Evaluation title	Evaluation of Mozambique Gender Transformative and Nutrition Sensitive (GTNS) Project (2019 to 2023)
Evaluation category and type	Decentralized – Activity
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 98%

The Evaluation of the Mozambique Gender Transformative and Nutrition Sensitive (GTNS) Project (2019 to 2023) constitutes a highly satisfactory report that evaluation users can rely on with a high degree of confidence. The report clearly summarizes the evaluation purpose and rationale, as well as relevant information on internal and external contextual developments during the evaluation period. A major strength of the report are its findings which draw on a range of data sources and methods of data collection, including extensive multi-stakeholder consultations. The findings effectively address all evaluation questions and sub-questions mainstreaming gender equality and women empowerment (GEWE) and wider equity dimensions. Evidence throughout is presented appropriately and clearly with data and quotes sourced correctly. The report formulates a set of succinct, clear, and well-organized conclusions which draw on the findings and discuss their strategic implications for Mozambique WFP programmes. The six recommendations are clearly linked with the report's findings and conclusions and well aligned with the evaluation purpose and objectives. They are also internally consistent and strike a good balance between being specific and detailed, leaving users space to adjust their implementation as needed. The report uses clear, understandable language and a range of figures, tables, and charts. While the executive summary captures many important elements of the main report, the evaluation conclusions and recommendations are not clearly summarized. Moreover, there are no lessons learned identified in the report summary, despite relevant lessons identified in the main report.

CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY

Rating

Partly Satisfactory

The executive summary of the evaluation report provides a clear, succinct overview of the evaluation features and includes the evaluation purpose, main objective, primary users, context, overarching questions, methodology, limitations, and an overview of the subject of the evaluation. Key findings presented in the report summary cover all evaluation questions. The findings are categorized under specific sub-headings. However, the evaluation conclusions and recommendations are not summarized but are simply a copy and paste from the main report. The executive summary of the report could also have included key elements of learning.

CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The report and annexes generally provide a clear overview of the GTNS as the evaluation subject. It includes the expected results (outputs and outcomes) that are clear, logical, and congruent to the needs identified in the GTNS design document. The outcome and output indicators include a good analysis of gender differences. The report could have been improved by adding beneficiary numbers disaggregated by sex and age and also planned and actual transfers disaggregated by year and activity.

CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE

Rating

Satisfactory

The report outlines the main objective of the final evaluation which is to appraise the performance and outcomes attained through the GTNS project across 49 villages in the Chemba district, spanning from October 2019 to June 2023. The report clearly outlines the evaluation's dual objectives of accountability and learning. The evaluation does not include a specific objective on GEWE and human rights dimensions, although GEWE is mainstreamed in the evaluation framework. Human rights are not significantly considered.

CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The evaluation employed a mixed approach, combining quantitative and qualitative methods through a sequential design. This approach included an analysis of secondary data, the endline household survey, qualitative interviews and focal group discussions. This enabled a comprehensive support of the evaluation findings for each question through triangulation. The methods and sampling frame address the diversity of stakeholders particularly the most vulnerable, including women, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women. Other stakeholders include smallholder farmers in rain-fed systems. The evaluation matrix includes sub-questions and lines of inquiry, indicators, and data sources explicitly focused on collecting GEWE-related data as well as equity and inclusion-related concerns. Limitations encountered and mitigation strategies used are noted. There are no major weaknesses in the report's methodology section.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS Rating Highly Satisfactory

The report includes a very strong findings section. They are evidence-based and address and provide information on all the evaluation questions and sub-questions in a well-organized style. The findings discuss WFP contributions to results in a fair manner where positive and negative findings are brought forward in a balanced way. The evaluation report presents the voices of diverse stakeholders from inside and outside WFP which helps to demonstrate how findings emerged from triangulated data. The findings draw on previous studies and evaluations. The report provides a detailed summary of progress made by GTNS and WFP in carrying out planned activities and meeting output and outcome targets in Mozambique. There are no major weaknesses in the report findings.

CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The conclusions synthesize evaluation findings, noting both strengths and weaknesses of the GTNS project and its implementation, all of which logically flow from the findings. GEWE was mainstreamed in the evaluation framework and the conclusions represent GEWE, inclusion and equity findings reported across the evaluation criteria and questions. There are no notable weaknesses in the conclusions.

CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The evaluation makes six actionable and realistic recommendations that logically flow from the evaluation findings and conclusions. The recommendations are prioritized, have a specific timeframe for action, and are logically grouped. There are no significant weaknesses in the report's recommendations.

CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The report mostly follows the WFP template for decentralized evaluations, includes all the mandated annexes and is clearly structured. It is written in clear and professional language with good use of visual aids including figures and tables. The report provides sources for all data and quotes and effectively uses cross-references between sections. The report is within the word limit. There are no significant weaknesses in the report's accessibility and clarity.

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

GEWE is mainstreamed effectively in the scope of analysis and across the evaluation criteria and questions. While there is no standalone objective or criterion on GEWE and/or human rights, GEWE was mainstreamed in the evaluation framework. While there was a partial assessment of monitoring data related to women and girls is included in the report, evaluation questions and sub-questions ensured an assessment of how the intervention integrated GEWE. The findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the evaluation reflect gender analysis, providing lessons, challenges, and recommendations for enhancing gender-transformative programming.

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.