

Management Response from WFP Nepal Office to the recommendations of the decentralized endline evaluation of the Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal (2018-2022)



1. This document, finalized in October 2023, presents the management response to the recommendations from the evaluation of the Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Production and Food Security in the Karnali Region of Nepal (CAFS Karnali) programme.
2. The evaluation, which was commissioned by WFP Nepal Country Office and undertaken by Centre for Natural Resources Analysis, Management, Training and Policy Research (NARMA Consultancy) covers the period from October 2018 to October 2022. All activities and processes related to the project formulation, implementation, resourcing, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting relevant to answer the evaluation questions have been covered in the evaluation. The evaluation serves the dual purpose of accountability and learning as well as informing evidence-based decision making.
3. The evaluation came up with three key recommendations along with [10] actions. The matrix below sets out whether WFP agrees, partially agrees or disagrees with the recommendations and sub-recommendations. It presents the planned (or taken) actions, responsibilities, and timelines.

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Priority: High Recommendation 1: Carry out follow-up actions to sustain the good results and initiatives of the CAFS-Karnali					
<i>1.1. Share the project lessons with the LGs and development partners working on climate resilience sector</i>	CO- Programme	Agreed	Coordinate with and mobilize the former cooperating partners of the project (as they are local NGOs and have been implementing other programmes in the same geographic areas) who had implemented the CAFS-Karnali project to disseminate the project lessons learned with the local government and other development partners and WFP field staff will coordinate as necessary.	WFP Programme Unit	July 2024
<i>1.2. Advocate and coordinate with newly elected LGs to continuously mainstream and integrate LAPA in local planning process and sectoral plans</i>	CO- Programme	Agreed	Coordinate with and mobilize the former cooperating partners of the project (as they are local NGOs and have been implementing other programmes in the same geographic areas) who had implemented the CAFS-Karnali project to advocate with the local governments for mainstreaming of LAPA into the planning process and provide necessary technical support/guidance as well.	WFP Programme Unit	July 2024
<i>1.3. Advocate with LGs and monitor the sustainable utilization of the major community assets created, such as CSC building, lift irrigation scheme, drinking water scheme,</i>	CO- Programme	Agreed	WFP and former Cooperating Partners will further follow up for the continued operation of the fund for the sustainability of the constructed assets.	WFP Programme Unit	Dec 2024

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<i>community seed banks, irrigation schemes with continued operationalization of repair and maintenance fund</i>					
<p>Priority: High</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Support the government design designing climate change adaptation projects and mobilize additional climate financing including the second-national project for Adaptation Fund (to access the remaining country cap funding) that can scale-up the best practices of the project and maximize effectiveness achieved during CAFS-Karnali project, and including other LGs that make a part of the same subwater shed or water shed. This recommendation and the next aim to support the government in their design of climate change adaptation projects and mobilize additional climate financing. Actions are conditioned to the materialization of future projects within the timeline of the Country Strategic Plan. Specific actions and implementation will be defined as and when new projects are confirmed.</p>					
<i>2.1. Formulate a resilience plan at the sub-watershed level/ catchment level while synchronizing with the administrative boundaries at the local level in relevant future projects</i>	CO- Programme	Agreed	WFP will consider this during the planning and implementation of relevant future climate change adaptation projects.	WFP CO, Programme Unit	December 2028
<i>2.2. Undertake capacity assessment of LGs on implementation of LAPA, including policy options for reforms</i>	CO- Programme	Agreed	WFP will consider this while implementing the relevant future climate change adaptation projects.	WFP CO, Programme Unit	December 2028

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<p>2.3. Formulate or cause to formulate project design in such a way that the last six months of the project period be utilized for correcting any tasks remaining to sustain the created infrastructures, community assets or capacity building, and for sharing and validating project's good practices and lessons learned. No new activities should be allowed to undertake in the last six months of the project period.</p>	<p>CO- Programme</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>WFP will consider this while preparing the project proposals and determining the project duration for the relevant future climate change adaptation.</p>	<p>WFP CO, Programme Unit</p>	<p>December 2025</p>
<p>2.4. Ensure that the project implementation unit is established close or at periphery to the project targeted area</p>	<p>CO- Programme</p>	<p>Agreed</p>	<p>WFP will consider this while implementing the relevant future climate change adaptation projects, in consultation with the government.</p>	<p>WFP CO, Programme Unit</p>	<p>December 2028</p>
<p>Priority: High</p> <p>Recommendation 3: Establish a mechanism represented by all key stakeholders of the project to define, analyse, and track and track project key result indicators periodically; and to keep project management updated in relevant future projects.</p>					

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3.1. Build the capacity of project managing team on resultsbased monitoring and evaluation system and annual plan preparation aligning with project results before the project kick-off	CO- Programme and RAM	Agreed	WFP will consider this while implementing the relevant future climate change adaptation projects.	WFP CO, Programme Unit and M&E (RAM) Unit	December 2028
3.2. Support project team in preparing result-based monitoring plan of the project, including resource allocation for it.	CO- Programme and RAM	Agreed	WFP will consider this while implementing the relevant future climate change adaptation projects.	WFP CO, Programme Unit and M&E (RAM) Unit	December 2028
3.3. Conduct annual performance review of the project focusing on the result indicators for tracking progresses and take adaptive strategies.	CO- Programme and RAM	Agreed	WFP will consider this while implementing the relevant future climate change adaptation projects.	WFP CO, Programme Unit and M&E (RAM) Unit	December 2028