also effectively integrate GEWE-related and wider equity aspects, specifically through one of the eight conclusions.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation recommendations are of good quality as they are logically derived from the findings and conclusions. They are feasible, sufficiently detailed to be actionable, and take into consideration both the Ghanaian context and potential WFP limitations. Moreover, recommendations are prioritized, with indication of timeline for action, and integrate GEWE and broader equity and inclusion dimensions. However, the recommendations section largely exceeds the WFP maximum length requirement.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation report uses professional language and follows the WFP template for structure, including all required lists, of decentralized evaluation reports. Relevant information is presented in the annexes and is properly cross-referenced and clearly signposted. Documentary data sources are systematically provided (in footnotes) and further compiled in a bibliography. However, the fieldwork agenda is missing from the annexes and both the main body of the report and the annexes exceed the WFP requirement on length.</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: 7 points
<p>GEWE is well integrated in the evaluation objectives and framework. Although no specific GEWE and/or human rights criterion was included, GEWE related aspects were mainstreamed in other criteria, i.e., under the relevance criterion, which includes a specific question on gender equality, allowing the collection of GEWE-related data during the implementation of the evaluation. The evaluation matrix specifies the sources of data to be collected on gender, and the different measures taken by the evaluation team to ensure gender data would be collected during the course of the evaluation (e.g., site visits, key informant interviews, focus group discussions were also focused on female respondents). However, the evaluation report could have provided more details on how stakeholder sampling, including the sampling of the most vulnerable (female/men interviewees or groups) was done. The report could have also explicitly explained the particular approach that was used to analyse gender-related data. While the findings report on GEWE issues, fewer findings are reported in relation to inclusion. Conclusions and recommendations reflect GEWE and broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</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> <p><i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.</p>

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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>