

Evaluation title	Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM à Madagascar 2019-2023	
Evaluation category and type	Centralized – Country Strategic Plan	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory: 84%	
<p>The evaluation report of the WFP Madagascar Country Strategic Plan (CSP) is a satisfactory report whose findings can be used with confidence. The context section includes relevant information, but it does not identify key policies that have been put in place to address human rights and gender equality issues. A good overview of the CSP is provided (including its objectives, focus, budget by outcome areas, and beneficiaries, as well as of key strategic shifts that were implemented in line with the major contextual changes in the country), but the evaluation scope is missing. Methodological approaches are well described, along with various data collection and analysis methods. Findings answer all evaluation questions and are generally presented in a transparent manner, balancing the positive and negative aspects of the CSP's performance. Moreover, they provide a good assessment of WFP's delivery of outputs and their contributions to the CSP's strategic outcome results, as well as of the CSP's performance on cross-cutting and other analytical dimensions of the evaluation. The report includes nine conclusions, which could have been improved by consistently identifying implications of the findings for the future of the CSP and by reflecting Gender equality and women empowerment (GEWE) and wider inclusion aspects. Recommendations are feasible and aligned with findings but, like the conclusions, could have reflected GEWE and broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Highly satisfactory
<p>The summary evaluation report briefly introduces most evaluation features, the context and subject of the evaluation, as well as the approach and methodology adopted by the evaluation. Findings and conclusions are well summarized, and recommendations are reproduced in the summary evaluation report as presented in the main report. Specific conclusions on GEWE-related issues could have been added to the executive summary.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Highly satisfactory
<p>Madagascar's context is well discussed, with sufficient information on relevant national policies and frameworks in relation to the SDGs (e.g., on nutrition and agriculture), as well as on the situation of violence against women in the country. The objectives, focus, budget, and beneficiaries of the CSP are well described. The evolution of the CSP, including the key shifts that were implemented in line with the major contextual changes in the country, is adequately discussed. The report could have been improved by referring to the 2016 and 2021 Madagascar Voluntary National Review (VNR) Reports and by discussing how the CSP integrated wider inclusion dimensions.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The aim, objectives (accountability and learning), main users and stakeholders of the evaluation are clearly outlined in the report. Despite brief reference to the geographic areas visited for observations that is in the methodology description, the evaluation report could have briefly and clearly discussed all aspects of the scope of the evaluation.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report describes methodological approaches (utilization-focused, consultative, and mixed methods) that were followed, along with various data collection and analysis methods. A detailed evaluation matrix is provided, structured around the main evaluation questions, with questions on GEWE aspects. The report could have been improved by informing whether sufficient data was collected on specific results indicators measuring progress on human rights, gender equality and broader equity and inclusion dimensions. Finally, changes made to the evaluation questions proposed in the evaluation terms of reference should have been clarified.</p>		

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>Evaluation findings provide answers to all evaluation questions and are generally presented in a transparent manner, balancing the positive and negative aspects of the CSP's performance. They provide a good assessment of WFP's delivery of outputs and their contributions to the CSP's five strategic outcome results and assess actual versus planned results. An analysis of CSP's performance in terms of cross-cutting and other dimensions (gender equality, protection, and accountability to affected populations, humanitarian principles, etc.) is also provided. Findings could have discussed other effects/benefits, negative and positive, produced by WFP interventions which were not intended.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report includes nine conclusions, drawing on evidence presented in the main body of the report. Conclusions could have been improved by consistently identifying implications of the findings for the future of the CSP and by reflecting GEWE and wider inclusion aspects. A robust reflection on the CSP's theory of change and underlying assumptions could have been included.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>Evaluation recommendations flow logically from the findings and conclusions, are feasible, and include concrete steps and/or actions that should be undertaken to implement them. Moreover, they are categorized into strategic and operational recommendations, their level of priority is highlighted (high/medium), and they include a timeline for action. However, recommendations could have reflected GEWE and broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report is well written, uses professional language and follows WFP structure for CSP evaluations. The report effectively uses visual aids, such as maps, tables, graphs, to complement the information provided in the narrative. However, the report exceeds WFP maximum length requirements for reports written in French.</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
<p>GEWE aspects are integrated in the evaluation framework, notably through the inclusion of an objective that covers GEWE dimensions, of GEWE as one of the evaluation's analytical dimensions, and of specific GEWE-related questions in the evaluation matrix. The report could have informed whether sufficient data was collected on specific results indicators as to measure progress on human rights and gender equality results as well as broader equity and inclusion dimensions. During data collection, the evaluation team ensured a fair selection of informants (including from beneficiaries) and representation of the two sexes. The report could have been improved by discussing relevant policies to address human rights and gender equality issues, and by identifying negative or positive unanticipated effects on human rights and gender equality. Recommendations do not address GEWE issues and broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>	

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