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Internal Audit of Information Technology Asset Management in WFP (AR/23/01)

Management Comments

WFP Management appreciates and welcomes the audit observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report AR/23/01 on the Internal Audit of Information Technology Asset Management in WFP. The audit covered the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022.

WFP Management further welcomes OIGA's recognition of the efforts undertaken by management to strengthen the governance, oversight, accountability, internal controls, efficiency, and effectiveness of assets management, including IT assets, by issuing November 2021 a corporate directive to guide asset management's functional and geographic decentralization, implementing previous agreed actions made by OIGA and the external auditors.

WFP Management acknowledges the overall audit conclusion of "some improvement needed" and is fully committed to implementing the fourteen (14) agreed actions on the five medium-priority observations within the prescribed timeline as indicated in the audit report. WFP Management will undertake regular reviews of the implementation of these agreed actions and provide updates through the R2, WFP's system, for the monitoring of the implementation of agreed oversight actions. WFP Management would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General for its constructive engagement and collaborative support and will ensure that the agreed actions articulated in the audit report AR/23/01 will serve as a valuable instrument to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness in the management of WFP assets.