

Evaluation of South Sudan WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan 2018-2022

COUNTRY CONTEXT (AS OF 2021)

population

catastrophic **food security** and **nutritional** situation

million children under 5 acutely

million people in extreme food insecurity out-of-school children



repeated





internally displaced



NTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN focused on four strategic outcomes



Food-insecure people in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food

People at risk of malnutrition are able to meet their basic

Food-insecure smallholders and communities have nutrition requirements enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common services



TOTAL FUNDING

from USD 3.2 billion in 2018 to USD billion in 2021

EVALUATION covers WFP activities implemented between January 2018 and December 2021

July **2021**

Evidence and lessons to inform the development of the new Country Strategic Plan in South Sudan



document review

> key informant interviews





hybrid approach due to COVID-19





attention to confidentiality, gender and ethical considerations

CONCLUSIONS

WFP leading provider of humanitarian assistance but stronger engagement with national and state government is needed to enhance focus on sustainability and country capacity strengthening



ICSP was a useful overarching framework for WFP interventions. There was a shift in thinking to a more forward-looking approach to sustainable resilience-building



Targeting was a huge challenge given scale of needs and available resources. WFP assistance was perceived to be spread too thinly to fully address all needs



Good programme adaptations. Need to better integrate research, assessment, monitoring and evaluation systems with decision-making processes



WFP performance on SO1/SO2 rated highly but overall ICSP performance below targets due to challenging context, COVID-19, funding constraints and scale of needs



Strong consideration for protection, Accountability to Affected Populations, humanitarian principles, conflict-sensitivity, and gender, but more work needed



South Sudan's extremely challenging context undermines potential to deliver sustainable results



Timely delivery hindered by external factors with unintended consequences for beneficiaries and cooperating partners



Due attention to cost-efficiency measures



Funding shortfalls have been a major issue in the ICSP delivery calling for new funding streams

RECOMMENDATIONS

Avoid spreading resources too thinly in the next CSP and focus on priority areas to deliver longer-term results with other actors

Maximize the longer-term, sustainable results of WFP interventions, improve coherence and synergies across the portfolio, and better support transition of beneficiaries from unconditional assistance to resilience-oriented activities

Take steps to meet ambitions to increase the focus on resilience-building in the next CSP

Enhance efficiency of beneficiary registration and verification, and better integrate research, assessment, monitoring and evaluation data with decision-making

Continue to strengthen approaches on Accountability to Affected Populations, conflict sensitivity and gender



Strengthen WFP partnerships with donors, cooperating partners and government



