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Management Response from WFP to the recommendations of Synthesis of Evaluation Series on School Feeding in Emergencies in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Niger and Syria (2015-2019)

1. This document presents the management response to the recommendations of the Synthesis of the Evaluation Series on School Feeding in Emergencies in DRC, Niger, Syria and Lebanon.
2. The evaluation, which was commissioned by School Based Programmes Division and synthesises findings from the WFP evaluation series on School Feeding in Emergencies (SF-E) in the four countries that received funding for SF-E activities from a multi-year Canadian contribution to WFP: Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC – focus on North Kivu region, covering 2015 - 2019), Lebanon (covering 2016 – 2019), Niger (focus on Diffa region, covering 2015-2019) and Syria (covering 2014 – 2019). The evaluation series has been commissioned by the WFP School-Based Programmes (SBP) Unit in Rome. It was financed with resources from the same multi-year Canadian contribution to WFP that also covered the costs of the SF-E activities in the last few years of the evaluation period. Its findings are meant to strengthen the global evidence base on SF-E and support WFP in complementing its School Feeding Strategy with specific guidance on school feeding in crisis and humanitarian settings
3. The evaluation made 5 key recommendations with actions. The matrix sets out whether WFP agrees, partially agrees or disagrees with the recommendations. It presents the planned (or taken) actions, responsibilities and timelines.

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Priority: High Recommendation 1: Update and sharpen the conceptual and operational framework and guidance for SF-E	SBP	Agreed	1.1 WFP will conduct a desk review on evidence on SF-E	SBP Programme with support from the MEAL unit	May 2023
			1.2 WFP will develop a conceptual and operational framework	SBP Programme with support from the MEAL unit	December 2023
			1.3 Guidance, building on the conceptual framework, will be drafted, to enhance School Feeding in context 1 countries i.e. crisis or humanitarian settings and integrated into the Programme Guidance Manual	SBP Programme	December 2023

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Priority: Medium Recommendation 2: Revise and differentiate the targeting principles and process for SF-E	SBP	Agreed	2.1 WFP will draft targeting principles and process in support of the project’s objectives	SBP Programme, with support of RAM	May 2023
Priority: Medium Recommendation 3: Ensure strong senior and technical presence of WFP in humanitarian/emergency response forums (education, health, social protection)	SBP Partnerships	Agreed	3.1 WFP to join global board of GPE	SBP Partnerships	May 2023
			3.2 WFP to continue to build strong working relations with GEC and ECW	SBP Partnerships	May 2023
			3.3 WFP will work with ODI/IDS on shock responsive safety nets	PRO-S and SBP	December 2023
			3.4 WFP will participate in Sahel regional response	SBP and PRO-T	December 2023

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			plan to mitigate anticipated migration through school feeding as a social safety net		
Priority: high Recommendation 4: Ensure the integration of SF-E in wider support packages together with humanitarian partners	SBP Programme	Agreed	4.1 WFP is committed to delivering an integrated package of support and has already been delivering SF programmes in partnership with UNICEF. Pending funding availability, WFP will endeavour to deliver more integrated and/or expand school feeding programmes, as per the School Feeding Strategy	SBP Programme	May 2023

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			4.2 WFP is continually seeking partnerships and funding for these joint programmes in order to ensure that school children benefit from an integrated package	SBP	May 2023, Ongoing
Priority: Recommendation 5: Provide guidance on pursuing connectedness of SF-E to government-owned SF programmes and social protection more broadly	SBP Programme	Agreed	5.1 WFP will continue to engage with humanitarian actors through the cluster approach to improve coordination 5.2 WFP will draft specific guidance on how to improve connectedness	SBP Programme	May 2023, Ongoing December 2023, Ongoing

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			<p>of school feeding to government-owned school feeding programmes, and will include this guidance in the overall guidance on school feeding in crisis and humanitarian contexts</p>		