

Evaluation title	Evaluación del Plan estratégico para Colombia 2021-2024	
Evaluation category and type	Centralized - CSPE	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 92%	
<p>The Evaluation of the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for Colombia (2021-2024) is overall a high-quality document that observes WFP requirements and can effectively be used to inform decision-making. It provides a description of the national socioeconomic situation in Colombia, its demographic and territorial characteristics. The evaluation rationale is clearly described with the users and main stakeholders identified. A mixed-methods approach was used that combined document review, quantitative data analysis, key informant interviews, as well as interviews, observations and focus group discussions with beneficiaries. The report presents findings in a balanced, free of bias and addresses both the strengths and weaknesses of the CSP. However, it could have been strengthened by introducing a more detailed analysis of positive or negative unintended effects, particularly in relation to gender and human rights. The report presents conclusions that draw on the information presented across the findings and are pitched at a higher level of analysis. Conclusions address both CSP's strengths as well as areas for improvement. Recommendations are presented in a straightforward and actionable manner and are clearly derived from the evaluation findings and conclusions. However, recommendations should have better captured areas for improvement in relation to gender equality and women empowerment (GEWE), equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report summary presents a brief description of the most important elements of the CSPE including the evaluation rationale, its objectives, and the period covered. Well-summarized key findings are presented which are organized according to the four key questions that guided the evaluation. Conclusions capture the key messages. Finally, the six recommendations presented are the same as those presented in the main report in accordance with WFP requirements.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The context overview presents a description of the national socioeconomic situation in Colombia which includes demographic and territorial characteristics, and national development indices such as per capita gross domestic product, the Human Development Index, etc. The background section addresses some analysis of specific vulnerabilities in the Colombian population. There is a clear description of the current CSP and the one that preceded it (2017-2021). The report describes the strategic objectives of the CSP and includes the original theory of change (ToC) that identifies the CSP's expected outputs, outcomes, and cross-cutting results. It also details the intervention modalities of the CSP as well as its evolution and shifts. On the other hand, the overview should have more consistently provided sex-disaggregated data across indices and explicitly mentioned alignment between national policies and SDGs 2 or 17.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report presents the evaluation dual objectives of accountability and learning. Cross-cutting themes of gender, wider inclusion, accountability to affected populations and adherence to humanitarian principles were incorporated into the evaluation. The evaluation rationale is clearly described and the users and main stakeholders of the evaluation are outlined. The evaluation scope is clearly discussed in terms of temporal coverage, geographic extension and the dimensions assessed.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The methodology outlines the evaluability assessment that was conducted as part of this evaluation. Despite there not being a specific GEWE and/or human rights evaluation criterion, the collection of data related to these dimensions was mainstreamed through the evaluation questions and sub-questions. The mixed methods approach and systematic triangulation of the different sources and methods used were sound. Methodological limitations and ethical considerations are duly discussed.</p>		

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report presents both the strengths and weaknesses of the CSP in a balanced manner. Robust evidence is drawn from both primary and secondary sources to underpin the assertions made across the findings. All evaluation questions and most sub-questions are answered, and the report effectively describes how WFP's activities and outputs contributed to outcomes and higher-level results. Findings are based on information collected and triangulated from different sources. However, the section should have included an explicit discussion and analysis around the occurrence of unintended results, particularly those relating to human rights and gender equality.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report presents six conclusions that draw on the information presented in the findings section. They are pitched at a higher level of analysis and they address both the CSP's strengths, and areas for improvement. Additionally, they do not introduce information that was not presented and discussed in the findings section. Furthermore, a mapping of findings, conclusions and recommendations is included in the annexes. Conclusions address GEWE-related aspects and they comment on the validity of the CSP's explicit logic.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The report presents recommendations and sub-recommendations in a straightforward and actionable manner. They are clearly derived from the evaluation findings and conclusions. Recommendations are realistic and feasible and consider the implementation context. They target WFP's Country Office and the Regional Office for their implementation. All recommendations are classified as either strategic or operational, with their priority level and a deadline for implementation indicated.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation report observes most of the requirements in the WFP template for CSPEs and includes all of the required elements and lists. The report consistently cites sources for all data presented and data sources are explicitly mentioned and duly quoted while not compromising the identity of stakeholder participants. The report includes abundant visual aids that effectively complement the text. Key messages are highlighted using bold and colour boxes. However, the report should have been revised to correct a few grammatical and editing errors. Finally, the annexes should have been streamlined to comply with the maximum word count.</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: 8 points	
<p>Even though the evaluation did not include a specific objective related to human rights and gender equality, GEWE considerations were mainstreamed in the evaluation criteria through sub-questions and indicators. Moreover, a number of analysis dimensions are listed such as humanitarian principles, accountability towards affected populations, protection, including protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, gender, equity and inclusion, environment, etc. However, the report could have explained in further detail the ways in which the sampling strategy sought respondents reflecting different characteristics and perspectives. The background section addresses the specific vulnerabilities in the Colombian population. Findings include some sex-disaggregated data particularly regarding the numbers of projected and actually reached beneficiaries every programming year. On the other hand, there is no analysis of any unintended results relating to human rights and gender equality. Recommendations in general do not sufficiently address GEWE even though there are a number of findings and conclusions that touch upon these aspects. Finally, the report could have been strengthened by including an analysis of whether sufficient data was collected and available to measure progress on results regarding Human Rights, Gender Equality or broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>		

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