Evaluation title	Evaluation of Nigeria WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2022
Evaluation category and type	Centralized Evaluation – Country Strategic Plan
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 91%

The Evaluation of the Nigeria WFP Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-2022 constitutes a highly satisfactory report that evaluation users can rely on with a high degree of confidence for decision making. The overview provides readers with a full understanding of the country context and WFP's operational evolution in Nigeria leading up to this evaluation. The methodological approach was non-experimental, theory-based using mixed data collection and analysis methods. The evaluation addresses the evaluation questions and sub-questions in a clear and structured fashion. Supporting evidence based on data collected through various methods is presented transparently and clearly, with sources presented for all findings, and uses an objective and balanced tone. The evaluation report effectively presents well-developed and credible conclusions and offers five prioritized, targeted and actionable recommendations. The report uses clear, understandable language that is free of jargon and makes very good use of visual highlights throughout, including tables, graphs, and figures. However, the report could have more effectively highlighted the voices of community leaders and beneficiaries.

CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The summary report provides an excellent overview of the main evaluation report and uses graphics to illustrate both context and findings. It is well written and summarizes very well the more detailed main report content. Conclusions are well summarized and present a very good overview of the learning from the evaluation.

CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

Overall, the report presents a complete overview of the evaluation subject, using clear language and highly useful graphics. The overview provides readers with a full understanding of the country context and WFP's operational evolution in Nigeria that led up to this evaluation. Information is provided on relevant national policies and strategies including reference to Nigeria's 2020 national voluntary review, and the Country Office's analytical work is well described. That said, there was an opportunity to better explain the degree to which gender issues were incorporated into the design and implementation of the CSP.

CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE

Rating

Satisfactory

Evaluation objectives, rationale, purpose and scope are well developed, although the scope is better articulated in the Summary Report than in the main report. While the report focuses very well on gender dimensions, it could have better introduced the ways in which human rights and gender equality considerations were going to be addressed as part of the evaluation's objectives and scope. The report could also have specified whether WFP interventions in certain regions of the country were examined in more depth than others through the evaluation of the CSP and, if so, what those interventions and regions are.

CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The evaluation used a non-experimental, theory-based approach relying on contribution analysis principles and used the reconstructed theory of change, largely based on the WFP CSP, to place the logic of the CSP objectives and activities within a broader context. The report describes that, in light of security conditions, the evaluators undertook a purposive sampling to select which affected areas and communities could be visited. This purposive sampling approach ensured that gender and equity dimensions were taken into consideration by making all necessary efforts to include most

vulnerable groups in the consultations. Methodological rationale, challenges, limitations and mitigation strategies are well summarized. The report acknowledges that remote interviews have limitations: nevertheless, the combined remote and in-country presence allowed for triangulation and verification. The report could have provided more details on the data sets that were "further examined" following several exchanges with WFP as part of assessing the availability and reliability of CSP monitoring data.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS Rating Satisfactory

The evaluation addresses all of the posed evaluation questions and sub-questions in a clear and structured fashion. The quality of findings (in terms of their clarity, and the extent to which they provide clear answers to the questions and are supported by evidence) is consistently high. Supporting evidence is presented transparently and clearly, with sources presented for all findings, and using an objective and balanced tone. However, more details relating to the perspectives of community leaders and beneficiaries could have usefully been referenced. It is clear that many KIIs and FGDs with community members were conducted, however their voices are not highlighted through the findings narrative.

CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The conclusions reflect both strengths and weaknesses of the CSP and its implementation, do not introduce any new information not found in the findings, and include reflections on gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) and broader equity and inclusion dimensions. However, the conclusions could have been strengthened with a bit more attention to the implicit/explicit logic of the CSP, and its relation to the relevant SDGs.

CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The report offers five relevant, realistic and actionable recommendations, with sub-recommendations, that are prioritized, include timeframes for action, and identify responsible actors. The recommendations logically derive from the evaluation findings and conclusions and emphasize actions to improve GEWE and accountability to affected populations in future CSP implementation, taking into account the humanitarian context within which WFP operates in Nigeria.

CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The report meets all WFP requirements with excellence. It uses clear language, provides sufficient detail, highlights quantitative data with visual tables, figures and graphs, and captures key findings in bolded text boxes. However, the report slightly exceeds WFP's maximum length requirement.

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: 8 points

Gender equality and women's empowerment are mainstreamed in the evaluation framework and methodology. The commitment to addressing GEWE and protection is evident throughout the report. The mixed methods approach was appropriate to evaluating GEWE considerations, recognizing cultural biases, achieving a balance of respondents, seeking out women beneficiary groups, and attempting to analyse outcomes from a women's perspective. It ensured the collection of sex-disaggregated data. A diverse range of data sources and processes was employed, and ethical guidelines were adhered to throughout the evaluation. The evaluation report findings include data analysis that triangulates the voices of different groups. However, there is limited detail related to FGD responses through the report or where perspectives may have differed by sex, age, or location. The evaluation provides detailed recommendations related to GEWE. However, the report does not explicitly present any unanticipated effects of the CSP, including on human rights and gender equality.

POST HOC QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF WFP EVALUATIONS

Post Hoc Quality Assessment - Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.
Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : Evaluation users can rely on the quality and credible evaluation findings provided and can use it with confidence for decision-making.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Partly Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Unsatisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.