

Evaluation title	Evaluación del Plan Estratégico para el País del PMA en el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia 2018-2022	
Evaluation category and type	Centralized Evaluation - Country Strategic Plan	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory - 89%	
<p>The Evaluation of the 2018-2022 Bolivia Country Strategic Plan (CSP) is overall a satisfactory report that observes WFP requirements and can be used with confidence to inform decision-making. It presents a good description of the Bolivian context relevant to the CSP and of the evolution of the CSP in terms of its planning, design, and any changes that occurred from previous CSPs and since the beginning of its current cycle. The evaluation scope and methodological design are clearly outlined as are the adopted international evaluation criteria of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The report presents findings that demonstrate balance between the strengths and weaknesses of the CSP performance. Findings present a good amount of evidence drawn from a wide range of sources through different data collection methods that substantiate the statements made. Conclusions are correctly pitched at a higher level of analysis and recommendations are clearly formulated and logically derived from the evaluation findings and conclusions. They are realistic and feasible, taking into consideration the implementation context and potential limitations. However, the report could have further compared the differing realities between boys and girls, etc; and data presented should have been more consistently sex-disaggregated, whenever possible. Moreover, the report could have been strengthened by capturing unintended outcomes of WFP operations, either negative or positive.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The summary provides a brief introduction and a succinct overview of key evaluation findings and conclusions, as well the six recommendations formulated, which are identical to the recommendations included in the main body of the report. The summary makes good use of visual aids, which contributes to a fuller understanding by the reader of the context and performance of the current CSP in Bolivia. On the other hand, conclusions should have included specific messages regarding gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE) related issues, as well as equity or wider inclusion issues that were introduced in the findings.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report provides a good description of the context in which the CSP was implemented and refers to several development indices, explaining the alignment between the CSP and national policies, as well as with the SDGs. The analytical work that informed the design of the CSP 2018-2022 and its objectives are discussed, as well as the logic of the CSP, which is described in detail. However, more detail should have been provided to describe the way gender was mainstreamed throughout the CSP, as well as the wider inclusion dimensions of the CSP and who constitutes vulnerable populations, e.g., teenagers and youth exposed to violence, children, pregnant and lactating women, etc.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report clearly outlines the twofold objective of the CSP evaluation, i.e., learning and accountability, and its scope in terms of time period, geographic area, and activities of the CSP covered. However, while the report signposts the annex where the users of the evaluation are listed, i.e., the internal and external stakeholders of the CSP, such as the Country Office, the Regional Bureau, donors, cooperation partners, other national and international organizations, etc., it would have been preferable to identify them in the body of the report.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Satisfactory

The evaluation report clearly outlines the methodological design and the adopted international evaluation criteria aligned with UNEG and OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). Mixed quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection were used to answer each of the evaluation questions and sub-questions, and methodological limitations are discussed. Triangulation of the evidence collected is discussed, in particular with regards to the gender-sensitive aspects of the CSP. The report describes the efforts made to reach a diverse range of stakeholders throughout the evaluation process, especially in order to capture the voices of the most vulnerable. However, the report could have been more effective at assessing the monitoring data available for the evaluation and providing a detailed explanation of the way in which the quality and availability of data informed the choice of methodology for this evaluation. It also could have provided more details about the types of social groups selected for consultation. Finally, mitigation strategies should have been consistently presented for all limitations.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation findings demonstrate balance between the strengths and weaknesses of the CSP performance. They present evidence drawn from a wide range of sources through different data collection methods that substantiate the statements made. They adequately address all evaluation questions and sub-questions and clearly articulate how WFP's activities/outputs contributed to expected outcomes, supported by evidence and including some sex-disaggregated data (although this is not consistent). However, while the findings state that the design of the CSP addressed the needs of the most vulnerable people under the different strategic outcomes and was formulated based on vulnerability studies and needs assessments, these studies and assessments should have been identified and discussed. Findings could have been strengthened as well by capturing unintended outcomes of WFP operations.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report presents conclusions that are pitched at a higher level of analysis and can effectively inform decision-making. Conclusions refer to the validity of the CSP's explicit logic as well as its key assumptions, confirming that the CSP has been aligned with national priorities and sustainable development commitments. Conversely, conclusions should have included more relevant messages with regards to GEWE discussed in the findings section such as the lack of a gender-specific indicator in the CSP logical framework. Similarly, wider equity and inclusion dimensions should have been further addressed in the conclusions.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>Recommendations are logically derived from the evaluation findings and conclusions and are clearly formulated. They are realistic and feasible and identify the specific actors targeted within WFP in each case and the strategic or operational nature of each, as well as a clear timeframe for their implementation. Finally, recommendations include a number of sub-recommendations that further develop paths of action. However, recommendations should have more fully reflected broader equity issues and inclusion dimensions.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report observes WFP requirements regarding the clarity of the information presented, the format and length expected for this type of report, as well as in the professional language used. Data sources are consistently provided. The report includes visual aids, as well as all of the required lists, i.e., table of contents, tables, figures, acronyms, and all of the mandatory annexes. The report could have been somewhat improved by including text boxes that summarize the key takeaways under each evaluation question and links between findings, and complementary information found elsewhere in the report or annexes could have been better highlighted.</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

Although GEWE considerations are not explicitly integrated into an evaluation objective, the evaluation ensures adequate consideration of the gender dimension. The evaluation analyses the way in which a gender equality approach was included in the design and execution of the CSP and how aligned this approach was with national policies and strategies related to gender. The mixed methods approach involving qualitative and quantitative data collection was appropriate to evaluating GEWE considerations. However, the report does not provide information on the extent to which the sampling frames focused on specific social groups, such as men, women, boys, and girls. More details about the types of social groups selected for consultation would have been useful. Moreover, the context section should have included an overview of any established regulatory frameworks or national policies to promote women's rights. While the conclusions could have reflected GEWE issues more fully, these are addressed in a number of recommendations.

Post Hoc Quality Assessment - Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<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.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.
Satisfactory	<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.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Partly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> 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>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Unsatisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> 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>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.