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### **Annex 1. Summary Terms of Reference**

#### 1. Background

1. These terms of reference (TOR) were prepared by the WFP Congo Country Office, with support from the WFP Regional Bureau for Southern Africa (RBJ), based upon an initial document review and consultation with stakeholders and following a standard template. The purpose of these terms of reference is to provide key information to stakeholders about the evaluation, to guide the evaluation team and to specify expectations during the various phases of the evaluation.

#### 1.1. Introduction

- 2. These terms of reference (TOR) are for the evaluation of WFP McGovern Dole School Feeding Programme in the Republic of Congo (RoC). This evaluation is commissioned by WFP Congo Country Office and will cover the period from 2021 to 2026.
- 3. The United States Department of Agriculture-Foreign Agricultural Services (USDA-FAS) awarded WFP Congo Country Office a total of US\$25 million to implement a 5-year McGovern-Dole school feeding program in the Republic of Congo, over the period from 2021-2026. The McGovern-Dole project aims to improve health and dietary practices through infrastructure improvements, alleviate short term hunger of school children through the provision of school meals, improve literacy capabilities of students and enhance school leadership capacity, through school feeding and related activities.
- 4. USA-produced agricultural commodities and financial assistance are provided through the programme to the WFP Congo Country office for the implementation of the programme.
- 5. The programme will also contribute to strengthening the Government and school communities' capacity to manage, and implement, a nutrition sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program (NSFP). Further details of the activities and objectives of the programme are provided in activities as outlined in section 3.1 of this TOR.
- 6. The programme covers the rural areas of seven (7) departments of the RoC, namely, Bouenza, Cuvette, Lekoumou, Likouala, Plateaux, Sangha and Pool. The programme will reach 65,000 students equally distributed between girls and boys in 354 primary schools across the thirty-eight (38) districts in Congo. The 354 primary schools were part of the McGovern Dole 2017-2022 cycle.
- 7. This TOR is informed and guided by the WFP's evaluation policy and the USDA's monitoring and evaluation policy. The evaluation is expected to follow and meet the standards and requirements of these policies where applicable and appropriate.

#### 1.2 Context

- 8. **Politics: RoC** was ruled by President Denis Sassou Nguesso between 1979 and 1992. Since 1997, he has led the country again, winning all elections since 2002 and most recently in March 2021. The government of Prime Minister Anatole Collinet Makosso is composed of 37 ministers and is focused on institutional, economic, and financial governance, as well as social and solidarity-based governance.<sup>1</sup>
- 9. **Macro Environment:** RoC has a population of approximately 5.61 million people. According to the World Bank, 56 percent of the population in the RoC is under the age of 20, and most of the population lives in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire cities.<sup>2</sup> The country is a mineral resource rich country with resources such as oil and timber. The most significant contributor to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) is oil exports, which accounts for more than half of the government's revenues and more than 80 percent of export earnings.<sup>3</sup> RoC's economy has also been affected by the more recent downward trend in oil prices owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the World Bank, the lower middle-income country's economic situation continues to deteriorate, as evidenced by the 7 percent contraction of its Real GDP in 2020, and a further decline of 0.1 percent is projected for the current year, 2021.<sup>4</sup>
- 10. **Poverty (SDG 1) and Food insecurity (SDG 2):** RoC remains plagued by poverty and food insecurity. According to the Human development index (HDI) country rankings, developed by the United Nations to

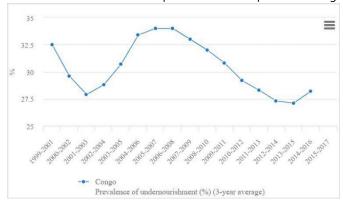
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Republic of Congo – Global view|WorldBand

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Republic of the Congo Overview: Development news, research, data | World Bank

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Republic of the Congo Overview: Development news, research, data | World Bank

measure people's capabilities, the Republic of Congo ranks poorly<sup>5</sup>. The Country also suffers from uneven income distribution as reflected by a Gini coefficient of 0.43. Approximately 48 percent of its nationals live on less than US\$1.25 per day.<sup>6</sup> The RoC's global hunger index places it at a serious hunger level, at a score of 30.3 in 2021.<sup>7</sup> More than 14 percent of the Republic of Congo's population remains food insecure, and its food



production remains below the national requirements.<sup>8</sup> The country's food production barely covers 30 percent of the population's food requirements. Most of the country's food is imported.

11. **Nutrition and Health:** The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) provides certain health and nutrition indicators for the Republic of Congo in 2015. According to the MICS (2015)<sup>9</sup>, the severe acute malnutrition rate is 2.6 percent, with global acute malnutrition recorded at 8.2 percent, stunting at 21.2 percent and underweight at 12.3 percent. Women bear the

brunt of malnutrition and clinical vitamin A deficiency at recorded rates of 12 percent and 8 percent respectively. The 8 percent of women suffering from clinical vitamin A deficiency also reported night blindness during their most recent pregnancy. About 7 out of every 10 pregnant women suffer from iron and folic deficiencies in the RoC. HIV and Aids prevalence is slightly higher in urban areas, at 3.3 percent, than in rural areas where it's recorded at 2.8 percent.

- 12. **WFP operations in the Republic of Congo:** WFP operations are implemented through the Country Strategic Plan (CSP 2019-2024), which is aligned with the National Development Plan (NDP 2018-2022 and 2022-2026)<sup>10</sup> and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF 2020-2024)<sup>11</sup> as follows: (1) WFP's crisis response and rapid recovery activities will support the national commitment of protecting the most vulnerable, will contribute to the harmonization of humanitarian efforts (UNDAF Outcome 1) and help crisis-affected communities move to build resilience (UNDAF Result 4); (2) The school feeding program, in collaboration with UNICEF and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will help expand access to quality education in support of the first pillar of Outcome 2 of the NDP and UNDAF; (3) In collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), WFP will promote sustainable agricultural techniques and advocate for risk management and (4) By investing increasingly in the building of national capacities for better social protection systems, emergency preparedness, crisis response and agricultural planning, WFP will reinforce its support for all NDP pillars and for UNDAF outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Country Strategic Plan (CSP) evaluation will take place early 2023 and use the result of the McGovern-Dole baseline evaluation to inform the school feeding program activities (Outcome 2).
- 13. WFP's strategy in Congo is to empower people and communities and help the government fight zero hunger by 2030. The CSP will contribute mainly to SDG 2 on the fight against hunger and SDG 17 on the Partnership for Sustainable Development and other SDGs related to health, education, gender equality, climate change and sustainability. WFP's activities have been designed to ensure that, by the end of the CSP period, the Congolese population will have greater opportunities to lift themselves out of poverty and hunger in a sustainable way, to raise awareness of improved practices and reduce gender disparities and social problems. The implementation of the strategy contributes to achieving the United Nations' shared vision of greater justice, greater stability and strengthened institutions by 2030.
- 14. WFP focuses on assisting people vulnerable to food insecurity, including refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, indigenous people, people living in urban areas who have been impacted by the economic consequences of COVID-19, and flood-affected populations. According to one of WFP studies<sup>12,</sup> the prevalence of food insecurity among the indigenous households surveyed in five departments is nearly 46 percent (45.90 percent.)" compared to 31 percent for the rest of the population. The report also concluded that: "limited"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> WFP Republic of Congo Country Brief, August 2021 - Congo | Relief Web

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid.

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  https://www.globalhungerindex.org/congo.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> WFP Republic of Congo Country Brief, August 2021 - Congo | Relief Web

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> MICS 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> A new National Development Plan 2022-2026 was adopted by the government in the first quarter of 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The UNDAF 2020-2024 is in the process of being revised to align with the new NDP 2022-2026

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 12}$  Study on the food and nutritional situation of Indigenous people in the Congo

- economic opportunities are an important factor impeding access to adequate food among indigenous peoples in five departments in RoC. Key constraints to the economic development of the surveyed indigenous groups include limited investment funds, the loss or lack of resources to engage in food production and other livelihood activities,
- 15. RoC is experiencing climate change effects with flooding becoming more recurrent. For the last three years, the northern part of the country faced massive floods due to torrential rains. Floods affected the agricultural land in the Likouala, Plateaux, Sangha and Cuvette Departments, impacting 80 percent of the crops that farmers were expecting to harvest in March.
- 16. WFP aims to enhance human capital in the RoC by supporting the development and implementation of national social protection mechanisms. WFP worked with relevant Ministries and partners at the national, district and community levels to ensure that social protection interventions were effective, equitable and sustained by sound data and technologies.
- 17. In alignment with the Government's rural development priorities, WFP invests in strengthening the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, improving their access to markets, their financial inclusion and integration within the food value chain
- 18. **Donors and Aid:** The McGovern-Dole project implementation and evaluation are funded by the USDA-FAS through an award of US\$25 million.
- 19. The RoC has benefitted from the support of various international and domestic donors, for various projects, including the Government of the Republic of Congo. The main donors include: The Adaptation fund, Canada, the European Union, France, the Global Partnership of Education, Germany, IBSA fund, People's Republic of China, Japan, Mastercard, Republic of Congo, the SDG fund, Share the Meal, United States of America, and the WFP Innovator Accelerator.
- 20. **Government policies and priorities:** The government's main development priorities are set out in the National Development Plan (NDP 2018-2022 and 2022-2026), which includes plans to achieve all the government's sustainable development goals, with an emphasis on education, economic diversification through agriculture, and the opportunities offered by digital transformation enabling innovation. The UNDAF (2020-2024) identifies the Sustainable Development Goal 2 on Zero Hunger and 17 on Partnerships as fundamental drivers of long-term, sustainable development in the Republic of Congo.
- 21. As a member of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement, the RoC adopted the strategic framework to combat malnutrition in October 2013. The inter-ministerial initiative "Congolese to feed the Congolese" linking school food to local agricultural production was developed in 2012 with the assistance of WFP.
- 22. **School Feeding Policy Framework:** Following the national capacity assessment and planning workshop on school feeding, in 2014, which provided for the diagnosis of national capacities in school nutrition, the RoC conducted a Systems Approach for Better Education Results (SABER). The SABER produced a strategy for the development of school feeding in the country. In 2016, with support from WFP, Congo developed and adopted a new national school feeding policy (NSFP). Setting up the necessary structures to support the policy implementation remains a major challenge for the Country.
- 23. **Gender**: RoC is no exception to the pervasive and detrimental effects of gender disparity and inequality that is prevalent in the region. Despite laws guaranteeing gender equality, the ratification of international instruments and the creation of a specific ministry, women in Congo continue to suffer legal and practical discrimination and inequalities and the country does not yet have a policy against gender-based violence.<sup>13</sup> The country scores 0.617 on the Gender Inequality Index and there are significant legal and policy gaps relating to issues of gender protection. Women have limited access to education, limited participation in the labour market, vulnerability to pregnancy related deaths, and high adolescent birth rates. In Congo, there are approximately 885,160 households of which 24.2 percent are households headed by women while households headed by men account for 75.8 percent. Households headed by women constitute a part of the vulnerable social groups since women have generally fewer rights, less access to information and resources because of a patriarchal system that relegates them to second class citizens.<sup>14</sup>
- 24. **Covid-19**: The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed deep-seated inequalities and significant gaps in social protection coverage, highlighting the structural weaknesses of the Congolese socio-economic system and the country's capacity to deal with emergencies. By the end of 2021, RoC recorded 19,179 cases of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. Although the national vaccination plan has progressed over the past months, the population remains highly resistant, with only 583,609 people (about 10 percent) fully vaccinated [5]. COVID

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> WFP/EB.2/2014/7/3 COUNTRY PROGRAMME THE CONGO 200648 (2015–2018), page 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Symphorien, N., & Georgievna, B. (2019). Social Housing for Women Heads of Household in Congo Brazzaville. *Open Journal of Social Sciences*, 383-396.

- -19 has impacted school learning as Government decided to close schools as part of their COVID-19 containment measures. In RoC COVID-19 response for the education sector, WFP positioned school canteens as a key factor for the return of students to schools, especially girls.
- 25. Measures to limit the spread of the pandemic, such as social distancing, curfews and travel restrictions, impacted formal and informal market activities, causing income losses for many households. These negative effects are more pronounced for the vulnerable populations living in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire's urban and peri-urban areas, as most of these people derive their income from informal activities. Due to the relatively higher proportion of their resources devoted to food, food price increases resulting from trade disruptions and market restrictions added an additional burden on many poor households. In 2021, the price increase was particularly significant, increasing up to 7.4 percent in August 2021. WFP estimates that the number of food insecure people in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire increased from 150,000 in 2020 to 700,000 in 2021.
- 26. COVID-19 has also severely affected the distribution and consumption of food products. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the food value chain suffered severe constraints in getting products to consumer markets in 2020 and 2021.

### **Annex 2. Preliminary Gender Analysis**

#### **Overall context**

- 27. The Republic of Congo (RoC) holds many legal instruments to ensure women and girls' rights. Internationally, the country has ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in 1982, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Maputo Protocol.
- 28. The country's Constitution (2015) enshrines equality between women and men. <sup>15</sup> In 1998, RoC ratified ILO Convention No. 100 concerning equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal value. In the sphere of women's political leadership, the country has adopted a national gender policy in 2016 and a national program to promote female leadership in politics and public life for the period 2017-2021 that support the electoral law of 2007 and 2014, which includes quotas for women (15% in the National Assembly and in the Senate) and 20% in local elections. The electoral law of 2014 extends these quotas to local elections (30%). <sup>16</sup>
- 29. Regarding education, equal access for girls and boys to education is ensured in Act N. 25-95, including the right of pregnant girls to continue going to school during pregnancy and after childbirth.<sup>17</sup> Law No. 5-2011 (Indigenous Rights Law) provides for the specific health needs of indigenous women and children to be taken into account.<sup>18</sup>
- 30. Recently, it has been approved a law on land ownership rights (Law No. 21-2018) to ensure equal access to land to women and men.<sup>19</sup>
- 31. Although gender equality is legally guaranteed in the above. mentioned documents, when it comes to family law, women and girls still face some legal barriers towards equality. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women's periodic review of the RoC (2018) <sup>20</sup> has pointed out many discriminatory provisions in the Family Code and Penal Code relating to harmful practices in regard to marriage and family, including: allowing pre-marriage before 18 year of age (cohabitation), difference on the minimum age of marriage (18 for women and 21 for men), the right of the husband to choose the residence in the absence of a mutual agreement, lawfulness of male polygamy, giving parental authority to the father, disproportional sanctions for adultery, and the requisition of a waiting period for women to remarry after divorce. There is an effort to reform the Family Code, however, this process has not yet been concluded. Violence A brand-new law (Law Mouebara No. 19-2022) has been enacted on protection and multidisciplinary response to violence against women and girls.<sup>21</sup>
- 32. Political action has led to legislative advances, but these have had little positive impact on the daily lives of Congolese women. Paid and inefficient public services contribute to the vulnerability of Congolese women, who are forced to turn to customary practices that involve many forms of discrimination against women. Some traditions that are still in progress legitimize humiliating and violent practices.<sup>22</sup>
- 33. The national machinery for the advancement of women is in place. RoC has a Ministry for the Advancement of Women and the Integration of Women in Development, which acts in the three

<sup>15</sup>https://www.unesco.org/education/edurights/media/docs/92f778ee582de4ac6e66b684f60ec92e94f1afde.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> European Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>http://docstore.ohchr.org/SelfServices/FilesHandler.ashx?enc=6QkG1d%2FPPRiCAqhKb7yhsoVqDbaslinb8oXgzpEhivgUd9ucN 2AlcNKhnE2G297Nrl8mLTEl8r2lOQqFlBxol%2Bv3T3CNR25fqPW3jqMeX8c%2FpHhR0UZaWjqNlS578jkA

<sup>18</sup> https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/Documents/Issues/IPeoples/SR/A-HRC-18-35-Add5\_en.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> https://leap.unep.org/countries/cg/national-legislation/loi-ndeg-21-2018-du-21-2018-du-13-juin-2018-fixant-les-regles

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: Congo, 14 April 2018, CEDAW/C/COG/Q/7/Add.1. Available at: <a href="https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/258/87/PDF/N1825887.pdf?OpenElemen">https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/258/87/PDF/N1825887.pdf?OpenElemen</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://www.sgg.cg/JO/2022/congo-jo-2022-20.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Commission Européenne (2021). Plan d'action sur l'égalité entre les homme et les femme III – 2021-2025: Plan. De mise en oeuvre au niveu national – CLIP Republique du Congo

- main areas: equal opportunities, women's leadership and ending gender-based violence. Moreover, there are gender focal points within other Ministries.<sup>23</sup> A Women's Advisory Council is in place in the country. It is composed both by governmental representatives and civil society members. It has the prerogative of issuing opinion on women and girls' situation and presenting suggestions to the Government regarding women's promotion and development integration.<sup>24</sup>
- 34. The National Development Plan (PND) 2022-2026 is a pivotal strategic document defining the orientations of the RoC in terms of development and it recognizes that inequalities between women and men are an obstacle to development and sets a goal to improve the inclusion of women.<sup>25</sup> In the last years, RoC has also implemented an important policy, the National Gender Policy (2017-2021) and its Action Plan (2017-2021), which encompassed two programs: the National Program for the Promotion of Women's Leadership in Politics and in public life in the Republic of Congo (2017-2021) and the Action Plan for improving the protection of the rights of women living with HIV (2017-2021). There are other sectorial policies that target women and girls: pregnant and breastfeeding women receive special attention at the National Strategic Framework for the Fight Against Malnutrition in Congo Horizon 2025<sup>26</sup> and girls are exclusively target at the National Girls' Education Strategy<sup>27</sup> that is embedded at the wider Education Sector Strategy (2015-2025).
- 35. Lately, RoC also included in the national budget of a budget line devoted to the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment.<sup>28</sup> In 2020, based on surveys that indicated the high prevalence of sexual domestic violence, the country adopted a strategy to end gender-based violence, accompanied by an Action Plan for the period 2021-2025, which develops a cross-cutting approach and aims both to prevent the phenomenon, to penalize the perpetrators and to better take care of the victims.<sup>29</sup>
- 36. Despite significant gains in formal equality, gender inequality is rooted within the country and presented in many social, political, and economic indicators. The Republic of Congo (RoC) still holds the 153rd position out of 191 countries in Human Development Index 2021 (HDI), with the status of medium human development country. As stated at the table X below, RoC's Gender Development Index (GDI 2021) is 0,934, which means medium equality in HDI achievements between women and men, regarding life expectancy at birth, education, and command over economic resources. Women in RoC have higher life expectancy, however, have less years of schooling and earn less than men.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: Congo, 14 April 2018, CEDAW/C/COG/Q/7/Add.1. Available at: <a href="https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/258/87/PDF/N1825887.pdf?OpenElemen">https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N18/258/87/PDF/N1825887.pdf?OpenElemen</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/Con179654.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Commission Européenne (2021). Plan d'action sur l'égalité entre les homme et les femme III – 2021-2025: Plan. De mise en oeuvre au niveu national – CLIP Republique du Congo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Cadre Strategique de Lutte Contra la Malnutrition au Congo – Horizon 2025 – April, 2015. Available at: <a href="https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/con157341.pdf">https://faolex.fao.org/docs/pdf/con157341.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Stratégie Nationale de Scolarisation de la Fille en Republique du Congo. Available at: <a href="https://www.unicef.org/congo/media/591/file/STRATEGIE%20DE%20SCOLARISATION%20DE%20LA%20FILLE%20AU%20CONG">https://www.unicef.org/congo/media/591/file/STRATEGIE%20DE%20SCOLARISATION%20DE%20LA%20FILLE%20AU%20CONG</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> https://archive.uneca.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-documents/Beijing25/congo-beijing25 report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Commission Européenne (2021). Plan d'action sur l'égalité entre les homme et les femme III – 2021-2025: Plan. De mise en oeuvre au niveu national – CLIP Republique du Congo

Congo			
2021 GDI value			0,934
GDI change from 2020	)		-0,002
	Female	Male	Gender gap
HDI Value	0,552	0,590	-0,039
Life Expectancy at Birth	<b>64,9</b> years	<b>62,1</b> years	2,8 years
Expected Years of Schooling	<b>12,2</b> years	<b>12,4</b> years	-0,2 years
Mean Years of Schooling	5,6 years	6,8 years	-1,2 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (2017 PPP\$)	2.532	3.247	-715

Source: https://hdr.undp.org/gender-development-index#/indicies/GDI

37. Both women and men in RoC face many challenges regarding basic poverty indicators, especially in terms of severe food insecurity that reaches 86,2% of adult women and 88,7% of adult men.<sup>30</sup> Nonetheless, women in RoC are specially disadvantaged when it comes to reproductive health, empowerment, and the labor market. The Gender Inequality Index (GII 2021) ranks RoC in the 147th position out of 170 countries, due to the high rate of maternal mortality and adolescent birth, the low level of gender parity in parliament and the persistent inequality in secondary education and in the labor force participation.

2021 GII value	0,56
GII change from 2020	-0,00
Maternal Mortality Ratio	378,0 death/100,000 live birth
Adolescent Birth Rate	103,6 births/1,000 women age 15-1
	Female Male Gender ga
Share of seats in parliament	13,6% 86,4% -72,79
Population with at least some secondary education (age 25 and older)	48,0% 52,0% -4,09
Labour force participation rate (age 15 and older)	65,1% 67,6% -2,5%

Source: https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/thematic-composite-indices/gender-inequality-index#/indicies/GII

38. The literacy rate in RoC has been increasing and has reached 81% of the total population in 2021, according to World Bank database. Women are less literate than men. Amongst all women ages 15 and above, 75% of them are literate.<sup>31</sup> In terms of primary education, according to the Multiple Indicator Survey (MICS, 2015), 96% of children from 6 to 11 years-old were enrolled in primary education. From the total of children out of school, 3% were girls and 4% boys. However, the

<sup>30</sup> https://data.unwomen.org/country/congo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SE.ADT.1524.LT.MA.ZS?locations=CG

- enrollment of secondary education is much lower. Only 67% of adolescents (12 to 18 years old) attends secondary education. Residence in rural areas, the mother's low education and poverty contribute to children not attending school. High level of early marriage, adolescent pregnancy and the maintenance of traditional gender roles also plays a role in adolescents' attainment, as girls compose 57,9% of the total of adolescents out of school.<sup>32</sup> A third of women in RoC still marry early, which have a negative impact on school enrollment and attainment.<sup>33</sup>
- 39. In the political sphere, women are still underrepresented, although there has been a slight progress in terms of gender equity in political representation. In departmental and municipal councils, the percentage of women increased from 15.69% in 2014 to 22.02% in 2017. The percentage of women increased from 19.44% of the 2012-2017 legislature to 20.83% in that of 2017 to 2022. In the National Assembly, from the 13th to the 14th legislature, the percentage of women went from 8.75% to 11.25%. In 2017, there was 8 women out of 35 ministers, i.e., 22.85%. Despite the recent close of gender gap in women's representation, RoC remains with the lowest rate of female parliamentarians in the country sub-region.<sup>34</sup>
- 40. From an economic point of view, women still face more difficulties than men as they represented 39,9% of the total labor force.<sup>35</sup> Female unemployment rate was at 24,71%<sup>36</sup>, whereas the total unemployment rate was at 23,01% in 2020.<sup>37</sup> Women in RoC are the pillars of their families' economy. According to the General Census of Agriculture, they represent 54.4% of the active agricultural population. 28.6% of them lead agricultural households and 26.4% lead non-agricultural households. However, only 1.7% of women assume the responsibilities of village chief, compared to 98.3% for men.<sup>38</sup>Moreover, according to the EU<sup>39</sup>, women only have access to less than a third of cultivated land and the land entrusted to them is often of lesser value and located on the outskirts of the village, which gives them an unfavorable position in relation to the men. EU report also mentions that women have poor access to fertilizers, seeds, irrigation, technology and information needed for productive agriculture.
- 41. Gender-based violence (GBV) is another critical issue for women in RoC. It enjoys high social acceptance both by women and men. According to the GBV reports from DHS 2011/12<sup>40,</sup> 73,1% of women believe that men have the right to beat them, and 75,8% of men justify GBV. This percentage reaches 75,8% for male adolescents (15 to 19 years).

#### **Gender Context in McGovern-Dole Program FY21 Areas**

- 42. The FY21 intervention will take place in rural areas of the following departments Bouenza, Cuvette, Lekoumou, Likouala, Plateaux, Sangha and Pool. Rural women in the Republic of Congo experience added disadvantage since they not only face the same discrimination as other women in the country, but also have limited access to basic social services due to their remote living conditions. The traditional gender roles and cultural beliefs in rural areas also reinforce the invisibility of women's roles and have an impact on use of and control over natural resources and services, which restrict opportunities in leadership and decision-making processes.
- 43. As an example of how cultural traditions can be more harmful to women and girls in rural areas is the fact that the prevalence of early marriage is higher in rural areas and in less advantage socio-

https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS5/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Congo/2014-2015/Final/Congo%202014-15%20MICS\_French.pdf

https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25471/105914-BRI-ADD-SERIES-PUBLIC-HNP-Brief-Congo-Bazza-Profile-CM.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

<sup>34</sup> https://archive.uneca.org/sites/default/files/uploaded-documents/Beijing25/congo-beijing25\_report.pdf

<sup>35</sup> http://wdi.worldbank.org/table/2.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> https://www.statista.com/statistics/1235716/female-unemployment-rate-in-africa-by-country/

<sup>37</sup> http://wdi.worldbank.org/table/2.2

<sup>38</sup> https://www.fao.org/congo/actualites/detail-events/ar/c/1173913/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Commission Européenne (2021). Plan d'action sur l'égalité entre les hommes et les femme III – 2021-2025 : Plan. De mise en oeuvre au niveu national – CLIP Republique du Congo

<sup>40</sup> https://dhsprogram.com/methodology/survey/survey-display-388.cfm

- economic groups.<sup>41</sup> A study commissioned by the World Bank in 2016 indicated that the incidence of women (age 18-22) who were married before 18 years of age is 43,3% and 11,5% of them were as young as 15 years old or younger.<sup>42</sup> Amongst the departments of MDG21 intervention, Pool holds the highest rate of girls marrying under 18 years of age (54,7%), followed by Plateaux (46,1%) and Cuvette (43,7%).<sup>43</sup>
- 44. Students' attainment is still a challenge, especially in rural areas, as most schools charge tuition despite legal provision of free primary education. Some MDG21 intervention departments have high rates of children out of primary education: Sangha and Lekoummon, whereas in Sangha 57,4% of children out of schools are boys and in Lemoummon 57,6% are girls. Rural girls face even more obstacles to enroll and to attain in school, as they tend to marry early, are subject to unfair treatment under customary laws and must carry out heavy household labor. Likoula and Plateax Department have the highest gender gap in adolescents (12-18 years) out of school. Respectively, 71% and 68,1% of all adolescents out of secondary education are girls. The Departments of Bouenza, Lemoumon and Sangha also have gender inequality in adolescent attainment rate in secondary education in relation to the National rate.<sup>44</sup>
- 45. The Republic of Congo is divided into two main groups: the indigenous / autochthone populations and the Bantu. The indigenous population is estimated to be between 1.4% to 10% of RoC's population. The wide range between the numbers is due to lack of a specific census of indigenous population in the country, which is already evidence of the discrimination and marginalization faced by this population. The MDG21 Departments of Lékoumou, Likouala, Sangha and Plateaux are where the indigenous populations are mostly concentrated in. Indigenous children face many difficulties to education, as roughly 65% of indigenous adolescents are out of school, according to an UNFPA report. The International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA) points out that the rights of indigenous women in RoC are constantly violated as they face risk of contemporary slavery and deal with the barriers in accessing healthcare services, in enrolling and retaining girls in schools. Moreover, health indicators highlight the vulnerability of the indigenous women, as 75% of indigenous women give birth at home (compared to 85% of women nationally who give birth at a healthcare center). and 50% of indigenous girls experience their first sexual encounter by the age of 13 (in the general population, the rate is at 31%).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup>https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25471/105914-BRI-ADD-SERIES-PUBLIC-HNP-Brief-Congo-Bazza-Profile-CM.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

<sup>42 &</sup>lt;u>idem</u>

<sup>43</sup> idem

<sup>44</sup> https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS5/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Congo/2014-2015/Final/Congo%202014-15%20MICS\_French.pdf

<sup>45</sup> https://www.iwgia.org/en/republic-of-congo/3591-iw-2020-republic-of-the-congo.html

<sup>46</sup> https://www.iwgia.org/en/republic-of-congo/4641-iw-2022-republic-of-the-congo.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>https://www.iwgia.org/en/republic-of-congo/4641-iw-2022-republic-of-the-congo.html

### **Annex 3. Methodology**

46. WFP decentralized evaluations must conform to WFP and UNEG ethical standards and norms. The contractors undertaking the evaluations are responsible for safeguarding and ensuring ethics at all stages of the evaluation cycle. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring informed consent, protecting privacy, confidentiality and anonymity of participants, ensuring cultural sensitivity, respecting the autonomy of participants, ensuring fair recruitment of participants (including women and socially excluded groups) and ensuring that the evaluation results in no harm to participants or their communities.

#### **Evaluation criteria and questions**

- 47. This section details the evaluation criteria and evaluation questions "what" was evaluated.
- 48. The **midterm** and **endline** evaluations will use the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development / Development Assistance Committee (OECD/DAC) criteria of relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability to guide and develop the evaluation. The OAG team will conduct analysis that highlights gender, age, and broader equity issues within the context of the program in the three phases.

#### **Baseline Evaluation criteria**

49. The baseline evaluation questions are noted for the baseline indicator values. The evaluation used the criteria of coverage, equity, and human rights. We integrated gender equality and empowerment of women throughout the evaluation including in the analysis of all evaluation questions. Additionally, the principles of independence, technical rigour, transparency, validity, reliability, partnership, and usability were safeguarded in this evaluation.

#### **Baseline Evaluation questions**

- 50. The baseline study answered the following key questions:
- 1. What are the baseline values for each indicator in the performance monitoring plan? Do the indicators reflect McGovern-Dole project's commitments on gender equality and social equity? Are the indicators appropriate for measuring the results of the program? Do the indicators require adjustment or do additional custom indicators need to be included?
- 2. Based on the stated objectives of the McGovern-Dole project, are the targets set for each indicator clear, realistic, and achievable considering the baseline? How is the theory of change / logic design aligned with the result framework?
- 3. What are the key success factors for efficient and effective M&E of the program? What are the enabling or hindering factors for effective monitoring and evaluation of the programme? What factors could impact on the reliability and accessibility of monitoring and evaluation data?
- 4. To what extent is the environment in the implementation area conducive to learning and child development for boys, girls and indigenous children? What factors make the environment more or less conducive to learning? To what extent is education considered important by parents and communities for both boys and girls?
- 5. To what extent are farmers, women's farmers cooperatives, traders, and other suppliers in the implementation area equipped (with skills, infrastructure, and inputs) and capable of providing a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools? How are farmers and women's farmers cooperatives structured and organised?
- 6. To what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding

- Program (NSFP)? What are the current capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP? What activities need to be undertaken to address the capacity gaps?
- 51. The evaluation questions reflect those in the ToR with some text added to mainstream gender and inclusion. Details of how the questions were addressed are found in the baseline study matrix in Annex 7.

#### **Methodological approach**

#### **Overall Evaluation approach**

- 52. In terms of the overall evaluation, with regard to the three phased approach, the goal of the evaluation is not only to appreciate if the strategies of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Programme in the RoC from 2023 to 2026 worked, but also how they worked, where, why and for whom. This perspective of evaluating is especially important to effectively inform learning, accountability and future interventions. The best way to respond to this is to use a **mixed methods approach**: combining qualitative and quantitative methods. We understand from the TOR that this is what the project is aiming for, especially in the assessment of the program impact; and also given the fact that a theory of change was developed an essential element in a mixed methods approach.
- 53. The evaluation team followed a **participatory and consultative evaluation approach**, ensuring meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, especially girls and women and other vulnerable groups. We ensured through the use of mixed methods that women, girls, men and boys from different stakeholder's groups participated and that their different voices were heard and used.
- 54. We believe that the participation of direct and indirect beneficiaries, especially women, and the indigenous groups, has helped us enhance the transparency, validity, reliability and usability of the evaluation results. The evaluation explored gender equality with a multilevel approach, reviewing how the McGovern-Dole school feeding interventions have made practical and strategic considerations for women's and girls' needs.<sup>48</sup> The evaluation team fully included national/ local experts especially women in the fieldwork. Feedback was actively sought on the evaluation methodology and tools from the EMs and the Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) for fine-tuning of the evaluation protocol at baseline.
- 55. Gender and age sensitive approaches were adopted in the design of data gathering and analysis tools, sampling for primary qualitative data collection, and developing ethical and safety measures. With regards to the Convention on the Rights of the Child,<sup>1</sup> the evaluation team ensured adequate engagement of children and adolescents throughout the evaluation process.
- 56. The evaluation team ensured that we maintained the principles of **independence** and **impartiality** in respect to the program under review, and that none of us have been or will be involved in its implementation or any other phase. Additionally, in order to ensure validity, reliability and usability of the study findings, we followed the following principles during the study:
  - ▶ Regular consultations with WFP and government stakeholders including in relation to data availability and completeness, the results framework, the methodology and the sampling procedures, as set out in the ToR.
  - ▶ The evaluation team ensured the study was conducted with high professional and rigorous standards, with open and enquiring minds, and well-written reports.
  - ▶ The views of all stakeholders (communities, PTAs, indigenous groups, SHF groups, government focal points etc.) were sought and taken into account through qualitative methods.
  - ▶ We took a balanced combination of a data-driven and a research-driven approach towards this assignment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention/convention-text

➤ Triangulation of different data was implemented, results from the quantitative data were explained further by the results deriving from the qualitative data obtained during the field work.

#### **Evaluation design**

- 57. For the overall evaluation we will use a **quasi-experimental longitudinal panel design** which will track a cohort of schools and students in the program over the project's life (2023-2026). The ToR specifically asks for adequate assessment of the evaluation (midterm and endline) OECD-DAC criteria related to performance and results of McGovern-Dole project over the three to four years of implementation in making a difference in education Outcomes and impact indicators for government, schools, children, farmers and communities' transformation; and to provide explanations about successes or shortfalls if any. The design has been developed to simulate a **'before and after'** approach and a **with /without** comparison.
- 58. This baseline study has been used to create the 'before' component. We carried out a cross-sectional exploratory study using mixed methods. These included student surveys (with pupils starting from the second primary school class level) and school surveys (with head teachers, school cooks, parent- teacher associations), Focus group discussions with community men and women, girls and boys; and key informant interviews with WFP, government, UNICEF, UNIESCO, CRS and other stakeholders, In order to get more insight into the situation in 2022, we reviewed available endline evaluation of the FY17 cycle and other data from program documents including the PMP.
- 59. A real 'with/without' comparison of intervention areas versus non-intervention areas was also carried out in this baseline. The program monitoring data was used to sample intervention communities and schools as well as comparison schools.
- 60. We employed a **concurrent design** for the systematic use of **mixed methods**. The **qualitative** research component provided an understanding of relationships, trends, and patterns emerging from the quantitative component and helped us triangulate survey results to confirm, dispute, or provide answers to contradictory and unexpected results from the quantitative evaluation. Using this mixed-methods approach, quantitative evidence has been complemented by narrative statements collected directly from parents, head teachers, teachers, girl beneficiaries, and relevant government stakeholders, and communities via focus group discussions (FGDs) and semi-structured / key informant interviews.

#### **Baseline Evaluation methods**

#### **Quantitative methods**

- 61. **School Survey** targeted beneficiary school children from sampled primary schools in the intervention districts. Schools were also sampled from non-intervention districts for the survey to enable a comparison with non-beneficiaries of the program. The school survey comprised of student survey (with pupils at the second primary school class level) and surveys of head teachers, school cooks and parent- teacher associations. Schools that were used at FY17 endline were excluded from the FY21 baseline without introduction of any systematic error or bias.
- 62. **Secondary quantitative data analysis** Secondary data composed of previous program reports, data collected from partners, or previous studies have been reviewed before structuring primary data collection. The existing data was reviewed in relation to the indicators the McGovern-Dole project want to measure to ascertain whether it provides the appropriate information.

#### **Qualitative methods**

63. **Desk review** has been carried out - on program documents including national and international literature; existing studies at national and district level and documents from government ministries: (organizational, country levels, etc.) and continues to be used to inform different stages of the evaluation. This has been supported by Orientation Meeting with the Evaluation team facilitated by WFP; as well as preliminary discussions with WFP program and evaluation managers and the

Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) to provide additional context and clarifications during this inception phase. Overall, the documents reviewed display a clear presentation of the objectives of the program and the underlying theory of change. All the stakeholders and their roles are clearly defined. The PMP indicators provides information on how progress towards the achievement of results will be measured. However, the desk review did not yet provide information on (i) the key success factors for effective/efficient monitoring/evaluation of the program, (ii) all the factors that could have an impact on the reliability and accessibility of monitoring/evaluation data, (iii) the factors that make the environment conducive to learning (iv) the capacities of farmers and traders to sustainably supply schools with quality food, (v) the challenges faced by the Government and communities to ensure the implementation of the National School Feeding Programme. The baseline study helped to fill these gaps.

- 64. **Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)** were used to collect in-depth information regarding the program from a wide variety of key stakeholders including WFP, UNICEF, UNIESCO, CRS, NGOs and governmental stakeholders at national, departmental and district levels; and USDA program analysts. The KIIs were used to get information on the extent to which the environment is conducive for learning and child development; the monitoring and evaluation of the school feeding program, the capacity of farmers and other suppliers to supply quality food commodities to local schools; the capacity of the government and the school communities to manage and implement the program; and areas for improvement.
- 65. Participatory **Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)** with school children (girls and boys); parents/caregivers (community men and women grouped separately to promote open and active participation); and farmers, traders, suppliers, community leaders, indigenous local authorities, farmers and school management committees and teachers were carried out to explore household decision making on education, communities' views/prioritisation of education vis a vis other urgent priorities; as well as the extent to which the environment is conducive for learning and child development including for girls and indigenous groups; the capacity of farmers and other suppliers to supply quality food commodities to local schools; the capacity of the government and the school communities to manage and implement the program; and areas for improvement.
- 66. **Direct Observation** of classrooms and learning environments was carried out using observation guides and checklists to collect data at baseline. This included availability of school canteens/functionality of canteens, access to drinking water, presence of improved, separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls and also the local food supply chains and community fields, etc.

#### **Sampling**

67. The program will reach 65,000 students equally distributed between girls and boys in 354 primary schools across the seven McGovern-Dole priority, food insecure and impoverished districts or geographical areas in Congo. The quantitative data was collected via survey and included both student surveys (with pupils at the second primary school class level at baseline) and surveys with school head teachers, school cooks, and heads of parent- teacher associations. The qualitative data targeted key stakeholders from government and other stakeholders at central and departmental level through key informant interviews and focus group sessions to analyse and triangulate program implementation data.

#### **Quantitative samples**

1. A two-stage sampling design was used to determine the study sample. In the first stage, schools were selected and in the second stage students were drawn from the selected schools. The sampling frame for the schools was generated from the list of schools benefiting from the FY21 project's interventions. This list included the ORA schools and the schools with handwashing interventions. However, as mentioned above, we first removed all the schools that were part of the FY17 endline evaluation sample from this list. Thus, 9 schools were removed, reducing the sampling frame to a total of 300 schools in the seven target departments of the project. The number of schools for the

treatment group in each department was drawn systematically and independently with a probability proportional to the number of pupils in the department. In each selected school, the list of pupils in the second year of primary school formed the sampling frame for the pupils.

68. The quantitative sampling strategy focused on the longitudinal panel design of the overall evaluation to ensure rigour from baseline to endline. Since this evaluation involves estimation of changes in programme outcomes over time between treatment and comparison groups, we utilised the power calculation programming approach which provided estimates of how large samples needed to be in each of the study groups. In practice, power calculations are usually performed using statistical packages, <sup>49</sup> and researchers are particularly advised to use any of the available statistical software for estimating the required samples. <sup>50</sup> In most large education and household-based studies including impact evaluation, multi-stage designs are usually adapted which in turn requires accounting for the design effect on the standard errors of program impact estimates. <sup>51</sup> In this baseline evaluation, the schools constituted the clusters from which samples of students were selected. As a result, in running the power calculation programme, we used STATA "cluster sampsi" based on the following parameters:

 $\alpha$ = 5% alpha (acceptable error rate)

 $\beta$ = 80% power

rho = intra-cluster correlation of 0.1

base correl = coefficient of variation of 0.5

SD = 2.5 standard deviation per arm.

P= Set at 50% which yields the maximum sample size since the percentage of the population with the characteristics of desired change is not clearly known at this point. The minimum detectable effect was also calculated.

69. In addition, we also indicated a desired average school sample size of 8 students (4 girls; 4 boys) for the student survey component of the study. The above produced a sample size of 896 students per study group (treatment and comparison group each) and a minimum of 112 schools study group across the geographical locations of the programme in Congo. This also resulted in a design effect of 1.7. This indicated that a minimum total of 1,792 pupils (i.e., 896 pupils per study group) to be interviewed in all the 224 schools (i.e. 112 sampled schools per study group) at baseline and endline for the student survey. In addition, school head teachers, school cooks and heads of the school parent-teacher associations (PTA) were to be interviewed as part of the school survey in each of the 112 sampled schools each for treatment and comparison schools at baseline and endline (see Table 44).

Table 1: Distribution of 'minimum' required samples for student and school surveys at baseline, midline and endline

Primary beneficiaries	Baseline sample size	Mid-term	sample	Endline	sample
		size		size	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> White, Howard and S. Sabarwal (2014). Quasi-Experimental Design and Methods.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Charan J., Biswas T (2013). How to calculate sample size for different study designs in medical research? Indian J. Psychol. Med. 2013;35(2):121.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Hedges, L. V., & Rhoads, C. (2010). Statistical power analysis in education research (NCSER 2010-3006). Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences.

	Treatme nt groups	Compari son groups	Treatme nt group	Compari son group	Treatme nt groups	Comp arison group s
Student survey (Boys and girls in the last primary school grade level).	896	896	896	NA	896	896
School head teachers survey	112	NA	112	NA	112	NA
School cooks survey	112	NA	112	NA	112	NA
School PTA heads survey	112	NA	112	NA	112	NA

School survey with school head teachers, school cooks and heads of the school parent-teacher association per school

- 70. Since the aim of the midterm evaluation is to help to draw lessons which will inform operational and strategic decision-making and adjustments that include any course correction measures by WFP and/or USDA before the project endline, we therefore propose to only follow-up with the treatment group at midline. Targeting only the program beneficiaries (treatment group) at midline will also help the project to save cost and still achieve the project objectives. Therefore, a total of 896 students from a minimum of 112 project schools will be covered at mid-term evaluation for the student survey (see Table 6). In addition, school survey covering school head teachers, school cooks and heads of the school parent-teacher association will also be conducted in treatment group only during the mid-term evaluation; while both treatment and comparison groups will be covered at endline.
- 71. Adjusted sample size for baseline student survey: To account for possible attrition of the sampled students for the evaluation between baseline and endline, we sampled higher number of students at baseline than the minimum samples of 896 students required (see Table 45). This extra sample also depended on the fiscal considerations during the negotiations with the local partner. As indicated in Table 45, the number of pupils for the student survey at baseline was increased from the target of 896 students per study group (as indicated above) to a possible total of 1,120 students at baseline. On the average, this translates to interviewing 10 pupils per sampled school instead of 8 pupils per school required at endline as stated above. This also meant that additional 224 pupils was planned to be interviewed at baseline in each of the study groups (treatment and comparison groups).
- 72. The cohort of 1,120 P2 students to be surveyed in the treatment study group at baseline would be followed up at midline in October 2024 and endline in 2026, while the cohort of 1,120 P2 students to be surveyed in the comparison study group at baseline would be followed up during the endline evaluation in line with the study designs. These cohorts are from different schools than those surveyed in the FY17 endline evaluation. Therefore, having accounted for attrition of students from the programme by increasing the number of survey participants at baseline, our assumptions was that we would be able to cover the minimum required sample size of 896 pupils for the study at endline as indicated in Table 45

Table 2: Distribution of 'minimum required samples for student and school surveys at baseline

S/N	Department	Number of schools planned	Number of children planned	Number of sampled schools (proportionally distributed to size of each department)	Number of students per school for interview	Number of students per department per study group	Total number of students per department in both treatment and comparison groups
1.	Bouenza	60	16344	19	10	190	380
2.	Cuvette	23	2186	7	10	70	140
3.	Lekoumou	74	11079	23	10	230	460

7.	1 001	354	<b>64 998</b>	112	10	1 120	2 240
7	Pool	107	21085	34	10	340	680
6.	Sangha	22	3299	7	10	70	140
5.	Plateaux	52	6655	17	10	170	340
4.	Likouala	16	4350	5	10	50	100

- 73. A list of replacement schools was also drawn up using the same process. However, unlike the main sample, the number of replacement schools was fixed at three schools per department. The sampled schools were observed for McGovern-Dole project outcomes. Desk study was used to augment analysis of these outcomes.
- 74. Due to access difficulties in certain departments caused by heavy rainfall at the time of the survey, the partners in charge of data collection, i.e. the Institut National de la Statististique (INS) and the PASEC team, felt that the time allowed for data collection would not be sufficient. In view of this difficulty, it was decided by mutual agreement to exclude the Cuvette department, which presented the highest risk. In addition, the number of schools to be surveyed was reduced from 224 to 85 for both groups. The number of pupils to be surveyed per school was increased from 10 to 25, for a total of 2,125 pupils. These adjustments resulted in the following breakdown, displayed in table 46:

Table 3: Adjusted sampling for student and school surveys at baseline

S/N	Department	Number of schools planned	Number of children planned	Number of sampled schools in the Treatment group	Number of sampled schools in the control group	Number of sampled schools	Number of students per school for interview	Total number of students per department in both treatment and comparison groups
1.	Bouenza	60	16344	8	8	16	25	400
2.	Lekoumou	74	11079	10	9	19	25	475
3.	Likouala	16	4350	3	3	6	25	150
4.	Plateaux	52	6655	7	7	14	25	350
5.	Sangha	22	3299	11	9	20	25	500
6.	Pool	107	21085	5	5	10	25	250
		354	64 998	44	41	85	25	2125

- 75. The cluster sampling method used here has a major advantage in terms of cost. However, its main limitation is that it is more prone to **sampling error**. In this case, two types of sampling error are possible: 1) **non-response error** the survey is conducted in a school setting and the selected students were free to respond or not to the questionnaire. Although provision was made for replacement, if it is found that there are similarities between children who chose not to participate in the survey, then this may affect the representativeness of the sample. 2) Sample size error: the target sample size is less than 2% of the target population. Although this has an economic advantage, it is a relatively small proportion making it difficult to select a sample that is truly representative of the target group. We addressed these potential limitations by ensuring rigour in the selection and replacement of students.
- 76. Tables 47 and 48 display what was planned and achieved in the surveys of school children, directors, teachers, cooks, and PTAs in intervention and comparison areas respectively. The data was collected almost at the end of the school year. Despite communication about the survey, it proved difficult to gather the required number of pupils in each school surveyed. In addition, the cooks, who no longer had much of a role to play in the schools in the absence of the pupils, were also absent

when the interviewers visited. this explains the low response rate observed for these two targets. Table 49 shows the number of pupils surveyed by type of school, sex.

Table 4: Intervention Group – planned and achieved surveys

INTERVENTION GROUP

	SCHOOLS	QUESTIC	ONNAIRE	S														
Department	Number of schools Selected	School Observations	Class Observations	Directors		Teachers			Students			PTA			Cooks			
	n N	Sch	Cla	F	М	Т	F	М	T	F	М	Т	F	М	Т	F	М	Т
Bouenza	8	8	9	1	7	8	3	14	17	52	64	116	0	8	8	5	0	5
Lékoumou	10	10	14	4	6	10	4	13	17	78	81	159	2	10	12	6	1	7
Likouala	3	3	6	1	2	3	1	5	6	35	37	72	0	3	3	5	0	5
Plateaux	7	7	10	2	6	8	5	10	15	57	62	119	0	7	7	5	0	5
Pool	11	11	19	3	9	12	9	14	23	99	83	182	0	10	10	3	0	3
Sangha	5	5	10	1	4	5	5	5	10	46	52	98	0	4	4	0	0	10
Number of que	Number of questionnaires expected		88	44		88			110	00		44			44			
Number of que	stionnaires received	44	68	44			88			746			44			25		
Return rate	Return rate		77,3%	100	),0%		92,9%			67,8%			100,0%			56,8%		

Table 5: Comparison Group – planned and achieved surveys

COMPARISON GROUP

	SCHOOLS	QUESTI	ONNAIR	ES														
Department	Number of schools Selected	School Observations	Class Observations	Directors			Teachers			Students			РТА			Cooks		
	Z	Sch	Clas	F	М	Т	F	М	Т	F	М	T	F	М	Т	F	М	Т
Bouenza	8	8	8	1	7	8	4	10	14	69	75	144	0	8	8	3	0	3
Lékoumou	9	9	11	3	4	7	7	5	12	88	65	153	3	3	6	0	2	2
Likouala	3	3	8		4	4	3	5	8	24	35	59	0	4	4	0	0	0
Plateaux	7	7	4	1	5	6	2	8	10	43	41	84	0	4	4	0	0	0
Pool	9	9	13	1	7	8	3	12	15	57	62	119	0	6	6	0	0	0
Sangha	5	5	10	1	4	5	5	5	10	49	40	89	0	0	0	3	2	5

Number of questionnaires expected	41	82	41	82	1025	41	41
Number of questionnaires received	41	54	38	69	648	28	5
Return rate	98,8%	65,9%	92,7%	92,9%	63,2%	68,3%	12,2%

Table 6: Number of pupils surveyed by type of school, sex

	Experimental schools			Control schools				Aboriginal					
Department	Boys	Daughters	Total1	Parity index/boy	Boys	Daughters	Total2	Parity index/boy	Boys	Daughters	Total3	Parity index/boy	Grand total
Bouenza	64	52	116	0,81	75	69	146	0,92	8	2	10	0,25	270
Likouala	37	35	72	0,95	35	24	60	0,69	0	0	0	0	133
Lekoumou	81	78	159	0,96	65	88	155	1,35	0	0	0	0	313
Sangha	56	48	104	0,86	36	47	84	1,31	13	17	30	1,31	217
Trays	69	67	136	0,97	34	33	67	0,97	0	0	0	0	203
Pool	84	98	182	1,17	52	57	119	1,1	3	5	8	2,5	309
Total	391	378	769	1,02	306	319	625	1,04	24	24	48	1,00	1394 of which 48 are indigenous
% of boy	s' partici	ipation	50,85%	% of boys' % of boys' participation 50%									
% overall participation of boys						49, 83							

77. **Qualitative sampling** was largely convenient and purposive and was employed for the selection of Key Informants Interview (KIIs) and Focused Group Discussion (FGDs) participants. This was carried out using the criteria of gender, function, organization, and interaction with the McGovern-Dole project interventions. The selection of the respondents and participants was carried out in collaboration with McGovern-Dole Project implementers and stakeholders as well as community mobilizers). Purposive sampling for the FGDs was carried out using the criteria of occupation, gender, age, marital status, location, vulnerability including disability, autochone populations and role in the McGovern-Dole project interventions. This ensured that different groups in the program were well represented and allowed for diversity of opinions. A total of 42 KII and 28 FGDs were conducted. The list of interviewees and focus groups are elaborated in Annexes 18 and 19.

#### **Data collection**

78. The evaluation design used a mix of quantitative and qualitative methods, secondary and primary data collection, interpreted and analysed in order to answer the evaluation questions at baseline.

#### Recruitment of local research partner, training of research assistants and pre-testing of tools

79. We enlisted the services of field researchers in Congo via local research organisations experienced in conducting school-based surveys. OAG carried out data collection in collaboration with the National Institute of Statistics (INS) and PASEC. Field level research assistants were selected based on their demonstrated experience in collecting qualitative data including via virtual platforms, educational background, and language proficiency. We ensured that gender sensitive approaches were used especially in the interviews of women and in consideration of the context. We carried

out a 4-day training (including 1 day' pilot) with the local partner and research assistants. Pretesting of tools checked response procedures for each question, probing, recording and storing data following agreed procedures. Tools were reviewed and adapted further based on the feedback from the pre-test. The INS collected the data using digital tools, which gave us the opportunity to instantly fill in any missing data. At the end of the data collection, we processed the data with the support of the INS, which followed up with respondents whenever possible. With regard to the data collected by PASEC, we simply replaced the blanks with 0 as this was a test.

#### **Quantitative data collection methods and tools**

- 80. **Student Survey -** This consisted of primary data collection to measure learning outcomes of pupils/students. We assessed the abilities of the pupils on numeracy and literacy at baseline using student school-based assessment surveys {Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) and Early Grade Mathematics Assessment (EGMA)} in order to measure their learning outcomes.
- 81. **Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) and Early Grade Mathematics Assessment (EGMA)**EGRA is an individually administered oral assessment of the most basic foundation skills for literacy acquisition in early grades. The assessment focuses on what it labels the "three early stages of reading acquisition": emergent literacy (birth to grade 1), decoding (beginning grade 1) and confirmation and fluency (end of grade 1 to end of grade 3). The assessment requires about 15 minutes to administer per child.
- 82. The first task aims to verify the acquisition of basic alphabetic principles through the names/sounds of letters in pupils (phonemic awareness). In the end, we will obtain the average number of letters read by each student per minute. The second task is to read 50 familiar words from the textbooks in the program. Eventually, the target indicator will relate to the measurement of the number of words correctly read after one minute. The aim was to measure the reading speed of these words made up of one or two syllables at most in the two languages of instruction. The reading of the invented word, the subject of the third task, aims to check the pupils' ability to decipher and decode words. An "invented word" should be understood to mean a word which has no meaning in the language of instruction but which respects the structure of existing words. Reading text confirms reading accuracy and speed. It is a question of reading aloud, a short text between and seventyfive words telling a story related to the interest and the experience of the students. Comprehension is checked on the portion of text read in the allotted time. We make sure that the vocabulary and grammar are adapted to the level of the students. The student is asked to answer five questions, four of which are contextual and the last requiring inference. This task is not timed. The purpose is to measure the effect of reading fluency on text comprehension. - Listening comprehension: In this task, the administrator reads a short text and then asks the student comprehension questions. The purpose is to check the student's level of oral comprehension. This task verifies whether students' performance in previous tasks is due to pupils' impairment in the decoding mechanism or other language barriers.
- 83. EGMA is a one-on-one oral assessment designed to measure a student's foundation skills in numeracy and mathematics in the early grades. The instrument was first developed by the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International EGMA measures essential early mathematical knowledge and skills that are foundational to more advanced mathematical abilities, prognostic of later achievement, and teachable. EGMA includes four cognitive subdomains to be assessed, accompanied by eight subtests. These subtests are Number Identification, Number Discrimination, Missing Number, Addition Level 1, Addition Level 2, Subtraction Level 1, Subtraction Level 2 and Word Problem. The EGRA and EGMA tools to be used in this evaluation are included in Annex 8.
- 84. **Survey of head teachers, school cooks and parent- teacher associations** This was carried out using structured questionnaires in sampled schools across the focal districts to collect data on improved health and dietary practices through infrastructure improvements, alleviated short term

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> RTI International, 2014

- hunger of school children through the provision of school meals, improved literacy capabilities of students and enhanced school leadership capacity, through school feeding and related activities.
- 85. **Direct observation including classroom observations** This was carried out via observation guides and checklists to collect data at baseline. The observations included the availability of school canteens/functionality of canteens, access to drinking water, presence of improved, separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls and also the local food supply chains and community fields. The quantitative data collection tools are displayed in Annex 8.

#### **Qualitative data collection methods and tools**

- 86. **Desk study and literature review -** were carried out on programme documents; existing studies at national and district level and documents from government ministries: (organisational, country levels, etc). This included review of the new National Development Plan 2022-2026 to ensure that the programme is relevant and in line with the government priorities. Other internal documents reviewed include the program log frame/results framework, all past McGovern-Dole FY17 evaluations (baseline, midterm), the Annual Country Reports (ACR) from 2019 to 2021, the WFP country strategic plan, qualitative reports on integrated programming between different WFP programmes activities. Other documents from the government include the National Education Strategy, the National School Feeding Policy, the SABER, and students reading, and maths skill assessments conducted previously by the government in coordination with World Bank and other UN agencies. Information was identified that informed data collection tools, internal and external determinants in the context and in the implementation of the program that might have influenced results.
- 87. **Key Informant Interviews -** were carried out using topic guides. The questions were framed to elicit informed opinions from the internal and external stakeholders at the baseline including those who have had leading roles in the program at WFP HQ, regional, country and program intervention locations.
- 88. **Focused Group Discussions** were varied and included school children (Girls and Boys) and Adults (fathers and mothers) purposively sampled to participate with the support of country program staff, community gatekeepers and mobilizers. FGDs were also be carried out with indigenous people, teachers and farmer groups, at baseline. Data was collected using topic guides by trained qualitative data collectors. Each FGD had between 8-10 participants and where possible were held separately for the different sexes to ensure women did not hesitate to discuss their views in front of men. The FGDs were audio-recorded. Groups of people involved are summarised in the qualitative sample in Annex 21. The qualitative data collection tools are displayed in Annexes 9-12

#### **Data analysis**

#### **Quantitative Data Analysis**

89. Two types of analysis were carried out as part of this baseline Evaluation: descriptive analysis, which provided a synthesis of the data collected, and exploratory analysis, which highlighted relationships between certain variables. To achieve this, two software packages were used: SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) and Excel. Frequencies, central tendency characteristics, statistical tests and reduction of items in a dimension were calculated using SPSS. The statistical tests carried out were mainly Student's t-test, ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) and Pearson's chi 2 test. In addition, Excel was used to generate the tables with its TCD (Tableau croisé dynamique) tool, and to construct the graphs.

#### **Measurement of Students Proficiency in Literacy and Numeracy**

90. The EGRA/EGMA data was analysed using SPSS and EXCEL. The first step was to analyse children's performance by task for reading and arithmetic in the intervention and control groups. These performances were disaggregated by department and by sex in order to gain a better understanding of the disparities. A synthetic indicator was then calculated for numeracy and literacy

in both groups. The thresholds set made it possible to classify the children in three broad categories, namely the lower level, the average level and the higher level. A descriptive analysis was used to determine the percentage of children in each category for the two groups. Within the intervention and control groups, we also disaggregated this indicator by department, gender and populations (autochone and non-autochone). A test of equality of means was carried out between groups, sexes and types to highlight the existence of differences between the reading and numeracy performance of children in the groups and within the groups between male and female children on the one hand and autochthonous and non- autochthonous children on the other.

#### **Quantitative analysis of item responses**

91. Analysis of item responses confirms that the assessment tests are working properly. Reliability tests established good internal consistency for each discipline. Indeed, Cronbach's alphas on language (0.80) and mathematics (0,85) tests are above 0.7 (desirable threshold). This assessment provides us with reliable information on the academic achievements of students in CP classes measured on the selected sample. Concerning the measurement of the reliability of the EGRA test, the calculation of Cronbach's alphas makes it possible to realize that all the tasks are built in a coherent way and make it possible to measure the skills of the pupils according to the table above.

**Table 7: Quantitative analysis of item responses** 

EGRA subtests	Cronbach's Alpha	EGMA subtests	Alpha Cronbach		
Name of letters read	0.74	Identifying Numbers	0.86		
Sound of letters read	0.78	Comparison of numbers	0.85		
Familiar words read	liar words read 0.75		0.83		
Invented words read	0.77	Addition level 1	0.83		
Connected words read	0.79	Addition of level 2	0.82		
Listening comprehension	0.78	Level 1 Subtraction	0.84		
Reading comprehension 0.78		Level 2 Subtraction	0.83		
		Problems	0.82		

In terms of measuring the reliability of EGRA tests, the calculation of Cronbach's alphas accounts for the consistent construction of all tasks to effectively measure pupils' skills. The calculation of Cronbach's alphas in mathematics reveals that the EGMA test performed well overall and that reliability is guaranteed with coefficients well above 0.70 The "missing number" task has low reliability but remains within the accepted limit

#### **Qualitative Analysis**

92. FGD and SSIs (including KII) were audio-recorded and transcribed. Data was analyzed using Excel software. An inductive approach and open thematic coding will be used. Transcripts were read and thematized by five qualitative assistants, using common themes and sub-themes according to the evaluation matrix and topic guides Analysis was conducted iteratively by the qualitative experts using a three-pronged approach: "noticing, collecting, and thinking". Sa We also identified emerging themes while coding and labelling of qualitative data. Analysis of the findings was guided by the baseline study matrix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Seidel J.V Qualitative Data Analysis 1998 <a href="http://eer.engin.umich.edu/wpcontent/uploads/sites/443/2019/08/Seidel-Qualitative-Data-Analysis.pdf">http://eer.engin.umich.edu/wpcontent/uploads/sites/443/2019/08/Seidel-Qualitative-Data-Analysis.pdf</a>

#### **Gender. Equality and Women's Empowerment Analysis**

- 93. All data was sex-disaggregated and, subject to data availability, other drivers were taken into account, such as age, ethnicity, disability, displacement, etc. to inform a comprehensive gender analysis. The Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Analysis for the Baseline Evaluation is a participatory tool that aims to understand the differences between women, men, boys and girls related to their social roles, division of labour, distribution of resources, decision-making abilities, opportunities, barriers and power relations. The GEWE relied both on secondary data (DHS, MICS, UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) World Development Indicators (WDI) etc.) and on primary data (FGDs, KIIs and direct observation). As for the primary data collection, the ET conducted a gender rapid assessment during field visits to gather evidence on gender-related attitudes, practices, stereotypes within school, households, and communities. The GEWE analysis aimed at:
  - Identifying gender-related issues that emerged along the GEWE analysis that was overlooked in the programme design;
  - Detecting which data should be collected to better monitor gender-related impacts of the programme
  - Certifying that the programme has no potential unintentional negative gender impact.
  - Detecting opportunities to enhance the programme reach in promoting GEWE.

The findings of the analysis have been incorporated to the baseline evaluation and suggestions on adjustments to the MDG21 programme have been made accordingly.

- 94. We carried out **data triangulation** which is the use of a variety of data sources, including time, space and persons, in a study. Findings were corroborated and any weaknesses in one type of data was compensated for by the strengths of other data, thereby increasing the validity and reliability of the results. Primary quantitative and qualitative data were triangulated with secondary quantitative data.
- 95. We also conducted **methods triangulation** using multiple methods to study the situation. Different methods will work better for some of the evaluation questions than others. For instance, in the assessment of quality of learning pupils' EGRA and EGMA provided a comparative advantage; the school survey tool with teachers, PTA members and school cooks also provided an advantage in assessing the environment for learning and child development; FGDs were better used to assess community perceptions of the program while the KIIs provided more insight into programmatic design and issues.

#### **Ethical considerations**

- 96. Evaluations must conform to the 2020 United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) Ethical Guidelines. Accordingly, OAG was responsible for safeguarding and ensuring ethics at all stages of the evaluation cycle. This includes, but was not limited to, ensuring informed consent, protecting privacy, confidentiality and anonymity of participants, ensuring cultural sensitivity, respecting the autonomy of participants, ensuring fair recruitment of participants (including women and socially excluded groups) and ensuring that the evaluation results cause no harm to participants or their communities.
- 97. The evaluation adhered to UNEG's directive on Ethical Standards and was guided by standard good practice and professional interagency. Ethical considerations were a very important aspect of the training for the field staff. Our ethical strategy included obtaining government approvals, respect of applicable child protection laws while conducting interviews/discussions with children, obtaining consent of parents/guardians. We assured the participants' anonymity and confidentiality and ensured that visual data is protected and used only for the agreed purposes, and names of individual get deleted from the data and replaced by codes in the evaluation notes. Furthermore, data will only be accessible to the team members and will not be shared with third parties. Informed

- consent will be obtained from all the respondents before interviews are conducted. Informed consent forms are displayed in Annexes 9 and 11.
- 98. To conduct field operations, the OAG team obtained all necessary authorizations and permissions to access statistical data, from approved national institutions. Before collecting primary data from students, teachers, parents, administrative officials and farmers, the OAG team obtained the support of the WFP and the relevant Ministry.
- 99. The OAG team demonstrates an understanding ethical principles and standards defined by the United Nations Evaluation Group in its reporting as indicated below:
- **Anonymity and confidentiality:** The evaluation respected the rights of the people who provided information, guaranteeing their anonymity and confidentiality.
- Responsibility: The entire team confirms the results presented in the report...
- **Integrity:** The evaluator will highlight issues that are not specifically mentioned in the TOR, in order to carry out a complete analysis of the program.
- **Independence:** The evaluation team ensured that we remained independent in respect to the program under review, and that none of us have been involved in its implementation or any other phase.
- **Incidents:** Problems which arose during fieldwork, or at any other point of the evaluation, were reported immediately to the Evaluation Managers.
- **Validation of information**: The evaluation team ensured the accuracy of the information gathered during the preparation of the reports and is responsible for the information presented in the final report.
  - **Intellectual property**: Using the different sources of information, the evaluation team will respect the intellectual property rights of the institutions and communities involved in the evaluation.
- **Timeliness of reports submission of** The reports will be submitted according to agreed deadlines, and the evaluation team will ensure that reports are of the standards stipulated in the TOR.

#### Child protection considerations and practical ethical considerations for adolescents and children

- 100. In line with UNICEF's Ethical Research Involving Children (ERIC) guidelines we considered ahead of fieldwork, any and all issues which may affect the children and adolescent respondents in our focus group discussions to ensure that all our work in the Congo is ethical and have taken the requirement to 'do no harm' to children and adolescents into account. We ensured all the research assistants and data collectors were trained to understand and implement the ERIC guidelines.
- 101. We recognized the importance of the voice of the children and youth and therefore committed to collecting data in a safe and non-threatening manner. We emphasized the importance of the three pillars of Respect, Benefit and Justice in dealing with children and their data. We ensured that parents of minors were well informed about the activity involving their children. We obtained informed consent from both the parents and the children / adolescents.
- 102. We committed to conducting no financial transactions that could cause harm to children or adolescents in the course of this research. We provided comprehensive training and capacity building support for all the data collectors including research assistants and data managers on interviewing skills, ethics and child protection and safety during research. In order to do no harm, we ensured that we used scientific and reliable research methods, and ensured that the children's views were accurately reported. We used well-validated research tools that matched the capacities of the children involved as well as the issues being researched.

#### **Limitations**

103. Due to access difficulties in certain departments caused by heavy rainfall at the time of the survey, the local research partners, logistical and time constraints, there was mutual agreement with WFP

to exclude Cuvette department from the survey. Also, number of schools to be surveyed was reduced from 224 to 85 for both groups in the rest of the (six) departments and number of pupils to be surveyed per school increased from 10 to 25, for a total of 2,125 pupils. Nevertheless, logistical and geographical difficulties did not allow that number to be reached. The team's rigorous selection of schools and students reduced the effect of this reduction on the representativeness of the sample. Other identified risks and their mitigation are detailed in table 8 below.

#### **Risks and assumptions**

104. The identified risks to the evaluation, and how the team mitigated them are displayed in table 50

**Table 8: Risks and Mitigation Measures** 

Risks	Mitigation measures
Lack of routine program data and gender disaggregation	We ensured that as much data as possible was obtained on issues/variables of interest as much as possible before fieldwork began.  Data was requested from WFP and government stakeholders.
Non-availability of key informants especially at the field level due to other commitments / Non-involvement of key players / Evaluation fatigue of national level stakeholders due to FY17 evaluation	List of people for interviews was developed and scheduled in advance at WFP We obtained Letters of Introduction Involvement of stakeholders at national level (Ministry of Education, Health and Agriculture) and their decentralized services The ET ensured that stakeholders were informed in a timely manner about the purpose, timeframe and expected role of the mission. Before arriving at the interview site, respondents were contacted. We ensured that the time of interviews are adjusted to the convenience of the stakeholders. Meeting with the FY17 endline evaluation team and review of the list of stakeholders interviewed for the endline enabled the FY21 evaluation team to take the necessary steps to avoid evaluation fatigue.
Beneficiary fatigue due to the ongoing FY17 endline evaluation	Meeting with the FY17 Evaluators to determine how much data from the endline evaluation can be leveraged for this baseline and which communities can be sampled to avoid using the same people. Also ensuring that we did not introduce a bias to the sampling.
Risks related to the security situation (mostly in the Pool Department)	A security monitoring plan was set up to monitor the security dynamics in the areas of intervention of the field teams.  WFP provided a security assessment in work areas and list of safety measures before field teams were deployed
Data security	Procedures have been put in place to protect participants' privacy and keep their data confidential during the collection, processing, analysis, reporting and dissemination of results. No information identifying participants will be disclosed. All copies of the data will be securely stored via a dedicated server.
Time cost due to Translation of different version of the documents	Ensuring that time for translation is appropriately planned and ERGs are given realistic time frame to expect reports.

#### **Assumptions made**

WFP and the Ministry of Education will provide an engagement letter for the conduct of the operation; Project staff and other partners collaborate effectively with members of the consulting team throughout the study period;

The project team will remain available for any request from OAG in terms of need for additional information. The security and health situation will remain stable throughout the period of data collection in the field;

Documentation and additional information required are available in a timely manner

Follow-up meetings will be held on a regular basis within OAG and between OAG and WFP to monitor the progress of the process.

#### **Quality assurance**

- 105. WFP has developed a Decentralized Evaluation Quality Assurance System (DEQAS) based on the UNEG norms and standards and good practice of the international evaluation community (the Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance (ALNAP) and the Development Assistance Commission (DAC)). It sets out process maps with in-built steps for quality assurance and templates for evaluation products. It also includes checklists for feedback on quality for each of the evaluation products. DEQAS will be systematically applied during this evaluation and relevant documents have been provided to the evaluation team. OAG has followed the requirement of the DEQAS Quality Checklist for Evaluation to make sure the evaluation respects the UNEG Standard. Additionally, we ensured validity, reliability and usability of the study findings by:
  - Regular consultations with WFP and government stakeholders;
  - ► Conducting the study with high professional and rigorous standards, with open and enquiring minds, and well-written reports;
  - ▶ Taking the views of all stakeholders (communities, PTAs, indigenous groups, SHF groups, government focal points etc.) into account;
  - ▶ A balanced combination of a data-driven and a research-driven approach;
- 106. We carried out **data triangulation** using a variety of data sources to corroborate findings. Any weakness in one type of data was compensated for by the strengths of other data, thereby increasing the validity and reliability of the results. Primary quantitative and qualitative data were triangulated with data from desk review. We also conducted **methods triangulation** using multiple methods to study the situation. Different methods worked better for some of the evaluation questions than others. For instance, in the assessment of quality of learning pupils' EGRA and EGMA provided a comparative advantage; the school survey tool with teachers, PTA members and school cooks also provided an advantage in assessing the environment for learning and child development; FGDs were better used to assess community perceptions of the program while the KIIs provided more insight into programmatic design and issues.
- 107. Other quality assurance mechanisms used include:
  - 1. Effective Coordination and Communication during field work two types of communication channels were followed: 1) a bottom-up channel of communication during data collection and a top-down communication during monitoring. While in the field, questions that could not be answered at the level of the national experts, were brought one level up. This ensured clear lines of communication and timely responses.
  - 2. During the data collection, the field team held regular bi-weekly calls with the OAG QA team to discuss the status of the data collection and any anticipated or unresolved issues. OAG in turn provided regular updates to the WFP team on the status of the field work.
  - 3. Training— The evaluation questions and study instruments were harmonized and understood unanimously by the evaluation team. The field team received an intensive training facilitated by the experts. The training was conducted using a training manual with information on the purpose and objectives of the evaluation; designed for enhancing interviewing skills, data quality control and adherence to ethical consideration; and familiarizing the field staff with the data collection tools. The training was participatory, including presentations and mock interviews. All the research team members were trained in the use of the tools, interviewing skills, transcribing, coding etc. Clear guidelines and training protocols will be developed for use in the training. Training was be carried out in-country for all the national experts and any qualitative research assistants.
  - 4. Pre-testing The evaluation tools were tested to ascertain the practicability of the methodology, as well as the fluidity and ease of using the topic guides. Thus, the instruments were tested for completeness, ambiguity, appropriateness, etc. Quality control addressed the design of tools in a participatory manner, the pre-testing of tools by a small sample of potential respondents as well as the translation and back-translation of tools..

- 5. The qualitative Interviews were audio taped after permission was granted by the respondents and only audio devices of good quality were used.
- 6. Triangulation Validity was ensured by using different methods to collect data and different sources of information; as well as asking the same questions to different categories of respondents.

Report writing - We have ensured that the inception report and the draft/final evaluation reports are consistent with the requirements of the TOR and international evaluation quality standards including the DEQAS Checklist on Quality Evaluation Reports and the UNEG Guide on the Integration of Gender Equality and Human Rights in Evaluation. The final versions of the different reports will be compiled based on ERG feedback, and the quality of all the reports will be assured.

## **Annex 4. Key Activities of the Program**

- 108. In line with the agreement between USDA-FAS and WFP, the main activities of the project include food distribution, promoting better health at school and near communities, promoting improved nutrition and feeding practices, supporting improved literacy, strengthening national school feeding capacities and building farmers' capacities.
- 109. To ensure the **provision of nutritious school meals** (**Activity 1**), the project plans to (i) provide nutritious school meals to all pre- and primary school students in the 38 targeted districts to oversee storage, food management and meal preparation; and (ii) provide locally purchased commodities through collaboration with Government, schools and communities to improve the local model of school feeding by supporting smallholder farmers and ongoing investments in production diversification, processing and market access. WFP will strengthen the capacity of SHF to produce, store, process and distribute food to schools and other institutional markets.
- 110. Promotion of improved health (Activity 2) will be achieved through (i) the construction of 35 water supply systems and the rehabilitation of water supply systems or the construction of 60 latrines adapted to persons with disabilities in order to increase access to drinking water and sanitation services as well as the adoption of essential hygiene behaviours, in collaboration with the construction agency to train school administrators and teachers in the maintenance of water points; ii) sensitizing students and parents to good health/hygiene/sanitation practices through a school-based environmental health promotion program to provide children with knowledge and practices on good health, hygiene (including menstrual hygiene management (MHM), and sanitation; iii) teaching girls good MHM through capacity-building of teachers to teach MHM and nutrition education to girls and support for the creation of women-led girls' groups from the parents' associations to support girls on hygiene practices and their studies; v) the establishment of 300 handwashing stations in 125 schools through the training of teachers, parent representatives and community leaders to make handwashing stations using local materials; and the sensitization of community leaders and the establishment of Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) committees composed of teachers and community members in selected schools; iv) distribution of deworming drugs and prevention education through logistical support to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health in the implementation of biannual deworming interventions to ensure that schoolchildren have access to school meals.
- 111. Promoting improved nutrition and dietary practices (Activity 3) will be achieved through refresher teacher trainings focused on identifying successes and challenges related to school nutrition and school gardens in "green schools" models. As well as the principles of nutrition-sensitive agriculture and the importance of a balanced diet, including regular consumption of vegetables and fruits; (ii) organization of local authority training on agriculture and nutrition and organization of coordination workshops; (iii) integration of nutrition and agriculture awareness activities into existing maternal and child nutrition campaigns; (iv) the motivation of School Management Committees (SMC) to promote nutrition-sensitive interventions within their communities: (v) the integration of maternal and child nutrition activities into a multisectoral coordination forum and the distribution of 85,000 educational materials to promote improved nutrition and feeding practices in schools and communities; maintenance of school gardens by providing school garden inputs to 100 model schools or green schools.
- 112. As part of the **literacy improvement (Activity 4)**, it is planned to (i) strengthen the capacity of 604 primary school teachers to improve the literacy of primary school students through the provision of 17,000 teaching materials to students per year, provide literacy kits to primary schools and strengthen reading skills through support to improve classroom teaching as well as additional support inside and outside the classroom; ii) support in-service teacher training through mentoring and coaching to improve literacy outcomes to enable them to effectively deliver education with inclusive child development practices; (iii) train community mobilisers to sensitize parents and

- community members on the importance of reading and education; (iv) organize reading competitions in schools supported by the program.
- 113. **To strengthen the management capacity of the national school feeding program (Activity 5)**(i) support for the establishment of an enabling environment for the National Directorate of School Feeding (DAS) and the Departmental School Feeding Service (DSF) to lead and provide strategic guidance for the implementation of the national program; (ii) support for the implementation of the national school feeding program at the national level; iii) support for the creation of departmental school feeding committees through the DSF service; (vi) strengthening the capacity of the DSF service to develop an operational manual for program implementation that will cover targeting, food arrangements, food baskets, procurement and logistics; (v) strengthening the capacity of schools to manage school feeding in order to ensure that schools have appropriate infrastructure and supplies to successfully implement school feeding (kitchen, food storage rooms, kitchen utensils and WASH facilities). vi) facilitation of learning and exchange visits and opportunities with other countries in the region (South-South triangular cooperation) to support the development of the Homemade School Feeding Program strategy
- 114. To strengthen the capacity of farmer groups to provide food to schools (Activity 6), the project envisages i) training smallholder farmers and smallholder groups on management, business planning and banking inclusion; (ii) increasing marketable surpluses of diversified and nutritious foods and motivating local farmer groups and processors to bundle and sell their products to local schools or formal buyers in their respective value chains; the establishment of a savings program integrated into the structure of the farmers' group with a view to facilitating access to credit and a culture of savings.
- 115. Accordingly, the project aims to provide 11 million nutrient-fortified meals to improve nutrition, health, literacy and feeding practices for 65,000 students in 354 rural primary schools in seven priority districts of the current McGovern-Dole FY17 cycle. Children will be required to receive meals every 180 days during the school year from October to June. The targeting also takes into account the ORA (Observe, Reflect and Act) schools that were set up to improve the schooling of indigenous children these will be among the target schools.

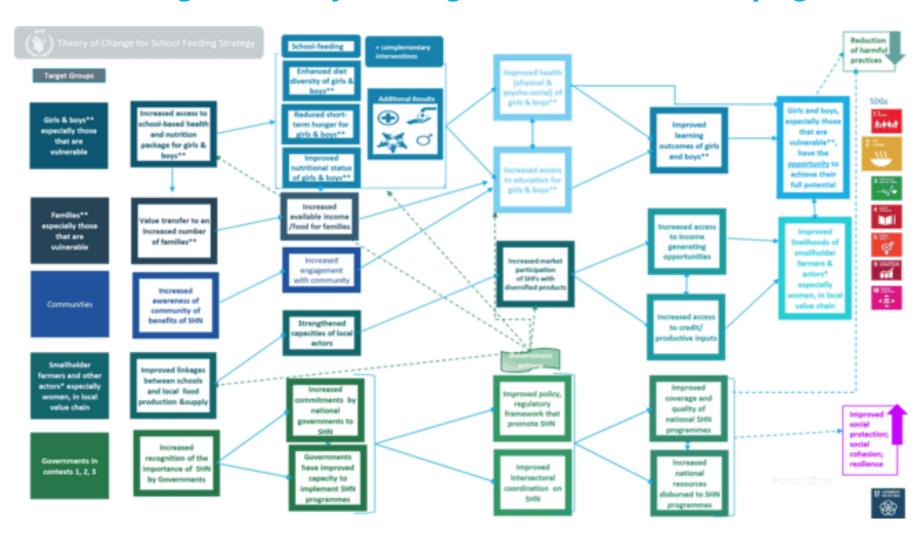
#### **Overview of the Evaluation Subject**

Purpose of the evaluation	McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2021 to 2026
Country	Republic of the Congo
Sources of funding / donors	USDA McGovern-Dole program
Total budget	25,000,000 USD
Duration	October 2021 to September 30, 2026
Overall objective	<ul><li>Improve literacy among school-age children (SO1);</li><li>Increase the use of sanitary and food practices (SO2).</li></ul>
Components (axes, effects, outputs, etc.)	Activity 1: Providing nutritious school meals Activity 1.1: Provide nutritious school meals Activity 1.2 Providing locally purchased products  Activity 2: Promoting better health Activity 2.1 Construction of water supply systems and construction of latrines adapted for persons with disabilities Activity 2.2 Raise awareness among students and parents about good health/hygiene/sanitation practices Activity 2.3 Teaching girls' good menstrual hygiene management (MHM)

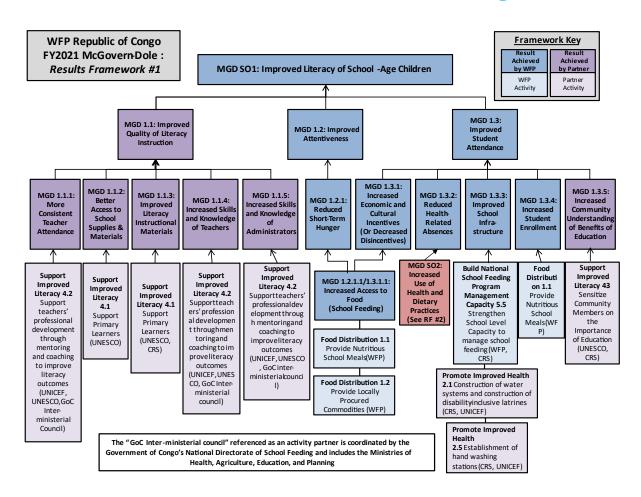
	Activity 2.5 Implementation of handwashing stations <sup>54</sup>
	Activity 2.6 Distribution of deworming drugs and prevention education
	Activity 3: Promoting improved nutrition and feeding practices
	Activity 3.1 Teachers and parents permanently engaged in nutrition
	education
	Activity 3.2 Local government officials trained on agriculture and
	nutrition and coordination workshops conducted
	Activity 3.3 Integrate nutrition and agriculture awareness activities
	into existing maternal and child nutrition campaigns Activity 3.4 Supporting CGEs to become nutrition champions in their
	communities
	Activity 3.5 Integrate maternal and child nutrition activities into a
	multisectoral coordination forum
	Activity 3.6 Create and maintain school gardens
	Activity 4: Cupporting Literacy Improvement
	Activity 4: Supporting Literacy Improvement Activity 4.1 Supporting primary learners
	Activity 4.1 Support teachers' professional development through
	mentoring and coaching to improve literacy outcomes
	Activity 4.3 Sensitize community members on the importance of
	education
	Activity 4.4 Organize reading competitions
	Activity 5: Strengthen the management capacity of the national
	school feeding program
	Activity 5.1 Strengthening national frameworks and institutions
	Activity 5.2 Strengthen NSFP implementation capacities at the
	national level Activity 5.3 Support the establishment of departmental school
	feeding committees and build capacity at the departmental level
	Activity 5.4 Capacity building at district level, support the
	establishment of district school feeding committees
	Activity 5.5: Strengthen the capacity of schools to manage school
	feeding Activity 5.6 Convene and facilitate learning opportunities for South-
	South and triangular cooperation
	Activity 6: Strengthen the capacity of farmer groups to provide food
	to schools
	Activity 6.1 Capacity building of SHF and SHF groups.  Activity 6.2 Increased marketable surplus and access to formal
	markets, with a focus on supplying local schools.
	Activity 6.3 Improving financial inclusion.
Expected beneficiaries	65,000 children in 354 primary schools
	- World Food Program (WFP);
	- Ministry of Education (Ministry of Preschool, Primary, Secondary
	and Literacy Education – MEPPSA)
Partners (institutional,	- Ministry of Health
implementing)	- Ministry of Agriculture
	- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
	- United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
	- Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 54}$  There was an error in the legal agreement numbering (with activity 2.4 being skipped).

## **Annex 5. The global Theory of Change for WFP school-based programs**



# **Annex 6. Results Framework/Line of Sight**



# **Annex 7. Timeline**

Activities			Jan	Feb	Mar/Apr	May/Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
Phase	2 – Inception - Up to 7 weeks									
1	Orientation of the evaluation team	EM/TL								
2	Desk review of key documents	ET								
3	Virtual Inception mission (if applicable)									
4	Submit draft1 inception report	ET								
5	Quality assurance of draft1 IR by EM and REO using QC, share draft IR with quality support service (DEQS)	EM								
6	Inform DEQS ahead of time to look for consultant	EM								
7	DEQS review of inception report	EM								
8	Review of DEQS feedback and organize follow-up call if needed	EM								
9	Review draft1 IR based on feedback received by DEQS, EM and REO and submit draft 2 IR (English and translated into French)	ET								
1	Share draft 2 IR with ERG	EM								
1	Review and comment on draft 2 IR	ERG								
1	Consolidate stakeholders' comments on draft 2 and submit to TL	EM								
1	Revised draft2 IR based on stakeholder's feedback received and submit draft 3 IR (Based on review by WFP, evaluation team may need	ET								
	to produce draft 4 as final report)									
1	Review draft 3 IR and submit to the evaluation committee for approval	EM								
1	Approve final IR and share with ERG for information	EC Chair								
Phase	2 3 – Data collection- Up to 4 weeks									
1	Training of in-country data collection team and piloting of tools	ET								
1	Brief the evaluation team at CO	EC Chair/ EM								
1	Data collection – School based surveys – learning outcomes assessment of pupils in treatment and comparison schools; Surveys of	ET								
	Head Teachers, School Cooks and PTAs; Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussions, Observations									
1	In-country debriefing (s)	ET								
Phase	e 4 – Reporting- Up to 11 weeks									
2	Data cleaning, transcription, and quantitative and qualitative data analysis	ET								
2	Conduct data analysis and draft evaluation report Submit draft 1 to EM.	ET								
2	Quality assurance of draft1 ER by EM and REO using the Quality Checklist,	EM								
2	ET to review draft0 feedback on quality checklist	ET								
2	share draft1 ER with quality support service (DEQS) and organize follow-up call with DEQS	EM					-			
2	DEQS review of Draft 1 and possible call with EM	EM								
2	Address EM, REO, DEQS comments and submit draft2 (English and French version) ER based on feedback received by DEQS, EM and	ET								
	REO									
2	Circulate draft2 ER for review and comments to ERG, RB and other stakeholders	EM								
2	Review and comment on draft2 ER									
2	2 Consolidate comments received from stakeholders' comments ERG and submit to evaluation team									
3	Review draft 2 ER based on feedback received and submit draft 3 ER									
3	3 Review draft 3 ER and submit to USDA for comments									
3	Receive and submit the USDA comments to the team leader	EM								
3	Review USDA comments and submit draft 4/ final (English and French)	ET								
3	Approve final evaluation report and share with key stakeholders for information	EC Chair								

Pha	se 5 - Dissemination and follow-up- Up to 4 weeks					
	Prepare management response	EC Chair				
	Share final evaluation report and management response with the REO and OEV for publication and participate in end-of-	EM				
	evaluation lessons learned call					

# **Annex 8. Evaluation Matrix**

116. The team has reviewed the evaluation questions (EQs) as presented in the TOR, has mainstream gender and inclusion into the questions and also derived sets of logically sequenced sub-questions. It is noted that the OECD/DAC criteria will be used in the assessments at mid-term and endline. For the baseline, the matrix has been organised according to the baseline questions with the criteria of gender equality and human rights integrated. For each question, in at least one sub-question, we have highlighted how data and methods would be triangulated.

Questions				Criteria
1. Values and Appropriater	ness of Baseline Indicators			Data Available and Reliable; and
				more will be generated for this EQ
Sub questions	Indicators	Data collection methods	Sources of data/information	Data analysis methods/ triangulation
1.1. What are the baseline values for each indicator in the performance monitoring plan (PMP)?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators	Secondary quantitative data analysis Desk Review	Performance Monitoring Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Reports	Descriptive Analysis
1.2. Do the indicators reflect McGovern-Dole project's commitments on gender equality and social equity?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators  Set Annual Targets -26 standard indicators Evidence that performance indicators are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound) and equity and gender sensitive	Evaluability Assessment Secondary quantitative data analysis Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders.	Performance Monitoring Plan; Results Framework; Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; INS surveys; PASEC survey; WFP reports; school attendance sheets; Qualitative information from KII	Descriptive Analysis Content analysis Triangulation of different data sources and method. Different persons will be asked the same questions and areas of agreements and disagreements will be noted. Any weakness in addressing the question via desk review alone will be compensated for by the KII. This will increase the credibility of the findings.
1.2.1. Are indicators SMART?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators Set Annual Targets	Evaluability Assessment Secondary quantitative data analysis Desk Review	Performance Monitoring Plan; Results Framework; Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; INS surveys; PASEC survey; WFP	Descriptive Analysis Content analysis Triangulation of different data sources and methods.

	-26 standard indicators	Key informant interviews	reports; school attendance	
	Evidence that performance	with WFP staff including	sheets;	
	indicators are SMART (Specific,	monitoring and evaluation	Qualitative information from KII	
	Measurable, Achievable,	officers, consultants and		
	Realistic and Time bound) and	gender focal points; USDA,		
	equity and gender sensitive	Government, UNICEF,		
		UNESCO, CRS and other key		
		stakeholders.		
2. Results Framework and 1				more will be generated for this EQ
2.1. Based on the stated	Clear description of the situation	Evaluability Assessment	Performance Monitoring Plan;	Content analysis
objectives of the	before the intervention that can	Secondary quantitative data	Monitoring and Evaluation	Triangulation of data will be
McGovern-Dole	be used as reference point to	analysis	Reports; INS surveys; PASEC	carried out using the different
project, are the targets	determine or measure change	Desk Review	survey; WFP reports; school	methods to ask the same
set for each indicator	Evidence of realistic justification of the interventions	Key informant interviews	attendance sheets;	questions, and asking different
clear, realistic, and achievable considering		with WFP staff including	Qualitative information from KII	types of respondents the same questions. This will enable us to
the baseline?	Evidence that set objectives and expected results are clear, and	monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and		identify areas of agreement and
the baseline:	observable if implementation is	gender focal points; USDA,		disagreement between and
	underway or completed	Government, UNICEF,		within groups of respondents.
	Evidence of flexibility and	UNESCO, CRS and other key		within groups of respondents.
	responsiveness of results	stakeholders.		
	framework			
2.2. How is the theory of	Robustness and Plausibility of	Evaluability Assessment	Performance Monitoring Plan;	Descriptive analysis
change (ToC) / logic	the program's ToC	Desk Review	Theory of Change	Content analysis
design aligned with the	Evidence of adaptation of the		Monitoring and Evaluation	Analysis of Theory of Change
result framework?	ToC to the result chain and logic		Reports;	(ToC) and its assumptions
	Evidence of equity and gender			Triangulation of different data
	programming mainstreaming in			sources.
	the program ToC			
	Intervention design and theory			
	of change showing			
	considerations of different			
	contextual elements in the			
	assumptions, risks and			
2 Manitaring and Evel-	mitigating factors		Data Available and Balieble	and will be departed for this 50
3. Monitoring and Evaluation	on of the Program		Data Avallable and Reliable in	nore will be generated for this EQ

3.1. What are the key	Indicators monitored via the	Desk Review	Monitoring and Evaluation	Thematic analysis
success factors for	Dashboard	Key informant interviews	Reports;	Content analysis
efficient and effective	Other means of monitoring	with WFP staff including	Review of Performance	Triangulation of data will be
M&E of the project?	indicators not tracked via the	monitoring and evaluation	Monitoring Plan and Results	carried out using the different
3.1.1. What are the	Dashboard	officers and consultants;	Framework	methods to ask the same
enabling or	Evidence of gender and equity	USDA, Government,	Review of Dashboard	questions, and asking different
hindering factors	considerations in the	UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and	Qualitative information from KII	types of respondents the same
for effective	disaggregation of data	other key stakeholders.		questions. This will enable us to
monitoring and	Stakeholders' views of key gaps	School Survey		identify areas of agreement and
evaluation of the	in the M&E of the program			disagreement between and
project?	Stakeholders' perceptions of			within groups of respondents.
	quality of current monitoring			Any gaps in the desk review will
	and reporting against key			be compensated for by the
	objectives of the program and			information obtained from the
	standards of good practice.			FGD and KII data to increase the
	Stakeholders' perceptions of the			validity of the findings.
	use of monitoring information in			
	decision making and adaptation			
	of program implementation.			
	Stakeholders' views of key			
	success factors for an effective			
	M&E of the program			
	Stakeholders' perspectives on			
	enabling factors for effective			
	M&E of the program			
	Stakeholders' perspectives on			
	hindering factors for effective			
	M&E of the program			
	Stakeholder's perspective on			
	appropriateness of the gender			
	and equity-sensitive approach to			
	M&E of the program			
	Evidence of knowledge of key			
	indicators among relevant			
	stakeholders			

3.2. What factors could impact on the reliability and accessibility of monitoring and evaluation data?	Availability of Plan for appropriate data collection and management Evidence of / plans for automated dashboards (including bottleneck analysis) scorecards, alerts and reports to support monitoring Evidence of / plans for appropriate internal communication systems	Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders.	Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; Review of Performance Monitoring Plan Qualitative information from KII	Content analysis Triangulation of different data sources
4. Environment and Learning	ng		Data Available and Reliable, and	more will be generated for this EQ
4.1. To what extent is the environment in the implementation area conducive to learning and child development for boys, girls and indigenous children? 4.1.1. What factors make the environment more or less conducive to learning?	Percentage of girls achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of indigenous girls achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of girls achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of indigenous girls achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of boys achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of indigenous boys achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of indigenous boys achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools Percentage of indigenous boys achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools	Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders. Pupils learning outcomes assessment School survey of teachers, school-cooks and PTA Focus Group Discussions of community men/women/girls/boys; indigenous groups, PLWD / DPOs, women associations, farmers, traders, suppliers, community leaders, religious groups	Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; Qualitative information from KII and FGD Learning outcomes assessment data Quantitative information from school surveys	Descriptive statistics Thematic analysis Triangulation of different data sources. Any weakness in the

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	Percentage of boys achieving			
	basic numeracy in intervention			
	and comparison schools			
	Percentage of girls' dropout in			
	intervention and comparison			
	schools			
	Percentage of boys' dropout in			
	intervention and comparison			
	schools			
	Percentage of indigenous girls'			
	dropout in intervention and			
	comparison schools			
	Percentage of indigenous boys'			
	dropout in intervention and			
	comparison schools			
	Perceptions of the government			
	and teachers regarding the			
	capacity of teachers to deliver			
	effective learning to girls			
	Stakeholders and Communities'			
	perceptions of quality of literacy			
	instruction, and school			
	leadership capacity			
	Stakeholders' perceptions of			
	student attentiveness,			
	attendance and dropout,			
	Communities' perceptions of			
	alleviation of short term hunger			
	of school children through the			
	provision of school meals			
4.2. To what extent is	Communities'	Focus Group Discussions of	Document review	Content analysis
education considered	views/prioritisation of education	community	Qualitative information from KII	Triangulation of different data
important by parents	vis a vis other urgent priorities	men/women/girls/boys;	and FGD	sources. The findings from the
and communities for	Indigenous communities'	indigenous groups, PLWD /		FGDs of communities and the
both boys and girls?	views/prioritisation of education	DPOs, women associations,		quantitative interviews of the
	vis a vis other urgent priorities	farmers, traders, suppliers,		PTA members will provide

	Communities' views/prioritisation of girls' x boys' education Indigenous communities' views/prioritisation of girls' x boys' education	community leaders, religious groups School Survey of Head Teachers, PTA members and school cooks		complementary information from rights users' perspectives.
5. Capacity of Farmers and <i>EQ</i>	l other suppliers		Data Available and Reliable, c	and more will be generated for this
5.1. To what extent are farmers women's farmers cooperatives, traders, and other suppliers in the implementation area equipped (with skills, infrastructure, and inputs) and capable of providing a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools?	Male farmers', traders and other suppliers' views of their capacity to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools Female farmers', traders and other suppliers' views of their capacity to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools Communities views of the capability of farmers, traders, and other suppliers to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools WFP, Government and other stakeholders' views of the capability of farmers, traders and other suppliers' capability to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools Stakeholders' perceptions of supply chain issues regarding	Focus Group Discussions of community men/women/girls/boys; indigenous groups, PLWD / DPOs, women associations, farmers, traders, suppliers, community leaders  Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders.	Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; Qualitative information from KII and FGD	Descriptive analysis Content analysis Triangulation of data will be carried out using the different qualitative methods to ask the same questions, and asking different types of respondents the same questions. This will enable us to identify areas of agreement and disagreement between and within groups of respondents. We will compare and contrast answers between different respondent groups within the different departments. We will assign weights in the qualitative analysis using the frequency of respondents' perceptions and agreements between different interviews and respondents.

5.2. How are farmers and women's farmers cooperatives structured and organised?	food commodities' supply to local schools Stakeholders' experiences with local procurement Information on organisation and structure of farmers including female exclusive cooperatives	Focus Group Discussions of community men/women/girls/boys; indigenous groups, PLWD / DPOs, women associations, farmers, traders, suppliers, community leaders Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders.	Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; Qualitative information from KII and FGD	Descriptive analysis
6. Capacity of Government 6.1. To what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program (NSFP)?	Evidence of strengthened organisational capacities and systems to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic NSFP  Mechanisms in place to ensure strengthening of skills and capacity of government and school communities to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic NSFP  Evidence of capacity-building efforts carried out in the short-term and on a continuing basis; Evidence of strengthened institutional arrangements	Desk Review Key informant interviews with WFP staff including monitoring and evaluation officers, consultants and gender focal points; USDA, Government, UNICEF, UNESCO, CRS and other key stakeholders. School Survey of Head Teachers, PTA members and school cooks	Monitoring and Evaluation Reports; Document review Qualitative information from KII Quantitative information from school surveys	Content analysis Thematic analysis Triangulation of data will be carried out using quantitative (school survey) and different qualitative methods (KII and desk review) to ask the same questions, and asking different types of respondents the same questions. This will enable us to identify areas of agreement and disagreement between and within groups of respondents. We will compare and contrast answers between different

		respondent groups and across
Evidence of community action		departments.
platforms such as active PTAs		-
Stakeholders' perceptions of		
capacity at national, department		
and school community levels		
Evidence of financial		
commitment by governments		
(national, department levels) -		
budgetary allocations to school		
feeding.		
Evidence of identified and		
interactions with external		
funding sources (private sector,		
donors etc) to support the		
program – government		
stakeholders looking for, finding		
and identifying synergies to		
provide support.		
Evidence of an exit strategy		
Stakeholders' views and		
evidence of:		
- national/local		
ownership		
- use of local capacity,		
etc.		
- Gender and equity		
related capacity built		
- Government's capacity		
to implement the		
program without		
external support (from		
USDA, WFP and other		
partners)		

6.2. What are the current	WFP and other technical	Desk Review	Monitoring and Evaluation	Content analysis
capacity gaps and	partners' perceptions of capacity	Key informant interviews	Reports;	Thematic analysis
strengths of the NSFP?	gaps and strengths of the NSFP	with WFP staff including	Document review	Triangulation of different data
What activities need to	WFP and other technical	monitoring and evaluation	Qualitative information from KII	sources
be undertaken to	partners' perceptions of capacity	officers, consultants and	Quantitative information from	
address the capacity	gaps and strengths of the NSFP	gender points; USDA,	school surveys	
gaps?	in terms of gender and equity	Government, UNICEF,		
	Governments' perceptions of	UNESCO, CRS and other key		
	capacity gaps and strengths of	stakeholders.		
	the NSFP	School Survey of Head		
	WFP and other technical	Teachers		
	partners' perceptions of			
	activities that need to be			
	undertaken to address capacity			
	gaps of the NSFP			
	Governments' perceptions of			
	activities that need to be			
	undertaken to address capacity			
	gaps of the NSFP			
	What are the indicators to			
	monitor progress over time?			
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# **Annex 9. Quantitative Data collection Tools**

**EVALUATION OF THE BASIC COMPETENCES OF THE LEARNERS OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL** 

# 9.1. Pupils' Questionnaire

	Region: [	
	Division: [	
	Sub-division [	
	Name of the school: [	]
	School order (1 = Public, 2 = Private):	
	Area of location $(1 = Urban, 2 = Rural)$ :	
	Learner's code: [	<u>  _ </u>
	Gender: (1 = Male, 2 = Female):	[]
	School code:	
	Administrator's code	
	Date of administration of the test: DD[	] MM  ] YYYY
	Starting time of administration:	HH [ ]MM [ ]
	Hour of end of the test:	HH [ ]MM [ ]
001	1	
Q01	Gender	
	1 Girl 2 boy	
Q02	What is your and?	I l Venre
	What is your age?  I don't know/ No answer = 99	[] Years
	T don't know/ No driswer = 99	
	What language(s) do you speak at home?	1 = French
Q03		2 = English Q05
	[Many answers are authorised]	3 = Other
004	[If Other at the previous question] Indicate	
Q04	[If Other at the previous question] Indicate.	
	Do you have the reading textbook used in	
Q05	school at home?	
ÇOS		
	[1 = Yes 0 = No 9 = No answer]	
	Do you use the reading textbook in class?	
Q06		
QUU	[1 = Often 2 = Sometimes 3 = Rarely 4 =	
	Never]	
	[If No at the previous question:]	
	Can you take home the reading textbook you	
Q07	use in school?	
	$[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No \ answer]$	
	Do you have the mathematics textbook used in	
Q08	school at home?	
`		
	[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No  answer]	
	Do you use the mathematics textbook in class?	
Q09	[1] Office 2 County 2 D 1	
-	[1 = Often 2 = Sometimes 3 = Rarely 4 =	
010	Never]	
Q10	[If No at the previous question :]	

	Can you take home the mathematics textbook you use in school?				
	$[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No \ answer]$				
	Are there other textbooks, newspapers or				
Q11	other documents for reading at home apart				
ŲII	from your school textbooks?				
	[1 = Yes $0 = No$ $9 = No$ answer]				
Q12	Are there persons in your family who can read apart from yourself?				
<b>₹</b> /-	[1 = Yes $0 = No$ $9 = No answer$ ]				
			Yes	No	No answer
	[If Yes at the previous question:] Who are those that can read?	Father			
Q13	[Many answers authorised]	Mother			
	,	Sister(s) or brother(s)			
	$[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No \ answer]$	Others	+=-		
	Do you read at home?	Others			
Q14	Do you read at nome:				
•	$[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No \ answer]$				
	[If Yes at the previous question:]				
Q15	At what frequency?	r 1			
Q15	[1 = Everyday 2 = Sometimes 3 = Rarely 4				
	= Never]				
	[If Yes at the previous question:]		Yes	No	No answer
	who helps you in reading?	Your parents	-		
Q16	[Many answers are authorised]	Your friends Caretaker	+		
		Home teacher	H	H	
	$[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No \ answer]$	Other persons			
	In your home, is there	Yes	No		No answer
	A radio?				
	A cell phone?				
	Electricity?				
	Pipe bonne water?				
Q17	A television?				
Q17	A fridge?				
	A bicycle?				
	A motorbike?				
	A computer?				
	A car				
0.10	Does the teacher give homework?	, ,			
Q18	[1 = Yes 0 = No 9 = No answer]				
	[If Yes at the previous question:]				
	does someone help you to do your homework				
Q18	from time to time? [1 = Yes 0 = No 9 = No answer]	[]			
	y = 100 $y = 100$ unswerg				
020	[If Yes at the previous question:]		Yes	No	No answer

	who helps you to do the homework?	Your parents						
		Your friends						
	[Many answers are authorised]	Tuition teacher						
		Other persons						
	Have you been to a nursery school before							
Q21	coming to the primary school?	[]						
	[1 = Yes $0 = No$ $9 = No answer$ ]							
	Have you repeated a class?							
Q22	Thave you repeated a class.	r 1						
<b>\</b>	[1 = Yes $0 = No$ $9 = No answer$ ]							
			Yes	No		No answe	er	
	[If Yes at the previous question:] Which class(es)	CL1						_
Q23	Willell Class(es)	CL2						-
	[Many answers are authorised]							
	,	CL3		Ш				
Q24	What are the health and nutrition practices you know related to the programme?				Yes	No	No answer	
	[Many answers are authorised]	Balanced diet : frui	ts, vegetabl	es and				
		animal source food			ш			
	[1 = Yes $0 = No$ $9 = No answer$ ]	Diversified feeding	practices	regular				
		consumption of veg	etable and fi	ruits	ш			
		Safe food prepara	ation and s	storage			]	
		practices						
		Knowledge of nutrit	ion					
		Create and maintain	school gard	en				
		Cooking demonstra	tion					
		Good menstrual hyg	giene manag	ement				
		Deworming medicat	tion					
		Using of Insecticide	e treated mo	osquito				
		net						
		Sexual education						
		Healthy lifestyle						
		Using safe water sou	urce					
		Health and hygiene						
		Five key moments o	f hand washi	ing				
Q25	Which one have you adopted? [Many answers are authorised]				Yes	No	No answer	
		Balanced diet : frui	ts, vegetable	es and				
	[1 = Yes  0 = No  9 = No  answer]	animal source food						
		Diversified feeding	practices	regular			]	
		consumption of veg	etable and f	ruits				
		Safe food prepara	ation and s	storage				
		practices						
		Knowledge of nutrit						
		Create and maintain		en				
		Cooking demonstra	tion					
		Good menstrual hyg	giene manag	ement				
		Deworming medicat						
		Using of Insecticide	e treated mo	osquito				
		net						
	İ	Sevual education						

	Promotion of health and hygiene						
		messages					
		Five key moments o	f hand washi	ng			
Q26	Do you wash your hands every time before eating? $[1 = Yes \ 0 = No \ 9 = No \ answer]$						
	QUESTIONS FOR FEMALE STUDENTS ONLY						
Q27	During your last period, were you able to wash and change in private? $[1 = Yes \ 0 = No \ 9 = No \ answer]$	[]					
Q28	Have you been able to use the products as sanitary services, tampons or pieces of fabric to protect yourself?  [ $1 = Yes \ 0 = No \ 9 = No \ answer$ ]						
Q29	How many meals do you eat a day?	[]					
	9.2. PTA Questionnaire						
Name	of the school: [		]				
School	order (1 = Public, 2 = Private): []						
Area of	location (1 = Urban, 2 = Rural): []						
Region	. [	]					
Divisio	n: [	]					
Sub-div	vision [		_]				
Learne	's code: [   ]						
Gender	: (1 = Male, 2 = Female): []						
School	code: [   ]						
Admini	strator's code [ ] DD						
Date of	administration of the test: [	_]					
Starting	HH : MM g time of administration: [ ] : [ ]						
1.	Is there a PTA association?	_]					
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]						
2.	Is the PTA available as a result of USDA assistance [1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	_]					

Healthy lifestyle

Using safe water source

[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]

3. Is the PTA supported by the USDA assistance?

4.	During her last period, was your daughter able to wash and change in private?						
	[1 = Yes 0 = No 9 = No answer]						
5.	Do your children wash their hands every time before eating? [1 = Yes $0 = No 9 = No $ answer]	[]					
6.	How many meals do your children each eat per day?	[]					
7.	Number of individuals who have adopted at least five new safe food preparation and storage practices as a result of USDA assistance.  Balanced diet: fruits, vegetables and animal source food Diversified feeding practices regular consumption of vegetable and fruits Safe food preparation and storage practices Knowledge of nutrition Create and maintain school garden Cooking demonstration Good menstrual hygiene management Deworming medication Using of Insecticide treated mosquito net Sexual education Healthy lifestyle Using safe water source Health and hygiene messages Five key moments of hand washing	TOTAL	Women		Men		
8.	Do you practise promoted infant and young child feeding behaviors?  [1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]						_
9.	how many individuals have been trained in		Women		Men		T
<i>J</i> .	child health and nutrition as a result of USDA assistance?		vvoinen		IVIEII		-
		TOTAL					┸
10	How many parents were trained as part of Procurement committees?		Women		Men		_
	Procurement committees:	TOTAL					_
11	what are the number of cooking demonstration sessions conducted during maternal and child nutrition events?	[]					
12	How many WAHH committees have been established at schools?	[]					
13	Is there a potable water point as a result of USDA assistance?						
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]						
14	[1 - 165, 0 - 140, 3 - 110 diswei]						
14	What is the number of daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) provided to school-		Breakfast	Snack		Lunch	

15	What is the number of school-age children		Girls	boys	disabled		indigene	es
	receiving daily school meals (breakfast, snack,				girls	boys	girls	boys
	lunch) as a result of USDA assistance?	Total						
16	Does the school have a school garden? [1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	[]						

# 9.3. Headteacher Questionnaire

Name o	of the school:								_]							
School	order (1 = Pul	olic, 2 = Pr	ivate): [	_]												
Area of	location (1 =	Urban, 2 =	Rural): [_	]												
Region:	[						]									
Divisior	n: [						·	]								
Sub-div	rision [							_]								
Learner	's code: [	_	_  _	_  _	]											
Gender	: (1 = Male, 2	= Female):	[]													
School	code: [ <u> </u> _			]												
Admini	strator's code	•														
Date of	administratio	DD n of the te	/ MV st: [ _	/ YY 												
Starting	time of admi	nistration:	HH [	: MM  ]:[												
	P1/SIL			P2/CP			P3/			P4			P5			P6
	enrollment	present	absent		present	absent	enrolled	present	absent	Enr	pre	abs	enr	pre	abs	
Girls																
Boys																
Total																
1.		Is there	a school	Council (S	1) or school	<u> </u>										
			ement cor		c) or scrio	"										
				, 9 = no ar												
2.				ouncil (SC)												
		_	ement co DA assista	mmittee su	pported b	<sup>'y</sup>										
				nce: , <b>9 = no a</b> n	swer]											
3.				s Teachers		n										
		(PTA) ?														
						LJ										
				, 9 = no an												
4.		ls the assistan		ported by	the USD	A   , ,										
				, 9 = no an	swer]	[]										
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5.	Does your school have all classes (from SIL to CM2)?	
	[[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	
6.		
	How many pedagogic groups?	
7.	(1) One stream per class or	
	(2) many?	
8.	Are there multigrade classes?	
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	
9.	How many Shifts?	
	[1 = one shift, 2 = 2 shifts, 3 = mixed]	
10.		1. Consulting
	Type of Building materials of classrooms	1 = Cement blocks 2 = palm fronds (thatches)
	as a result of USDA assistance?	3 = mud blocks
	as a result of osper assistance:	4 = Others
		Chiefs
11.	Is the school fenced as a result of USDA	
	assistance?	
	[1 - Ves 0 - Ne 0 - ne susual	
12.	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer] Is there a potable water point as a result	
12.	of USDA assistance?	
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	
13.	Are there latrines as the result of USDA	
	assistance?	
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	
14.		
	[If was in the previous supertional Area	1 - conserts lattings for sixt and bour
	[ <b>If yes in the previous question:</b> ] Are they gender sensitive?	1 = separate latrines for girl and boys 2 = Mixed latrines
	they gender sensitive.	Z = Winder latines
15.	Is there a playground?	
13.	is there a playground:	
	[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	
16.	What is the number of nutrition-	
	focused clubs established by SGAC	
47	members?	
17.	What is the number of nutrition- focused educational materials	
	distributed?	
18.	How many students have participated in	
	reading competitions facilitated as a	
	result of USDA assistance?	
19.	How many students benefit from the	
	establishment and maintenance of	
20.	school gardens?  Have you received any training on the	
۷٠.	use of new techniques or tools as a	
	result of USDA assistance?	
	[1 - Ves 0 - No 9 - no answer]	

21.	Does the school have a school garden? [1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]	[]							
22.	How many students have participated in school internal class competitions on nutrition?	[]							
23.	How many female students have been trained trained on good menstrual hygiene practices?	[]							
24.	Number of teaching and learning materials provided as a result of USDA assistance	types of t and materials re 1. 2. 3.	learning	1		Qua	antity avai	lable and	usable
	How many students benefit from newly constructed or enhanced water systems?	TOTAL		Women			Men		
25.	Number of daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) provided to school-age children as a result of USDA assistance	Number		Breakfast		Snack		Lunch	
26.	Number of school-age children receiving daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) as a result of USDA assistance	Total	Girls	boys		disabled girls	boys	indigen girls	boys
27.	Number of students receiving deworming medication(s)	Total	Girls	boys		disabled girls	boys	indigen girls	boys
28.		Reams of pa	pers	l e	Yes		No 0	No a	answer 9
		Dictionaries			1		0		9
		Maps			1		0		9
	Pedagogic resources of the school	Globe			1		0		9
		Measuremen etc),		·	1		0		9
		Geometric n				1	0		9
		Pedagogical	compu	ters		1	0		9

#### 9.4. EGRA Class

Early Grade Reading Assessment: Administrator Instructions and Protocol

**ENGLISH - CLASS 2** 

**General Instructions** 

It is important to establish a playful and relaxed rapport with the children to be assessed, via some simple initial conversation among topics of interest to the child (see example below). The child should perceive the following assessment almost as a game to be enjoyed rather than an exam. It is important to read ONLY the sections in boxes aloud slowly and clearly.

This tool will be administered in French

#### Verbal Consent (to be administered in French)

Read the text in the box clearly to the child:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I work with the INS.

- We are trying to understand how children learn to read. You were picked by chance, like in a raffle or lottery.
- We would like your help in this. But you do not have to take part if you do not want to.
- We are going to play a reading game. I am going to ask you to read letters, words and a short story out loud IN ENGLISH.
- Using this \_\_\_\_, I will see how long it takes you to read.
- This is NOT a test and it will not affect your grade at school.
- I will NOT write down your name so no one will know these are your answers.
- Once again, you do not have to participate if you do not wish to. Once we begin, if you would rather not answer a question, that's all right.
- Can we get started?

#### Check box if verbal consent is obtained:

(If verbal consent is not obtained, thank the child and move on to the next child, using this same form)

YES

#### Task 1. Letter NAME identification

Place the student sheet of LETTERS in front of the child. Prepare the timer for one minute. Say:

Here is a page full of letters of the alphabet. Please tell me the NAME of as many letters as you can--not the SOUND of the letters, but the NAME of the letter IN ENGLISH.

1. For example, the name of this letter in English is [point to T] is "ti".

Now you try: tell me the sound of this letter [point to e]:

[If correct:] Good, the name of this letter is "ii."

[ If incorrect:] The name of this letter is "ii."

2. Now try another one: tell me the name of this letter in English is [point to P]:

[If correct:] Good, the name of this letter is "pi."

[If incorrect:] The name of this letter is "pi."

Do you understand what you are supposed to do? When I say "begin," start here [point to first letter]. Point to each letter as you tell me the name of the letters as best as you can. I will keep quiet and listen to you, unless you need help. I will tell you when to stop. Ready? Begin.

Start the timer when the child reads the first letter. **TIMER SHOULD COUNT DOWN FROM 60 to 1.** Follow along with your pencil and <u>clearly</u> mark any incorrect letters with a slash (/). Count self-corrections as correct. If you've already marked the self-corrected letter as incorrect, circle the letter and go on. **Stay quiet**: if the child hesitates for 3 seconds, point to the next letter and say "**Please try the next one**." Mark the letter you provide to the child as incorrect. If the student gives you the sound of the letter, rather than the letter, say: ["**Please tell me the NAME of the letter**"]. This prompt may be given only once during the exercise. **AFTER 60 SECONDS SAY**, "stop." Mark the final letter read with a bracket (]).

**Early Stop Rule:** If you have marked as incorrect all of the answers on the first line with no self-corrections, say "**Thank you!**" discontinue this exercise, check the box at the bottom, and go on to the next exercise.

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N	q	Н	Α	S	i	g	m	i	L	
Χ	i	L	0	i	Ο	E	р	r	b	
N	d	C	D	e	V	J	Z	0	n	

Time r	emainina or	n stopwatch i	f student com	pletes in L	ESS than 60	seconds (	(number of $S$	SECONDS):

Place the pupil sheet in front of the child with the LETTERS page. Prepare the timer at 60sec.

#### **Task 2. Letter SOUND identification**

Place the student sheet of LETTERS/GROUPS OF LETTERS in front of the child. Prepare the timer for one minute. Say:

Here is a page full of letters/groups of letters of the alphabet. Please tell me the SOUND of as many letters/groups of letters as you can--not the NAME of the letters, but the SOUND of the letter IN ENGLISH.

1. For example, the name of this letter in English is [point to o] is "oo".

Now you try: tell me the sound of these letters [point to eu]:

[If correct:] Good, the name of this letter is "uu."

[ If incorrect:] The name of these letters is " uu."

2. Now try another one: tell me the name of these letters in English is [point to t]:

[If correct:] Good, the name of these letters is "tt"

[If incorrect:] The name of these letters is "tt."

Do you understand what you are supposed to do? When I say "begin," start here [point to first letter]. Point to each letter as you tell me the name of the letters as best as you can. I will keep quiet and listen to you, unless you need help. I will tell you when to stop. Ready? Begin.

Start the timer when the child reads the first letter. **TIMER SHOULD COUNT DOWN FROM 60 to 1.** Follow along with your pencil and <u>clearly</u> mark any incorrect letters with a slash (/). Count self-corrections as correct. If you've already marked the self-corrected letter as incorrect, circle the letter and go on. **Stay quiet**: if the child hesitates for 3 seconds, point to the next letter and say "**Please try the next one**." Mark the letter you provide to the child as incorrect. If the student gives you the sound of the letter, rather than the letter, say: ["**Please tell me the NAME of the letter**"]. This prompt may be given only once during the exercise. **AFTER 60 SECONDS SAY**, "stop." Mark the final letter read with a bracket (]).

**<u>Early Stop Rule:</u>** If you have marked as incorrect all of the answers on the first line with no self-corrections, say "**Thank you!**" discontinue this exercise, check the box at the bottom, and go on to the next exercise.

Examples: o u T

R	i	h	L	S	У	E	Т	W	0	
i	е	t	m	G	T	а	d	n	В	

(10) (20)

(30)	u	R	е	L	r	U	h	Α	0	Е
(40)	r	S	t	R	r	i	N	е	m	g
(50)	E	а	С	F	Α	S	С	E	T	р
(60)	Р	t	S	0	С	0	Α	Q	h	у
(70)	Α	R	u	n	F	М	S	е	t	е
(80)	L	i	m	g	i	S	А	Н	q	N
(90)	b	r	р	E	0	i	0	L	i	Χ
(100)	n	0	Z	J	V	е	D	С	d	N

Time remaining on stopwatch if student completes in LESS than 60 seconds (number of SECONDS):

conds (number of SECONDS) :

Remove the pupil sheet Thank you! Let's try another exercise! Prepare the timer at 60sec.

Place the student sheet in front of the child with the FAMILIAR WORDS page.

**Task 3. Familiar Word Identification** 

Here are some words IN ENGLISH. I would like you to read me as many words as you can (do not spell the words, but read them). For example, this word is: "AN".

1. Now you try: [point to the word "SHE" and say ] please read this word:

[If correct]: **Good, this word is "MAP."** [If incorrect]:**This word is "MAP."** 

2. Now try another one: [point to the word "TABLE"] please read this word:

[If correct]: **Good, this word is "table."**[If incorrect]: **This word is "table."** 

Do you understand what are you supposed to do? When I say "begin," START HERE (point to first word) and read the words as best as you can. Point to each word as you read it. I will keep quiet and listen to you, unless you need help. I will tell you when to stop. Ready? Begin.

Start the timer when the child reads the first letter. **TIMER SHOULD COUNT DOWN FROM 60 to 1.** Follow along with your pencil and <u>clearly</u> mark any incorrect letters with a slash (/). Count self-corrections as correct. If you've already marked the self-corrected letter as incorrect, circle the letter and go on. **Stay quiet**,: if the child hesitates for 3 seconds, point to the next letter and say "**Please try the next one**." Mark the letter you provide to the child as incorrect. If the student gives you the letter name, rather than the sound, say: ["**Please tell me the SOUND of the letter**"]. This prompt may be given only once during the exercise. **AFTER 60 SECONDS SAY**, "stop." Mark the final letter read with a bracket (]).

Exampl	<i>le</i> : she	map	table			
	1	2	3	4	5	
•	he	you	bird	her	my	(5)
	friend	read	and	by	or	(10)
	baby	soil	father	wise	fear	(15)
	long	cow	cry	time	flower	(20)
	skin	chair	on	fly	blue	(25)
	corn	table	eye	world	wall	(30)
	kilo	date	end	put	end	(35)
	do	happy	wear	round	face	(40)
	red	nice	bread	sun	bad	(45)
					•	

			-		
play	empty	run	six	ten	(50)

Time left on stopwatch if student completes in LESS than 60 seconds:

Check this box if the exercise was discontinued because the child had no correct answers in the first line.

### Thank you! Let's try another exercise!

Place the student sheet in front of the child with the INVENTED WORDS page and prepare the timer.

## Task 4. Simple nonword decoding

Here are some made-up words IN ENGLISH. I would like you to read me as many made-up words as you can (do not spell the words, but read them).

For example, this made-up word is: "ot".

**1. Now you try:** [point to the next word: "hig' and say] **please read this word**:

[If correct]: "Very good: hig"

[If incorrect]: This made-up word is "hig."

2. Now try another one: [point to the next word: gak and say] please read this word.

[If correct]: "Very good: gak"

[If incorrect]: This made-up word is "gak."

Do you understand what you are supposed to do? When I say "begin," read the words as best as you can. Point to each word as you read it. I will keep quiet and listen to you, unless you need help. I will tell you when to stop. Ready? Begin.



Start the timer when the child reads the first letter. **TIMER SHOULD COUNT DOWN FROM 60 to 1.** Follow along with your pencil and <u>clearly</u> mark any incorrect letters with a slash ( / ). Count self-corrections as correct. If you've already marked the self-corrected letter as incorrect, circle the letter and go on. **Stay quiet**,: if the child hesitates for 3 seconds, point to the next letter and say "**Please try the next one**." Mark the letter you provide to the child as incorrect. If the student gives you the letter name, rather than the sound, say: ["**Please tell me the SOUND of the letter**"]. This prompt may be given only once during the exercise. **AFTER 60 SECONDS SAY**, "stop." Mark the final letter read with a bracket ( ) ).

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tob	jod	huz	lek	kib	
reg	san	rop	hig	num	
wix	nad	ral	tup	nep	
sem	tat	yod	lut	sig	
kad	sen	na	lib	nup	
taw	zuv	lew	paf	sal	
gof	vom	raz	ved	kag	
beb	er	ot	maz	kol	
zim	lef	tib	yag	dov	
			***************************************		

## Thank you! Let's try another exercise!

Task 5. Passage reading and Comprehension

Here is a short story. I want you to read this aloud. When you finish, I will ask you some questions about what you have read. Do you understand what are you supposed to do? When I say "begin," read the story as best as you can. I will keep quiet and listen to you, unless you need help. I will ask you to stop after one minute. Ready? Begin.

Set the timer to COUNT DOWN from 60 seconds. Start the timer when the child reads the first word. Follow along with your pen and clearly mark any incorrect words with a slash (). Count self-corrections as correct. Stay quiet, except if the child hesitates for 3 seconds, point to the next letter and say "Ala, ti sumarunon." ("Try this one") The skipped word should be marked incorrect. A skipped line should be marked incorrect by drawing a line through it. After 60 seconds (or if the child reads the whole story in less than 60 seconds) take the text away from the child. Read instructions for the questions to the child, then read each question slowly and clearly. Read the question only if the bracket is placed after the word in BOLD text on the same row. Give the child 5 seconds to respond,

you may repeat the question once if the child remains silent. Mark the answers to the questions as correct, incorrect, or no response. Answers with similar meanings to those provided are acceptable. **Prosody scoring: 1=word-by-word, slow, laborious; 2=small chunks, awkward; 3=fluent, but does not mark punctuation; incorrect phrase groups, no expression; 4=fluent, with expression to mark punctuation and/or direct speech.** Early stop rule: If the child reads no words correctly up to the symbol  $\square$ , discontinue – both reading and comprehension questions—check the box below and go on to the next exercis

Now I am going to ask you a few questions about the story you just read. Try to answer the questions as best you can.

There was a big tree in the garden of our school. It was alone and lonely.	Where is the tree found? [in the school garden; in the school; in the gard Correct Incorrect No Response			
One day, a bird came and sat on it.	25	What happened to the tree? [a bird came and sat on it]  No Response  Correct	ct Incorrect	
The bird had a seed in its beak. It dropped the seed near the tree.	40	What did the bird drop near the tree? [a seed]  Correct Incorrect No Response		
A small plant grew up.	45	What happened after? [a plant grew up/there was another tree]  Correct Incorrect No Response		
Soon, there was another tree.	50	Why was there another tree? [Because the bird dropped a seed]		
The big tree was happy.	55	Why was the bird happy? [there was another tree. It was no longer alone/lonely].  Correct Incorrect No Response		

Prosody score (1,2,3 or 4): \_\_\_\_\_ Time left on stopwatch: \_\_\_\_ Thank you, let's try a listening exercise!

## **Task 7. Listening Comprehension**

I am going to read you another story aloud ONCE and then ask you some questions about the story. Is that ok?

Our dog is called Bingo. It barks all the time. It has a short tail. It shakes its tail whenever it is happy. One day, it fell into a gutter and break its leg. I carried it to a veterinary clinic. The doctor treated its wounds. I play with it. Bingo is now happy. (54)

Now I am going to ask you a few questions about the story you just heard.						
What is the name of the dog? [Bingo].	Correct Incorrect No Response					
What does Bingo do when it is happy? [it shakes its short tail]	Correct Incorrect No Response					

Why was Bingo hurt ? [It fell in a gutter]	Correct Incorrect No Response
Where is Bingo hurt? [On the leg].	Correct Incorrect No Response
Where was Bingo treated? [At the clinic/veterinary clinic]	
Why is Bingo happy ? [it is now well].	Correct Incorrect No Response

Thank you! We are finished! I am very happy. Now you can return to class. Let's go there directly.

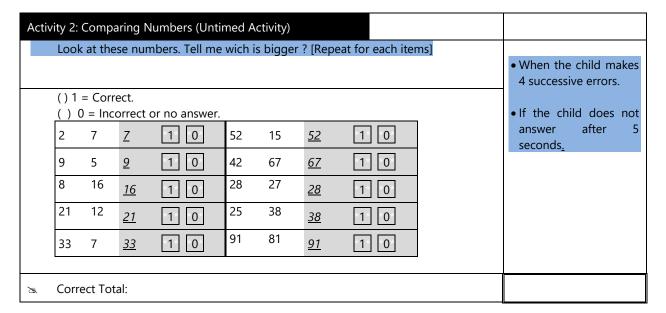
## 9.5. **EGMA Class**

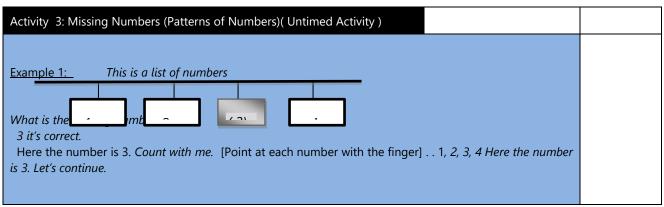
## **EVALUATION OF FONDAMENTAL COMPETENCES IN MATHEMATICS**

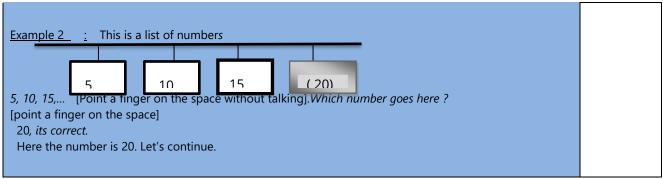
Now we shall play some mathematical games...

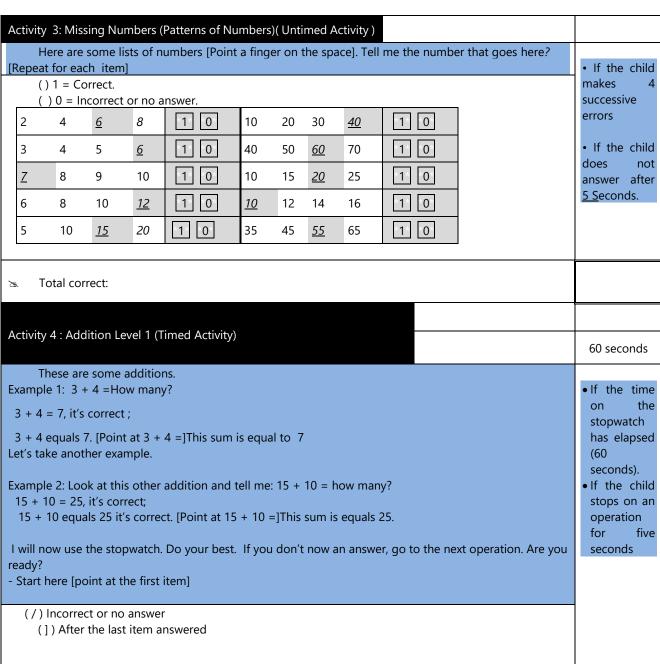
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		nt a finger o start an			and tell m	ne what the	number	is. I will	use th	ie sto	pwatch	
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		ect or no st numbe										
, ,												
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1	3	5	6	8	(5)							
10	11	13	15	16	(10)							
19	21	25	27	30	(15)							
32	33	35	38	40	(20)							
44	55	58	66	70	(25)							
73	75	78	80	91	(30)							
> Remaining time:												
> Re	maining	ume:										
≥ Sq	uare bra	ckets										
≥ Inc	correct(s)	number										

Activity 2: Comparing Numbers (Untimed Activity) -	
Example 1:	
Look at these numbers. Tell me which is bigger?	
9 4	
9 is the bigger, it's correct.	
The number 9 is the bigger. [Point at 9] this number is 9	
[Point at 4]This number is 4. 9 is bigger than 4. Let's continue.	
Example 2:	
Look at these numbers. Tell me which one is bigger?	
6 11	
11 is the bigger, it's correct.	
The number 11 is bigger [Point at 11] This number is 11.[Point at 11] 11 is bigger than 6. Let's	
Continue	
[Repeat for each items]	









1 + 5 = (6)	1 0	8 + 5 = (13)	1 0		
8 + 3= (11)	1 0	10 + 10 = (20)	1 0		
9 + 4= (13)	1 0	14 + 5 = (19)	1 0		
12 + 7 = (19)	1 0	7 + 7 = (14)	1 0		
10 + 8 = (18)	1 0	9 + 9 = (18)	1 0		
Correct Total:					
Activity 5 : Addition Leve	el II (Untimed Ac	ctivity )			
Example 1: Look at this addition and 38 + 27 = 65, it's correct The sum 38 + 27 equals Let's take another example 2: Look at this a 25 + 23 = 48, it's correct 25 + 23 equal 48. [Point sum 25 + 23]	d tell me: 38 + 2 ct, the answer is s 65. [Point at 38 ple: ddition and tell ct, the answer is at at 25 + 23 =]T ions. Try your be irst item]	65 ; 8 + 27 =] The answer me: 25 + 23 = How r 48 ; the answer is 48.	is 65. nany? v an answer, move t	o the next operation. Are	• If the child stops on an operation for ten seconds
28 + 10= (38)	101	75 + 13 =	(88)		
25 + 17 = (42)	* 0*	52 + 29 =	(81)		
14 + 27 = (41)	* 0				
➤ Total Correct:					

Activity 6 : Subtraction Level I (Timed Activity)	60 seconds
Now we shall do some subtractions.	• If the time on the
	stopwatch has

Example 1 : Look at this s 6-3= 3, it's correct; The subtraction 6–3 equ This subtraction equals 3	elapsed seconds).  If the child on an operation or five seconds.	peration				
Let's take another opera	tion					
Example 2: Look at this s 15 –10 = 5 it's correct. The subtraction 15 –10:				5.		
I Will now use this stopw Are you ready? - Start here [point at the		est. If you don't know	any answer, past to	the next operation.		
( / ) Incorrect or no ( ] ) After the last it						
5 - 2 = (3)	*1* 0*	12 - 3 = (9)	1 0			
9 - 4 = (5)	*1* 0*	9 - 6 = (3)	1 0			
20 - 10 = (10)	11 01	20 - 2 = (18)	1 0			
16 - 3 = (13)	1 0	20 - 14 = (6)	1 0			
12 - 10 = (2)	1 0	17 - 16 = (1)	1 0			
➣ Correct Total:						

Activity 7: Subtraction Level II (Untimed Activity )	
	• If the child stops
	on an operation
These are some subtractions	for ten seconds
Example 1: look at this subtraction and tell me 72–38 = How many?	
72–38 = 34, It's correct	
The subtraction 72–38 equals 34. [Point at72–38 =]	
This subtraction equals 34.	
Let's do another subtractions	

Example 2: look at this subtraction and tell me: 66 –41 = How many? 66 - 41 = 25, it's correct; 66 –41 equals 25. [Point at 66 –41 =]This subtraction equals 25. We shall do other subtractions. Try your best. If you don't know the answer, go to the next operation. Are you ready - start here [point at the first item] (/) Incorrect or no answer (]) After the last item answered 1\* 0\* 1\* 0\* 70 - 30 = (40)71 - 27 = (44)1 0 1 0 65 - 20 = (45)48 - 19 = (29)1 0 96 - 88 = (8)**Total Correct:** 

Activity: Problems (untimed Activity )				
→ Papers, pencil and stop watch.[To be assured that the child does not use much time on problem].				
I have some problem that I'll ask you to solve. These are objects to help you count. You can use them if you want, but you are not obliged. Listen very carefully. If you want, I will repeat the question. Let's start now.  Example:  Ekotto has 2 mangoes. Zumba has 3 mangoes. How many mangoes do they have altogether?  They have five mangoes in all. It's correct. Let's continue.				
For the following questions, I will read the question. Tell more I reminding you that you can use paper and pencil to help you can be be be start now.  For each problem:  ( ) 1 = Correct.  ( ) 0 = Incorrect or no answer.				
Problem 1: Papa TAMO bought 40 oranges yesterday. Today, he buys 20 bought altogether? Correct answer: 60 1 0  Problem 2: ESSAM has 20 small balls. He lost 10. How many small balls doe Correct answers: 10 1 0		not answer after		
<u>Problem 3</u> : _Five class 2 pupils pick up 3 mangoes each. How many mangoes did they pick up altogether?		answer a		

Correct answer: 15 1 0	question	after		
Problem 4	one minute			
Papa MAROU brought 50 biscuits at home. He gives half of the biscuits to his son OUTA. How many				
biscuits are remaning?				
Correct answer: 25 1 0				
Problème 5 :				
Brenda's bag contains 3 text books. Brice's bag contains the double of the number of textbooks in				
Brenda's bag. How many text books are there in Brice's bag ?				
Correct answer: 6 1 0				
Problème 6:				
BINO's teacher divides 10 puffpuff balls equally to two pupils in the class. How many puffpuff balls				
does each pupil receive. ?				
Correct answer: 5 1 0				
≥ Total correct:				

НН	:	ММ	
Time of e	end o	f test ]: [	_]

Has the Child:	OUI	NON
Used his or her fingers to solve any of the problem?	1	0
Use counting sticks to solve any of the problem?	1	0
Done written calculations?	1	0

# 9.6. Cook's Questionnaire

## **EVALUATION OF BASIC COMPETENCES OF LEARNERS OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Name of the school: [	1
School order (1 = Public, 2 = Private): []	
Area of location (1 = Urban, 2 = Rural): []	

Division: []           Sub-division []								
Sub-division []								
	Sub-division []							
Learner's code: [    ]	Learner's code: [     ]							
Gender: (1 = Male, 2 = Female): []	Gender: (1 = Male, 2 = Female): []							
School code: [_ _ _ _ _ _ ]								
Administrator's code [ ]								
DD / MM / YY  Date of administration of the test: [    ]								
HH : MM  Starting time of administration: [ ] : [ ]								
1. How many individuals have been trained								
in safe food preparation and storage as a result of USDA assistance? women men								
2. Have you received any training on the use								
of new techniques or tools as a result of								
USDA assistance?								
[1 = Yes, 0 = No, 9 = no answer]								
3. Number of daily school meals (breakfast, Breakfast Snack Lunc	1							
snack, lunch) provided to school-age Number children as a result of USDA assistance								
4. Number of school-age children receiving Girls boys disabled indige	enes							
daily school meals (breakfast, snack, girls boys girls	boys							
lunch) as a result of USDA assistance Total								
9.7. Classroom observation tool LESSON OBSERVATION (METHODS OF TEACHING READING)								
Teacher's Code: [      ] Code of the school: [                   ]								
Enrolment: [								
Title of the lesson: []								
Title of the lesson: []  1. Physical environment (tick more than one answer if necessary)	1. Facilities in the class							
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	□ Interactive white boards
	☐ Computers/tablets for pupils and teachers
2 Obsarvati	ion of lesson (tick more than one answer if necessary)
2. Observati 4.	Main/principal pedagogic resources used by teacher
4.	☐ Language textbooks
	☐ Mathematics textbooks
	<ul> <li>□ Other printed materials</li> <li>□ Calculators</li> </ul>
_	☐ Mathematics tools (compendium, square, etc.)
5.	Main teaching methods
	□ Syllabic
	(Teaching sounds and their combination to build syllables and words)
	☐ Global
	(Teaching from words, sentences, texts to get the sounds)
	□ Mixed
•	(Combining the syllabic and global methods)
6.	Content domain of the lessons
	☐ If mathematic
	□ Numbers and numeration
	<ul><li>Operations and operator</li></ul>
	Geometry
	☐ Measurement
	□ Problem solving
	☐ If language arts
	□ Reading letters
	☐ Reading syllables
	☐ Reading words
	☐ Reading texts
	☐ Listening comprehension
_	☐ Reading comprehension
7.	Content of the lesson
	☐ Instructions and resources used are appropriate for the lesson
0	☐ Objective and Content clearly announced
8.	Organisation of the lesson
	□ Introduction
	□ Presentation
•	□ Conclusion/evaluation
9.	Practice of pupils
	☐ The whole class
	□ Small groups on the same task
	□ Small groups on different tasks
	☐ Individually on the same task
	☐ Individually on different tasks
10	□ Organisation appropriate for the lesson
10.	Observation of the attitude of learners and teacher
	For the teacher
	Guides pupils to discover the subject matter
	☐ Moves round the class to follow up and coordinate the work
	☐ Encourages the pupils to work using different methods
	Guides the pupils in the manipulation and use of pedagogic resources
_	strategies (Indicate more than one answer if necessary)
	High level and stimulating questions to indicate pupil's responses
	Low level questions that weaken/lower the participation of pupils
	Do not ask questions during the lesson

5.		□ A Classroom □ TI □ TI □ TI language □ N □ N □ la	majority majority manage he class i he class i he class of e or mati	of pupils of the pupment of orderly was orderly was orderly was ompletely thematics to f pupils in f pupils us	vithout in vith some disorder extbook the classi	nitiatives terruptio interrup ed with n s used by room	during dis n of the te tions of th nany inter y pupils d	aching-le e teachin ruptions uring the	earning p g-learnin e <b>observ</b> a	rocessing pro	cess of the			ed			
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	of the school									OL							
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Area o	f location (1	= Urban,	2 = Rura	l): []													
Region	: [							]									
Divisio	n: [							]									
Sub-di	vision [								]								
Teache	r's code: [	_  _	_  _	_  _		]											
Gende	r: (1 = Male,	2 = Fema	ale): [	]													
School	code: [ _	_  _															
Date o	strators coo f administra g time of ad	DI tion of the	e questio HH	nnaire: [	YY _  _ MM  ]	_	_ ]										
	P1/SIL			P2/CP			P3/			P4			P5			P	
	enrollme	prese	abse	enrolle	prese	abse	enrolle	prese	abse	En	pr	ab	en	pr	abs	6	
Girl	nt	nt	nt	d	nt	nt	d	nt	nt	r	е	S	r	е			
S		+	+		<del> </del>	+				1						+	1

4. Classroom ambiance (Indicate more than one answer if necessary)

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al										1			1			
1	<u> </u>	How	old are y	ou (year:	5)					[] years Do not know / No answer = 99						
2		Wha	t is your h	nighest ac	cademic ce	ertificate?	(Only or	ne respons	2 = 3 = 4 =	Higher th GCE A.L. GCE O.L. FSLC No acade					[_	
3					he profess ne respon		lification	that perm	2 =	Initial tra Validatio No profe	n of p	orofes	sional	skills	[	
4	[If initial training as a teacher:] What was the academic 1 = GCE A.L.								[							
5	What	What is your longevity/experience as a teacher?						$\frac{1}{1}$		]						
6	What is your longevity/experience in the school?  In number of years []  Don't know = 99															
7	What is your longevity/experience in the class you are teaching?				u	In number of years []  Don't know = 99										
8			participate USDA ass	-	training :	session a	1 = Yes 0 = No [] 9 = No answer									
9			inspection inspection in inspe	on visits l	nave you	had withi	<u> </u>									
10	What	is you	ır present	status? <b>(</b>	Only one	response	2 = 0 $3 = F$	Civil servan Contract (p Parents tea contract (p	ublic) cher (pul		[		_]			
11		•	ion do yo				1 = H	Head Teach	ner / Tea	cher						
12	How	many	pupils ar	e register	ed in you	r class?	[	]								
13	How test?	many	pupils w	ere prese	nt on the	day of th	e [	_]								
		Number of individuals trained in child health and nutrition as a result of USDA assistance Women men														
14	provi	ded a	s a result	of USDA	learning assistance	e	s and ma 1. 2. 3.	terials rece	rning	Quantity				ntity a		ole
15	When teaching reading, what main method do 1 = Syllabic you use? (Only one response) 2 = Global															

		3 = N	Aivad							
			lan Approach	.55						
				1						
			5 = None							
	A		6 = Don't know							
	At what frequency do you give exercises? (Only		very day							
	one response)		or 4 times per							
16			or 2 times per							
			ess than 1 time	•						
			do not give ex							
	How do you carry out remediation for learners			ally with the pup						
	with difficulties?			ls to do reading	with the pupils v	with difficulties				
17			give homewor							
''	[Many answers are authorised]			help their childr						
				up or remediat	ion class					
		6 = C	Others method:	S						
	In your opinion, what is the percentage of pupils	l l	ess than 20%							
	in your class who cannot read fluently? (Only one	2 = B	etween 20% a	nd 40%						
18	response)	3 = B	etween 40% a	nd 60%						
		4 = b	etween 60% a	nd 80%						
		5 = n	nore than 80%							
		lever	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently	Always				
Theme	e 1: Reading comprehension questions					1				
	I carefully select the key words of the reading									
	text. When learners are faced with an									
19	unknown word, I invite them to use all the									
	strategies known to decode the word									
	themselves.									
	I have a list of various strategies that can help									
20	my learners organise their ideas in order to									
20	better understand the main elements of the									
	reading passage.									
	I prompt my learners to explain their answers									
21	through skilful question without any									
	judgement.									
	My reading comprehension questions test									
22	the ability of my pupils to spot or locate									
	words in the text									
	My reading comprehension questions test									
23	their ability to summarise									
	My reading comprehension questions test									
24	their ability to analyse									
	My reading comprehension questions test			1						
25	their ability to express their personal opinion									
	My reading comprehension questions test			+						
	their ability to make a link between their									
26	1									
	personal experience to imagine and to make									
	a judgement					1				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Still called a balanced approach, the ELAN approach is a didactic transposition and transfer approach allowing students to read and produce texts in both African national languages and French. It is promoted by the OIF through the School and National Languages in Africa initiative (ELAN-Africa).

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27	I make sure that my pupils can identify every word in a studied text, in isolation				
	I ask high-level				
28	understanding/comprehension (inferential)				
	questions				
Theme	2: Vocabulary awareness	T			
20	My pupils actively participate in a good				
29	number of games aimed at developing vocabulary				
	Vocabulary items are studied in written, oral				
30	and drawing forms				
21	I constantly encourage my pupils to identify				
31	the words they do not understand				
32	I aim at maximum participation of pupils and				
	a good understanding of new vocabulary				
	2 3: Conventions of written texts (writing)	I		I	
33	I encourage my pupils to write freely				
34	I carefully choose some of their writings that				
34	I appreciate, and I use them to work out spelling or grammar rules				
	I encourage my pupils to write words without				
35	fear of errors				
Theme	4: Conventions of written text (reading)				
	Before and during the study of a text, I use				
36	pre-reading activities to enable my learners				
	to discover the text and answer questions				
	Before and during the study of the text, I				
37	engage my learners in discovery activities and				
	encourage them to ask questions on the signs				
	found.  I prepare my pupils for the reading of a text				
	by making them explore images, characters,				
38	title or any other aspects that can incite their				
	interest and encourage them to make				
	hypotheses and establish links.				
Theme	5: Creation of a literate environment				
	I create an environment rich in letters,				
39	posters, pupils' productions, class rules,				
	memory aid for spelling of words and tenses.				
40	I have arranged a reading corner in the				
	classroom.  I put varied texts (not necessarily from				
41	textbooks) at the disposition of my learners				
	corresponding to their interests and needs				
Theme	e 6 : Evaluation of pupil's competences		•		
42	I verify learner's previous knowledge and				
- <u>-</u>	their vocabulary level				
43	I adjust my teaching in line with the level their writing demonstrates.				
	My ears are open to the class. I show flexibility				
44	in my planning and adjustment to the				
	learners' engagement, interest and level of				
	tiredness.				

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	When a learner makes an error in reading, I					
45	immediately evaluate the error to understand					
45	if the error is at the level of decoding or at the					
	level of comprehension.					
Them	e 7: Fluency					
46	I use varied activities to arrive at fluency					
47	I make sure that a text is not just memorised					
47	by the learners.					
	I encourage learners by explaining that they					
	should read "like grownups", by helping them					
48	look farther than what is read, and by inviting					
	them to modulate their voice, so that their					
	reading can be expressive.					
49	I make learners practise reading aloud					
49	individually.					
	I closely observe learners' reading in order to					
50	be sure that he or she has not just memorised					
	the text.					
Them	e 8: Language mechanisms/phonemic awaren	ess				
	I use language games that arouse phonemic					
51	awareness, such as identification of the initial					
) )	consonant sounds, fusion, segmentation,					
	suppression, inversion and rhymes.					
52	My learners carry out activities on the					
32	manipulation of phonemes inside words.					
53	My learners carry out activities based on the					
33	alphabet.					
54	My learners carry out activities based on the					
	names of letters of the alphabet.					
55	My pupils carry out activities based on the					
	sounds of letters of the alphabet.					
Them	e 9 : Lesson preparation					T
56	I always start with pre-reading activities that					
	will arouse the interest of my learners.					
	Before the lesson, I choose some strategic					
57	areas in the text and prepare a variety of oral					
	and written activities that will make my pupils					
Theres	bring out hypotheses.					
	e 10: Guided writing		1	T	I	Ι
58	I teach reading and writing simultaneously.					
F0	I make my pupils understand that writing is					
59	not just something done in school but also a					
<del>                                     </del>	tool used for expression and communication.  To facilitate writing, I integrate vocabulary					
60	development games; I provide model					
00	sentences					
	To facilitate writing, I involve my learners in					
61	collective research of ideas and I offer them					
01	strategies to organise their ideas.					
	I use pupils writing to show different ways of					
62	enriching the style.		1			
<u></u>	Childring the style.		<u> </u>	_1	I	<u> </u>

63	During writing activities, I propose variety of strategies. I make them put event in a chronological order.			
Theme	e 11: Communication with parents and commu	unity		
64	I encourage my pupils to take their textbooks home and read with their family.			
65	I encourage my pupils to share their writing with parents and friends.			
66	I encourage my pupils to read aloud to their parents and friends.			
67	I sensitize the parents of my pupils on the methods to help their children at home.			

# Annex 10. Informed Consent Forms – Key Informant Interviews

#### 10.1. Informed consent form - key informant interviews - government stakeholders

Oversee Advising Group is conducting the Baseline Evaluation of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2023 to 2026. This consent form explains the evaluation and the role of participants in the study. Please consider this information and take as much time as you need. If you have questions at a later time, you can ask any of the members of the national evaluation team.

This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program; and will be used to strengthen and enhance targets for appropriateness, and to make recommendations on the most efficient approach to monitoring the programme based on the indicators in the Performance Monitoring Plan

To do this, the baseline will focus on addressing the following objectives:

- 1. Validate indicator selection and targets and establish baseline values for all performance indicators. If appropriate, the baseline study will also be used to revisit project targets in light of baseline findings;
- 2. Review performance indicators for McGovern-Dole's two strategic objectives and the highest-level results that feed into the strategic objectives as part of the mid-term and final evaluations;
- 3. Provide a situational analysis before the project begins

#### **Voluntary Participation**

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a Key Government School Feeding Program Stakeholder

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may change your mind and stop participating at any time.

#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to how conducive the environment is for learning and child development; your perceptions regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the school feeding program, the capacity of farmers and other suppliers to supply quality food commodities to local schools; the capacity of the government and the school communities to manage and implement the program; and areas for improvement.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to audio record and write down the conversation. Everything that will be recorded and written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The interview will last for about 60 minutes

#### **Benefits**

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you are allowed to refuse to answer

any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained. Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here (or virtually).

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Consent and contact						
Have you got any questions you would like to ask?						
Do you agree to answer the questions now?						
If you have any other questions about this study later you can contact the Lead Supervisor on (motelephone no):						
If you agree to participate after receiving the above information $\hfill\Box$	on please sign below.  Check for verbal consent					
Read by Respondent [] Interviewer []						
Agreed [] Refused []						
Respondent:						
Interviewer: Date://_						

If Refused, the interviewer should inform the team lead for proper documentation.

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#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to how conducive the environment is for learning and child development; your perceptions regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the school feeding program, the capacity of farmers and other suppliers to supply quality food commodities to local schools; the capacity of the government and the school communities to manage and implement the program; and areas for improvements.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to audio record and write down the conversation. Everything that will be recorded and written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The interview will last for about 60 minutes

#### **Benefits**

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you are allowed to refuse to answer any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained. Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here (or virtually).

# Consent and contact Have you got any questions you would like to ask? Do you agree to answer the questions now? If you have any other questions about this study later you can contact the Lead Supervisor on (mobile telephone no): If you agree to participate after receiving the above information please sign below. Check for verbal consent

Read by Respondent [] Interviewer []

Agreed [] Refused []

Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

If Refused, the interviewer should inform the team lead for proper documentation.

## 10.3. Informed consent form – key informant interviews – technical / development partners

Oversee Advising Group is conducting the Baseline Evaluation of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2023 to 2026. This consent form explains the evaluation and the role of participants in the study. Please consider this information and take as much time as you need. If you have questions at a later time, you can ask any of the members of the national evaluation team.

This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program; and will be used to strengthen and enhance targets for appropriateness, and to make recommendations on the most efficient approach to monitoring the programme based on the indicators in the Performance Monitoring Plan.

To do this, the baseline will focus on addressing the following objectives:

- 1. Validate indicator selection and targets and establish baseline values for all performance indicators. If appropriate, the baseline study will also be used to revisit project targets in light of baseline findings;
- 2. Review performance indicators for McGovern-Dole's two strategic objectives and the highest-level results that feed into the strategic objectives as part of the mid-term and final evaluations;
- 3. Provide a situational analysis before the project begins

#### **Voluntary Participation**

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a Key UNICEF/ UNESCO School Feeding Program Stakeholder

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may change your mind and stop participating at any time.

#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to how conducive the environment is for learning and child development; your perceptions regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the school feeding program, the capacity of farmers and other suppliers to supply quality food commodities to local schools; the capacity of the government and the school communities to manage and implement the program; and areas for improvement.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to audio record and write down the conversation. Everything that will be recorded and written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The interview will last for about 60 minutes

#### **Benefits**

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you are allowed to refuse to answer any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained.

Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here (or virtually).

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Interviewer: Da	ate://

If refused, the interviewer should inform the team lead for proper documentation.

# Annex 11. Topic Guides for Key Informant Interviews

#### 11.1. Topic Guide – Government Stakeholders at National, Department and District levels

Please note that these are topic **guides** – some questions are generic and will apply to all the government stakeholders but some questions will depend on level of interaction of the stakeholders with the school feeding program. Not all of them will be able to answer all the questions. Qualitative research assistants will be trained to use the tools appropriately.

#### **Background Information**

- Collection location
- Respondent's gender
- Position held
- Activities carried out within the framework of the program
- Years of experience

Role of a respondent - I'd like to start by having you briefly describe your role and responsibilities within the National School Feeding Program as a government stakeholder

#### **Context of Programme Implementation**

- 1. What are the main interventions the Government is implementing in the National School Feeding Program (NSFP)?
  - a. What activities have been carried out as part of the NSFP interventions?
  - b. Please can you describe the situation of things currently? What in your view are the main issues (threats and opportunities) relating to school feeding in RoC?
    - i. How did these influence the implementation of the school feeding interventions?

#### Values and Appropriateness of baseline Indicators and results framework

- 2. What is your experience with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system of the NSFP?
  - a. Can you describe some of the indicators that are used to track the results of the NSFP?
  - b. *If yes,* What is your opinion about the appropriateness of the indicators in the Performance Monitoring Plan for measuring the results of the school feeding program?
  - c. What do consider the strength of the monitoring? What in your view are the challenges?
- 3. What do you think about the objectives and the expected results of the McGovern-Dole FY21 program cycle (mention the objectives and expected results to refresh the stakeholders' memory)?
  - a. How realistic do you think they are within the country context?
  - b. What problems do you envisage may hinder the achievement of the expected results?
  - c. What factors do you think will help in the achievement of the expected results?

d. How is the information obtained from the dashboard used? (**probe** for use in decision making or program implementation adaptation)

#### Monitoring and Evaluation of the Program

- 4. Please could you describe how the dashboard is used to monitor the program?
  - a. What type of indicators are monitored via the dashboard?
  - b. How are other indicators not tracked via the dashboard monitored?
  - c. How is data collection planned and managed?
  - d. How is data disaggregated? How possible is it to track different groups via the dashboard?
- 5. How would you rate the quality of the M&E of the school feeding program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program). Why?
- 6. What in your view are the gaps in the M&E system of the school feeding program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)
  - a. How do you think these gaps can be addressed
- 7. To what extent do you think gender issues have been integrated in the monitoring of the program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)
- 8. In your opinion what would make the M&E system more successful? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)

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#### **Environment and Learning**

- 10. What is your view about the quality of teaching in the schools for girls and boys?
  - a. What is your view about the capacity of teachers in schools? Are there differences in different areas? Please explain
  - b. What groups of children do you consider more disadvantaged in terms of education? Why? (*probe* for vulnerable groups including indigenous groups)
- 11. What is your view of school leadership capacity in the different departments? Are there differences? Why? Please explain
- 12. To what extent do you think students are attentive in classes? What about retention in schools? dropout rates? Why?
- 13. What is your view about the value of school feeding? Please explain

#### **Capacity of Farmers and other suppliers**

- 14. What is your experience with local procurement of food commodities for school feeding?
- 15. How are smallholder farmers organized and structured? What about the female farmers?
- 16. What is your view of the capability of farmers, traders and other suppliers to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools?
  - a. What do you envisage as the supply chain issues?
  - b. What do you think would make things work?

#### **Capacity of Government and School Communities**

- 17. In your opinion, to what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program? Please give reasons for your answer.
  - a. What can be improved? How do you think things can be improved?
- 18. In your opinion, to what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program?
  - a. What can be improved? How do you think things can be improved?
- 19. What exit strategy was in place at the beginning of the McGovern Dole project at WFP and government level? (if available, ask for details and if possible access to a copy of the relevant document)
  - a. In your opinion, what is the capacity of the government to implement the school feeding program alone, without external support (from USDA, WFP and other partners)?

#### 11.2. Topic Guide – Key Informant Interviews WFP stakeholders

Please note that these are topic **guides** – some questions are generic and will apply to all the government stakeholders but some questions will depend on level of interaction of the stakeholders with the school feeding program. Not all of them will be able to answer all the questions. Qualitative research assistants will be trained to use the tools appropriately.

#### **Background Information**

- Collection location
- Respondent's gender
- Position held
- Activities carried out within the framework of the program
- Years of experience

Role of a respondent - I'd like to start by having you briefly describe your role and responsibilities within the McGovern-Dole School feeding program as a WFP stakeholder

#### **Context of Programme Implementation**

- 1. What are the main interventions WFP is implementing in the School Feeding Program?
  - a. What activities have been carried out as part of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program interventions?
  - b. Please can you describe the situation of things currently? What in your view are the main issues (threats and opportunities) relating to school feeding in RoC?
    - i. How did these influence the implementation of the school feeding interventions?

#### Values and Appropriateness of baseline Indicators and results framework

2. What is your experience with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program?

- a. Can you describe some of the indicators that are used to track the results of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program?
- b. *If yes,* What is your opinion about the appropriateness of the indicators in the Performance Monitoring Plan for measuring the results of the school feeding program?
- c. What do consider the strength of the monitoring? What in your view are the challenges?

d.

- 3. What do you think about the objectives and the expected results of the McGovern-Dole FY21 program cycle (mention the objectives and expected results to refresh the stakeholders' memory)?
  - a. How realistic do you think they are within the country context?
  - b. What problems do you envisage may hinder the achievement of the expected results?
  - c. What factors do you think will help in the achievement of the expected results?
  - d. How is the information obtained from the dashboard used? (**probe** for use in decision making or program implementation adaptation)

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation of the Program**

- 4. Please could you describe how the dashboard is used to monitor the program?
  - a. What type of indicators are monitored via the dashboard?
  - b. How are other indicators not tracked via the dashboard monitored?
  - c. How is data collection planned and managed?
  - d. How is data disaggregated? How possible is it to track different groups via the dashboard?
- 5. How would you rate the quality of the M&E of the school feeding program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program) Why?
- 6. What in your view are the gaps in the M&E system of the school feeding program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)
  - a. How do you think these gaps can be addressed
- 7. To what extent do you think gender issues have been integrated in the monitoring of the program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)
- 8. In your opinion what would make the M&E system more successful? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)

#### **Environment and Learning**

- 9. What is your view about the quality of teaching in the schools for girls and boys?
  - a. What is your view about the capacity of teachers in schools? Are there differences in different areas? Please explain

- b. What groups of children do you consider more disadvantaged in terms of education? Why? (*probe* for vulnerable groups including indigenous groups)
- 10. What is your view of school leadership capacity in the different departments? Are there differences? Why? Please explain
- 11. To what extent do you think students are attentive in classes? What about retention in schools? dropout rates? Why?
- 12. What is your view about the value of school feeding? Please explain

#### Capacity of Farmers and other suppliers

- 13. What is your experience with local procurement of food commodities for school feeding?
- 14. How are smallholder farmers organized and structured? What about the female farmers?
- 15. What is your view of the capability of farmers, traders and other suppliers to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools?
  - a. What do you envisage as the supply chain issues?
  - b. What do you think would make things work?

#### **Capacity of Government and School Communities**

- 16. In your opinion, to what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program? Please give reasons for your answer.
  - a. What can be improved? How do you think things can be improved?
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- 18. What exit strategy was in place at the beginning of the McGovern Dole project at WFP and government level? (if available, ask for details and if possible access to a copy of the relevant document)
  - a. In your opinion, what is the capacity of the government to implement the school feeding program alone, without external support (from USDA, WFP and other partners)?

#### 11.3. Topic Guide – Key Informant Interviews – Technical and Implementing Partners

Please note that these are topic **guides** – some questions are generic and will apply to all the government stakeholders but some questions will depend on level of interaction of the stakeholders with the school feeding program. Not all of them will be able to answer all the questions. Qualitative research assistants will be trained to use the tools appropriately.

#### **Background Information**

- Collection location
- Respondent's gender
- Position held
- Activities carried out within the framework of the program
- Years of experience

Role of a respondent - I'd like to start by having you briefly describe your role and responsibilities within the School feeding program as a UNICEF / UNESCO /CRS stakeholder

#### **Context of Programme Implementation**

- 1. What are the main interventions your organisation is implementing in the School Feeding Program?
  - a. What activities have been carried out as part of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program interventions?
  - b. Please can you describe the situation of things currently? What in your view are the main issues (threats and opportunities) relating to school feeding in RoC?
    - i. How did these influence the implementation of the school feeding interventions?

#### Values and Appropriateness of baseline Indicators and results framework

- 2. What is your experience with the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program?
  - a. Can you describe some of the indicators that are used to track the results of the McGovern-Dole School feeding program?
  - b. *If yes,* What is your opinion about the appropriateness of the indicators in the Performance Monitoring Plan for measuring the results of the school feeding program?
  - c. What do consider the strength of the monitoring? What in your view are the challenges?
- 3. What do you think about the objectives and the expected results of the McGovern-Dole FY21 program cycle (mention the objectives and expected results to refresh the stakeholders' memory)?
  - a. How realistic do you think they are within the country context?
  - b. What problems do you envisage may hinder the achievement of the expected results?
  - c. What factors do you think will help in the achievement of the expected results?
  - d. How is the information obtained from the dashboard used? (**Probe** for use in decision making or program implementation adaptation)

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation of the Program**

- 4. Please could you describe how the dashboard is used to monitor the program?
  - a. What type of indicators are monitored via the dashboard?
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  - a. How do you think these gaps can be addressed
- 7. To what extent do you think gender issues have been integrated in the monitoring of the program? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)
- 8. In your opinion what would make the M&E system more successful? (**Probe** for government SF program and the WFP SF program)

#### **Environment and Learning**

- 9. What is your view about the quality of teaching in the schools for girls and boys?
  - a. What is your view about the capacity of teachers in schools? Are there differences in different areas? Please explain
  - b. What groups of children do you consider more disadvantaged in terms of education? Why? (*probe* for vulnerable groups including indigenous groups)
- 10. What is your view of school leadership capacity in the different departments? Are there differences? Why? Please explain
- 11. To what extent do you think students are attentive in classes? What about retention in schools? dropout rates? Why?
- 12. What is your view about the value of school feeding? Please explain

#### Capacity of Farmers and other suppliers

- 13. What is your experience with local procurement of food commodities for school feeding?
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- 15. What is your view of the capability of farmers, traders and other suppliers to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools?
  - a. What do you envisage as the supply chain issues?
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#### **Capacity of Government and School Communities**

- 16. In your opinion, to what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program? Please give reasons for your answer.
  - a. What can be improved? How do you think things can be improved?
- 17. In your opinion, to what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic National School Feeding Program?
  - a. What can be improved? How do you think things can be improved?
- 18. What exit strategy was in place at the beginning of the McGovern Dole project at WFP and government level? (if available, ask for details and if possible access to a copy of the relevant document)
  - a. In your opinion, what is the capacity of the government to implement the school feeding program alone, without external support (from USDA, WFP and other partners)?

# **Annex 12. Informed Consent Forms - Focus Group Discussions**

#### 12.1. Informed Consent Form – Parents / Caregivers of Children / Adolescents

Oversee Advising Group is conducting the Baseline Evaluation of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2023 to 2026. This consent form explains the evaluation and the role of participants in the study. Please consider this information and take as much time as you need. If you have questions at a later time, you can ask any of the members of the national evaluation team.

This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program and to inform the program implementation strategies.

This will involve interviewing you / your adolescent daughter or son in order to find out the kind of access she/he has to school feeding and ascertain her/his access to education. The interview would take place in ....... and will take about 60 minutes your / your son/ daughter's time. Your / her/his participation in this research will be treated confidentially and all information will be kept anonymously, meaning that no one will be able to work out what it is you/your son/daughter has said and used solely for research purpose.

#### **Voluntary Participation**

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a parent / caregiver of a child or children. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may change your mind and stop participating at any time.

#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you and/or your son/daughter some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to household decision making on education and what you think about school feeding program and things that make it easy or hard for your child to learn or develop as expected. And suggestions for improvement.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to write down the conversation. Everything that will be written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The focus group discussion will last for about 60 minutes

#### Renefits

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you and /or your daughter are allowed to refuse to answer any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you or she decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained.

Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here.

Consent and contact

If Refused, the interviewer should inform the team lead for proper documentation.

#### 12.2. Informed Consent Form – Children / Adolescents

Interviewer: Date: / /

Oversee Advising Group is conducting the Baseline Evaluation of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2023 to 2026. This consent form explains the evaluation and the role of participants in the study. Please consider this information and take as much time as you need. If you have questions at a later time, you can ask any of the members of the national evaluation team. This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program and to inform the program implementation strategies.

This will involve focus group discussions with you and your peers in order to find out the kind of access you have to school feeding and ascertain the quality of education and services available to you. The focus group discussion would take place in ........ and will take about 60 - 90 minutes of your time. Your participation in this research will be treated confidentially and all information will be kept anonymously, meaning that no one will be able to work out what it is you have said and used solely for research purpose.

#### **Voluntary Participation**

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a student / adolescent Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may change your mind and stop participating at any time.

#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to household decision making on education and what you think about the school feeding program and things that make it easy or hard for you in the school or home environment to learn or develop as expected. And suggestions for improvement.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to tape and write down the conversation. Everything that will be recorded and written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The focus group discussion will last for about 60-90 minutes

#### **Benefits**

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you and /or your daughter are allowed to refuse to answer any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you or she decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained. Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here.

#### **Consent and contact**

Have you got any questions you would li	ike to ask?
Do you agree to answer the questions no	ow?
If you have any other questions about th	is study later you can contact the Lead Supervisor on +
If you agree to participate after receiving	the above information please sign below.
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If Refused, the interviewer should inform	the team lead for proper documentation.

#### 12.3. Informed Consent Form – Focus Group Discussions (General)

Oversee Advising Group is conducting the Baseline Evaluation of the WFP McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Program in the Republic of Congo from 2023 to 2026. This consent form explains the evaluation and the role of participants in the study. Please consider this information and take as much time as you need. If you have questions at a later time, you can ask any of the members of the national evaluation team. This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program and to inform the program implementation strategies.

This will involve discussions in order to find out the kind of access children in your community have to school feeding and ascertain the quality of education and services available to you and your children. We are conducting this Focus group exercise aiming at **discussing and exchanging opinions** about a certain number of subjects concerning the School Feeding Program.

#### **Voluntary Participation**

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a community member (adolescents, young adults, parents / caregivers) or member of DPOs, women associations. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may change your mind and stop participating at any time. Please feel free to share your opinions on the different subjects proposed and rest assured that this information will be used in total confidentiality.

#### **Procedures**

We would like to ask you and/or your son/daughter some questions relating to the School Feeding Program. We will ask you questions relating to household decision making on education and what you think about school feeding program and things that make it easy or hard for your child to learn or develop as expected. And suggestions for improvement.

To make sure that I don't forget or change what you are saying to me I ask for your permission to write down the conversation. Everything that will be written down will be confidential. Please note that you can refuse to give your permission to this.

#### **Duration**

The discussions will last for about 60 – 90 minutes

#### **Benefits**

There are no direct benefits to you from being in this evaluation.

#### Risks, discomforts and rights to withdraw

There are no obvious physical, psychological, social, economic, legal, and emotional risks in participating in this study. Participation in this study is voluntary. During the interview, you are allowed to refuse to answer any question and you are allowed to stop the interview at any time. There are no consequences should you decide not to continue with the interview.

#### **Confidentiality and Privacy**

The information that you give us is completely confidential. We will not associate your name with anything that you say. We will not use personal identifiers for the information obtained.

Privacy will be assured during this interview by having it here.

#### **Consent and contact**

Have you got any questions you would like to ask? Do you agree to answer the questions now?

If you have any other questions about this stu-	dy later you can d	contact the Lead Supervisor on +
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If refused, the interviewer should inform the te	eam lead for prop	er documentation.

### **Annex 13. Topic Guides for Focus Group Discussions**

**Note on FGDs:** As far as possible, have the focus group discussions with men/boys and women/girls in separate groups. Aim for about 8-10 persons per FGD.

These lists of questions are guidelines, you are free to ask follow up questions in case additional issues of relevance come up. Be flexible, but keep time in mind.

#### Preparation for the FGD:

- 1. Criteria for selection of FGD participants
- 2. Selection of FGD participants
- 3. Selection of location for FGD (should allow for privacy, and for the creation of an atmosphere which promotes discussion, food and drinks can be served).
- 4. Once location selected, invite participants (through community mobilizers) who will explain the purpose of the work to any potential participants they have identified; they will stress that participation is voluntary, and that all discussions held will be
- 5. Make a Focus group checklist:

#### Make sure you have:

- Made arrangements for refreshments
- Have all of your equipment, and they are functional:
  - Audio Recorders
  - Notebook and pens
  - Name cards and felt tip markers
- Have all of your focus group materials:
  - 1 large envelope
  - 2 copies of this focus group guide
  - Informed consent forms, if necessary (enough for up to 10 participants)
- 6. As participants arrive, welcome them and obtain informed consent. This could be verbal, and should be preceded with a general introduction to the purpose of the discussion. The facilitator is responsible for assuring that each participant:
- Knows participation is voluntary
- Knows they can leave at any time without any negative repercussions
- Know that all discussions will be held in confidence
- Know that they will be given a pseudo name during the discussions
- Know that the group discussions will be taped

Participants should also be made aware that they should not discuss the information that is shared by other participants during the focus group once they leave the site.

#### **Background Information**

#### Remember to collect the background characteristics of each respondent:

- Collection location
- Respondents' gender
- Respondents' ages
- Occupations
- Any role in community engagement activities of the BRP

Date	Commune/Village			
Department	Rural/Urban			
District				
FGD Moderator Name:				
FGD Facilitator Name:				
Note Taker:				
Other Detail:				

#### Introduction:

This baseline study purposes to establish the situational analysis at the beginning of the program and to inform the program implementation strategies.

This will involve discussions in order to find out the kind of access children in your community have to school feeding and ascertain the quality of education and services available to you and your children. We are conducting this Focus group exercise aiming at **discussing and exchanging opinions** about a certain number of subjects concerning the School Feeding Program.

Introduce yourself and clarify that you are not part of the programme and that the information that is being obtained will be treated confidentially. Encourage people to be open and frank as that will be more useful for learning from their experiences. Also mention that people are not obliged to participate and can withdraw at any time in line with research ethics. Ask permission to start with the FGD.

#### **Background**

Ask all people participating in the FGD since whether they have ever been in contact with a School Feeding Program (This will provide you as interviewer with info about the time span you can cover with the different persons involved in the FGD)

## 13.1. FGD topic guide for community level stakeholders, parents, caregivers – community men and women (different groups)

#### **Subdomain: Context**

- 1. Do you know about the School feeding program? If yes, can you shortly describe it?
- 2. How did you learn about the school feeding program?
- 3. What is your view about the community engagement and sensitization campaigns (including elements focused on men, women, adolescent and youths)? How useful do you think they have been in supporting school feeding of children and improvement of the nutrition of children? Please give examples
- 4. In your household, who makes the decisions for or against education of boys and girls? (**Probe** for general household making dynamics in the community)
- 5. How did school feeding influence your decisions relating schooling of your children or wards? Why? Why not?
- 6. What are your needs and expectations from the school feeding program?
- 7. In your opinion, has the school feeding program addressed all the needs and expectations? What are the gaps? What can be done differently by the program to improve things?

#### **Subdomain: Environment and Learning**

- 8. In your perception, how suitable is the environment of the schools for your children's learning? Please can you give reasons for your answers
- 9. How easy do you think it is for your children to stay in school? To learn in school? What are the difficulties?
- 10. How satisfied are you with the quality of education your child receives at school? How would you rate the quality of teaching? <u>Please can you give reasons and examples?</u>
- 11. What discourages people from keeping their children in school? What about girls? Are there differences between boys and girls? What are the issues? How can this be addressed?
- 12. In your opinion has the school feeding program influenced the decision by families in your community to send their children to school? What about girls? Boys? Please explain
- 13. What do you consider the value of the school feeding program? What is your opinion about the benefits for children?

#### Subdomain: Capacity of farmers, government and school communities

- 14. How would you describe the PTA in your children's school?
  - a. What are their activities? (**Probe** for the school feeding program)
  - b. How useful do you think they are?
  - c. What could be improved?
- 15. How would you describe the School Management Committee (SMC) in your children's school?
  - d. What are their activities? (**Probe** for the school feeding program)
  - e. How useful do you think they are?
  - f. What could be improved?
- 16. How would you describe the government's role in the school feeding program?

- g. What do you think works well?
- h. What could be improved?
- 17. What do you think about the involvement of local farmers in the school feeding program?
  - i. What do you think can work well?
  - j. What do you think may be difficult?
  - k. How can the problems be addressed?

#### **Subdomain: Gender equality and Vulnerable Groups**

- 18. Are there differences in enrollment in schools between boys and girls in your community? Why? Why not?
- 19. Would you say that in your community, parents have other ambitions / perspectives for their daughter in addition to marriage? If so, what are they? Would you say that has changed with the school feeding program?
- 20. Have you noticed any changes in the opinion of members of your community regarding the importance of education for girls and boys due to the school feeding program? The importance of enrolling and retaining boys in schools? The importance of enrolling and retaining girls? Explain please.
- 21. To what extent has the school feeding program reached the poorest / vulnerable as well in your community? Do you think there are differences in the way it has reached the wealthiest and most destitute? Persons living with disabilities? Indigenous groups?

#### 13.2. FGD topic guide for smallholder farmers, traders and other suppliers

#### **Subdomain: Context**

- 1. Do you know about the School feeding program? If yes, can you shortly describe it?
- 2. How did you learn about the school feeding program?
- 3. What type of interaction do you have with the school feeding program?
- 4. What is your view about the community engagement and sensitization campaigns (including elements focused on men, women, adolescent and youths)? How useful do you think they have been in supporting school feeding of children and improvement of the nutrition of children? Please give examples
- 5. In your household, who makes the decisions for or against education of boys and girls? (**Probe** for general household making dynamics in the community)
- 6. How did school feeding influence your decisions relating schooling of your children or wards? Why? Why not?
- 7. What are your needs and expectations from the school feeding program?
- 8. In your opinion, has the school feeding program addressed all the needs and expectations? What are the gaps? What can be done differently by the program to improve things?

#### **Subdomain: Environment and Learning**

- 9. In your perception, how suitable is the environment of the schools for your children's learning? Please can you give reasons for your answers
- 10. How easy do you think it is for your children to stay in school? To learn in school? What are the difficulties?
- 11. How satisfied are you with the quality of education your child receives at school? How would you rate the quality of teaching? Please can you give reasons and examples?
- 12. What discourages people from keeping their children in school? What about girls? Are there differences between boys and girls? What are the issues? How can this be addressed?
- 13. In your opinion has the school feeding program influenced the decision by families in your community to send their children to school? What about girls? Boys? Please explain
- 14. What do you consider the value of the school feeding program? What is your opinion about the benefits for children?

#### Subdomain: Capacity of farmers, government and school communities

- 15. How would you describe your ability as a smallholder farmer (or trader / supplier) to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools? Please give reasons for your answer
  - I. What do you envisage as difficulties you may face?
  - m. What do you think could make the food commodities supply at appropriate times easy for you?
  - n. Have you ever been trained for this work? If yes, please describe your training.
  - o. What do you think is the value of the training you received?
- 16. How would you describe the PTA in your children's school?
  - p. What are their activities? (**Probe** for the school feeding program)
  - q. How useful do you think they are?
  - r. What could be improved?
- 17. How would you describe the School Management Committee (SMC) in your children's school?
  - s. What are their activities? (**Probe** for the school feeding program)

- t. How useful do you think they are?
- u. What could be improved?
- 18. How would you describe the government's role in the school feeding program?
  - v. What do you think works well?
  - w. What could be improved?
- 19. What do you think about the role WFP plays in the school feeding program?
  - x. What do you think works well?
  - y. What do you think could be improved?

#### **Subdomain: Gender equality and Vulnerable Groups**

- 2. Are there differences in enrollment in schools between boys and girls in your community? Why? Why not?
- 3. Would you say that in your community, parents have other ambitions / perspectives for their daughter in addition to marriage? If so, what are they? Would you say that has changed with the school feeding program?
- 4. Have you noticed any changes in the opinion of members of your community regarding the importance of education for girls and boys due to the school feeding program? The importance of enrolling and retaining boys in schools? The importance of enrolling and retaining girls? Explain please.
- 5. To what extent has the school feeding program reached the poorest / vulnerable as well in your community? Do you think there are differences in the way it has reached the wealthiest and most destitute? Persons living with disabilities? Indigenous groups?

## **Annex 14. Detailed Stakeholder Analysis**

Stakeholders	Influence, participation, involvement and interest in the evaluation			
	Role and influence in the SFP	Involvement in the evaluation	Interest	
Internal (WFP) stakeholders				
WFP country office (CO) in Republic of Congo	- Responsible for the planning and implementation of WFP interventions at country level.	Key informant and primary stakeholder  - The WFP CO staff will be responsible to brief independent evaluation team, share required documents or data for desktop review as well as assisting with field visits. Further assist with logistics, feedback and attend debriefing sessions, evaluation reports dissemination and consult with major stakeholder with evaluation findings.	- Learning from experience to inform decision-making. It is also called upon to account both internally and externally to donors, beneficiaries and partners for the results of the programm, for performance and results of its programmes - Using evaluation findings for programme implementation and/or in deciding on the next programme and partnerships	
WFP field offices in Republic of Congo	- Responsible for day-to-day programme implementation. The field offices liaise with stakeholders at decentralized levels and has direct beneficiary contact.	Key informant and primary stakeholder - Assist the evaluation team in the field	It will be affected by the outcome of the evaluation.	
Regional bureau (RB) for Johannesburg	<ul> <li>Responsible for both oversight of country offices and technical guidance and support.</li> <li>The regional bureau will be involved in the planning of the next programme.</li> </ul>	Key informant and primary stakeholder  - The regional evaluation officers support country office/regional bureau management to ensure quality, credible and useful decentralized evaluations	<ul> <li>independent/impartial account of operational performance as well as in learning from the evaluation findings to apply this learning to other country offices</li> <li>use the evaluation findings to provide strategic guidance, programme support, and oversight</li> </ul>	
WFP HQ divisions	- WFP headquarters divisions are responsible for issuing and overseeing the roll-out of normative guidance on corporate programme themes, activities and modalities, as well as of overarching corporate policies and strategies.	Key informant and primary stakeholder - Relevant headquarters units should be consulted from the planning phase to ensure that key policy, strategic and programmatic considerations are understood from the onset of the evaluation.	- in the lessons that emerge from evaluations, as many may have relevance beyond the geographical area of focus	

WFP Office of Evaluation (OEV)		Primary stakeholder  - The Office of Evaluation has a stake in ensuring that decentralized evaluations deliver quality, credible and useful evaluations respecting provisions for impartiality as well as roles and accountabilities of various decentralized evaluation stakeholders as identified in the evaluation policy.	- They may use the evaluation for wider organizational learning and accountability.  It may use the evaluation findings, as appropriate, to feed into centralized evaluations, evaluation syntheses or other learning products.
WFP Executive Board (EB)		Primary stakeholder  - the Executive Board provides final oversight of WFP programmes and guidance to programmes. This evaluation will not be presented to the Executive Board	The WFP governing body has an interest in being informed about the effectiveness of WFP programmes - its findings may feed into thematic and/or regional syntheses and corporate learning processes.
External stakeholders			
USDA	– The USDA is the main donor for the Mc Govern Dole program	<b>Key informants and primary stakeholder</b> approval of the process and according to the standards planned in the program	- should be informed throughout each step of the evaluation for feedback
Beneficiaries (boys, girls, women and men including those with disability); teachers; members of the school management committees (SMCs); Parent teacher Associations (PTAs), farmers groups, institutions and other education administrators	<ul> <li>Ultimate recipients of food assistance</li> <li>Contribute to variety of activities by group of beneficiaries:</li> <li>preparing school meals</li> <li>Taking care of grown food in school garden</li> <li>Food production</li> </ul>	Key informants and primary/secondary stakeholders The level of participation in the evaluation of women, men, boys and girls from different groups will be determined and their respective perspectives will be sought.	- determining whether its assistance is appropriate and effective
<b>Government</b> (Ministries of education, agriculture, health and population; social affairs) Ministry of Hydraulic, Economic and Finance, Scientific research, Women	<ul> <li>Accountable for activity implementation progress according to the NSFP</li> <li>Enhancing Performance and quality of education</li> <li>Ensuring coordination, Leading the National Multi-Sectoral Committee on School Feeding and Inter-Ministerial Technical Committee</li> </ul>	Key informants and primary stakeholder	- knowing whether WFP activities in the country are aligned with its priorities, harmonized with the action of other partners and meet the expected result

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Promotion and local	and increase the intersectoral of the ERG		- Issues related to capacity
authorities)	comity		development, handover and
			sustainability
United Nations country	The harmonized action of the UNCT should	Secondary stakeholder	- In ensuring that WFP programmes
team (UNCT)	contribute to the realization of the	-	are effective in contributing to the
	government developmental objectives.		United Nations concerted efforts
	- Various agencies are also direct partners of		
	WFP at policy and activity level.		
Non-governmental	- NGOs are WFP partners for the	Key informants and primary stakeholder	- The results of the evaluation might
organizations (NGOs)	implementation of some activities while at the		affect future implementation
_	same time having their own interventions.		modalities, strategic orientations
	- Capacity building		and partnerships
			- using evaluation findings for
			programme implementation.
Other Donors to WFP	- WFP interventions are voluntarily funded by	Primary/secondary stakeholders	- They have an interest in knowing if
school programs	a number of donors (Japan, The Global		WFP spends funds as planned and
	Partnership for Education, Sodexo-Stop		how WFP work aligns with their own
	Hunger Foundation, Mastercard)		strategies and programmes
Other partners/ donors	WB, IPHD, WHO		- National progress in terms of
working in school program	- Funding		school outcomes,
	- Delivering complementary inputs		- Findings may contribute to
			reorientation of activities
Private sector actors	To deliver the programme, WFP will work with		- Outcomes in relationship with their
	private-sector entities such as Eco Oil, NG		contribution
	Enterprise, Minoco, CIB, Likouala Timber, ENI		
	Congo.		
	(Production, transformation, transport,)		

## **Annex 15. Internal Reference Group Membership**

Country office	Name				
<ul> <li>Core members:</li> <li>Country Director or Deputy Country Director (Chair)</li> <li>Head of Program</li> <li>Co-Evaluation Manager (secretary or delegated chair)</li> <li>Head of M&amp;E (if different from EM)</li> <li>Head of Supply Chain Unit</li> <li>Other CO staff with relevant expertise e.g. Budget and programming, Nutrition, Resilience, gender, school feeding, partnerships, VAM</li> <li>Area/Field Office Representative(s)</li> <li>Government, NGOs and donor partner(s) (with knowledge of the intervention and ideally an M&amp;E profile)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Anne-Claire Mouilliez (CD)</li> <li>Sidi-Mohamed Babah (DCD, HP)</li> <li>Issa Oumarouissa (EM)</li> <li>As above</li> <li>Eden Guizaw (Logistic Officer), Meldace Bidimbou (Supply chain)</li> <li>TrixieBelle Nicolle, Gisele Galessami, Corneille Oko, Solange Ongolygoma, Eva Ampale, Stephen Ickamath, Gautier Massamouna, Privat Moussongo, Loumpangou Alice, Rosaline Bockarie, Davy Bakoutana</li> <li>Ministry of Education (DAS, SAS) Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, UNESCO, UNICEF and CRS representatives</li> </ul>				
Regional bureau	Name				
Core members:  Regional Evaluation Officer  CO-Evaluation Manager  Regional Monitoring Advisor  A member of the Regional Program Unit  Regional Gender Adviser Other possible complementary members as relevant to the evaluation subject:  Regional Supply Chain Officer  Regional Head of Evidence Generation block Senior	<ul> <li>Jean Providence Nzabonimpa</li> <li>Mayibongwe Manyoba</li> <li>Caterina Kireeva</li> <li>Kai Roehm</li> <li>Justine Vanrooyen</li> <li>Mie Kataoka</li> <li>Peter Jonsson</li> </ul>				
Regional Nutrition Adviser	James Kingori / Vanja Karanovic (School				
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## **Annex 16. Communication and Knowledge Management Plan**

### 16.1. Internal communication and knowledge management plan

When	What	To whom	Fro	om whom	How (in what way)	Why
Evaluation	Product	Target audience	Cre	eator lead	Communication	Communication purpose
phase Planning	Tentative time and scope of evaluation	3	•	Evaluation Manager Regional Evaluation Team	channel Meeting Email	To ensure evaluation is reflected in work plans for the office, relevant teams, including the evaluation manager
Preparation/ ToR	Draft TOR	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders through the Evaluation Reference Group (ERG)</li> <li>RoC CO management</li> <li>Programme staff</li> <li>USDA</li> </ul>	•	Evaluation manager on behalf of the Evaluation Committee Supported by Regional Evaluation Team	Virtual meetings	To get comments and feedback on various components of the ToR
	Final ToR	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders through the ERG</li> <li>RoC CO management</li> <li>Programme staff</li> <li>USDA</li> </ul>	•	Evaluation manager supported by Regional Evaluation Team		To obtain approvals of the ToR from the Evaluaiton Committee Chair and USDA To inform the relevant staff of the overall plan for the evaluation, including critical dates and milestones. To inform the support staff on the selected option for contracting the evaluation team
Inception	Draft Inception report	<ul><li>Key stakeholders through the ERG</li><li>Programme staff</li></ul>	•	Evaluation manager supported by the regional evaluation team		To get stakeholder comments on draft 2 inception report
	Final Inception Report	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders through the Evaluation Reference Group</li> <li>RoC CO management</li> <li>CO Programme and M&amp;E</li> <li>Field Office staff</li> <li>USDA</li> </ul>	•	Evaluation manager supported by the regional evaluation team		To inform the relevant staff of the detailed plan for the evaluation, including critical dates and milestones; sites to be visited; stakeholders to be engaged etc. To inform the support staff (especially administration) of required logistical support
Data collection	Data collection/field mission schedule and site selection	<ul> <li>Key stakeholders: Field Offices covering the McGovern-Dole School feeding program</li> </ul>	1	Evaluation manager supported by the regional evaluation team	Teams Meeting Physical meetings	Confirm the mission dates in each district, as well as the selection of schools in different communities (urban or rural) Detailed mission schedule

When Evaluation phase	<b>What</b> Product	<b>To whom</b> Target audience	<b>From whom</b> Creator lead	How (in what way) Communication channel	Why Communication purpose
		<ul> <li>RoC CO (M&amp;E, Activity 2 Manager, Communication, Administration, logistic, finance, partnership)</li> <li>Evaluation Team</li> </ul>			Recommendations from the field offices what communities, schools and specific activities/assets should be visited within the selected districts Logistics on accommodation and accessibility to selected districts Ensure the security briefing is provided to the evaluation team before departing for the fieldwork Reconfirm date/time and format of the end of fieldwork debrief
		Key internal stakeholders through the Evaluation Reference Group (ERG) Members: CO and Field Office teams RB (Evaluation, Resilience/Climate Services, School Feeding, Nutrition) HQ School Based ProgrammeDivision WAS	Evaluation Team Evaluation manager supported by the regional evaluation team	Email Virtual meeting Debriefing power- point	Allow reflection on the preliminary findings and agree on PPT content before the debrief To engage with the stakeholders and discuss preliminary results before the draft evaluation report is produced
Data Analysis and Reporting		Key internal stakeholders through the ERG Members: CO team RB Evaluation, Resilience/Climate Services, Nutrition, School Feeding Focal Point, HQ School Based Programme Division & WAS USDA	Evaluation manager supported by the regional evaluation team		To request for comments on the draft evaluation report
	Final evaluation Report	<ul> <li>RoC CO management</li> <li>Key internal stakeholders through the ERG Members:         CO team,         RB Evaluation, School Feeding Focal Point, Resilience, Gender, Nutrition         HQ School Based Programme Division WAS)         USDA     </li> </ul>	Committee     CO School feeding and resilience Ativity Managers	Postings on internal WFP platforms	To obtain approvals for the final evaluation report from the Evaluation Committee Chair and USDA To inform internal stakeholders of the final main product from the evaluation To ensure that the evaluation report is widely disseminated internally on platforms such as WFP Communities, Teams and on the WFP intranet (WFPGo)

When	What	To whom	From whom	How (in what way)	Why
Evaluation	Product	Target audience	Creator lead	Communication	Communication purpose
phase				channel	
Dissemination & Follow-up	PowerPoint Presentation on evaluation results Evaluation Report, Summary Evaluation Report/Brief, Evaluation Results Discussion	<ul> <li>M&amp;E staff</li> <li>ERG Members and HQ Technical Unit Representative</li> <li>Regional Bureau – School feeding Resilience and Evaluation Teams</li> </ul>	feeding and resilience Activity Managers	virtual organized sessions Printed 2-4 pager Summary Evaluation Report	
	Draft Management Response (MR) to the evaluation recommendations	Programme staff	Programme supported by Evaluation manager, on behalf of the Evaluation	f Email Face to face and virtual organized	To communicate the suggested actions on recommendations and elicit comments To discuss and document the RoC CO's actions to address all the evaluation recommendations
	Final management Response  Progress report on implementation of	<ul> <li>CO programme and M&amp;E staff</li> <li>Office of Evaluation</li> <li>RB Monitoring and Evaluation Teams</li> </ul> CO Management	resilience Activity Managers Regional Evaluation Team Regional Bureau Risk and	folders Posting	To ensure that all relevant staff are informed on the commitments made to implement the evaluation recommendations  To make the approved MR accessible on the WFP intranet (WFPGo)  To track and report on progress made on implementation of actions points in the Management
	evaluation recommendations		focal point supported by Regional Evaluation Team  CO focal point	,	Response

### 16.2. External communication and knowledge management plan

When	What	To whom	Fro	m whom	How (in what way)	Why
<b>Evaluation phase</b>	Product	Target audience	Cre	ator lead	Communication channel	Communication purpose
Inception	Draft 2 Evaluation Report	• USDA	•	Evaluation Manager Evaluation Team	Email Virtual (Teams) Meeting	To engage with the ERG members to get their reflections and comments on the second draft inception report; To review the methodology and approach of the evaluation
Data Collection	Preliminary results presentation (1st October)	UNICEF & UNESCO	•	Evaluation Manager Evaluation Team	Email Virtual meeting	To engage with the stakeholders and discuss preliminary results before the draft evaluation report is produced
Data Analysis	evaluation Report	<ul> <li>Comment on Draft 2 ER</li> <li>External stakeholders in the ERG</li> <li>USDA</li> <li>Circulate the approved report:</li> <li>USDA</li> <li>UN Agencies (UNICEF, FAO, IFAD, UNESCO)</li> <li>Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education and Literacy (Directorate of School Feeding (DAS) at the national level and the School Food Service (SAS) at local level)</li> <li>Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</li> <li>Ministry of Health and Population</li> <li>Local government officials in different field offices</li> <li>INGOS (CRS, Indigenous people organisation RENAPAC, etc)</li> </ul>	• f	_	Virtual (Teams) Meeting Postings News feeds	To obtain stakeholder comments on the draft evaluation report To inform stakeholders of the final main product from the evaluation To ensure that interested stakeholders are able to access the approved evaluation report through the WFP external website (wfp.org) and through stakeholder websites
Dissemination 8 Follow-up	Presentation on	• USDA	f	Evaluation Manager Evaluation Team Leader CO M&E, School feeding and resilience Activity Managers CO Communication focal point Regional Evaluation Team	depending on target audience Printed 2-4 pager Summary Evaluation	Evaluation results disseminated to stakeholders Summary Evaluation Report and link to published full evaluation report and made available to stakeholders To engage the public and the media as appropriate

When	What	To whom	From whom	How (in what way)	Why
<b>Evaluation phase</b>	Product	Target audience	Creator lead	Communication channel	Communication purpose
	Evaluation Report, Summary Evaluation Report/Brief, Evaluation Results Discussion	<ul> <li>Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries</li> <li>Ministry of Health and Population</li> <li>Local government officials in differents field offices</li> <li>INGOs (CRS, Indigenous people organisation RENAPAC, etc)</li> <li>District and Field level stakeholders such as Cooperating Partner, Government, local leaders in different districts, communities,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School feeding and resilience team in different Field Offices</li> <li>Supported by CO Communication Team (to guide the drafting of messaging where required)</li> </ul>	Communication channel Tailored summary reports for specific audiences as may be required Social Media (Twitter/YouTube feeds) and hashtags  Face to face meetings (during Programme Implementation and Monitoring Activities) 2-4 pager Summary Evaluation Report Tailored evaluation products as may be required	Communication purpose
				Short videos Community Radio	

## **Annex 17. List of People Interviewed**

N°	Date	Departement	Location	Men	Women	organization/Role /responsability
1	18/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	Х		WFP Evaluation stakeholder
2	18/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	X WFP Programme Manager		WFP Programme Manager
3	25/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville (virtual)		Χ	WFP School Feeding Manager
4	19/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	Х		WFP Financial officer
5	19/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		Χ	WFP Communication and partnership
	10/05/2022	Duaa. illa	December ille	х		WFP/ Evaluation stakeholder
6	18/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		WFP Member of the evaluation team
6	10/05/2022	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		Х	WFP supply and logistics manager
6	18/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaviile		Х	WFP logistics department
7	19/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries stakeholder
8	19/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		MEPSA/ Continuing Education Department stakeholder
9	23/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		х	MEPSA/ Basic Education
10	23/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		х	MEPSA/ school feeding (DAS)
11	23/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		MEPSA/ Logistics department
12	25/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	·		UNICEF Education, Protection and Adolescents Development
				Х		Education officer
13	25/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		Х	MPSIR/ Bilateral and Multilateral Partnership
14	25/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		CRS/MEAL

15	25/05/2023	Brazzaville	   Brazzaville	x		WHO Nutrition focal point
				х		World Bank Education Specialist
16	26/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		World Bank Economist-Statistician
17	26/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		CRS Programme Manager
18	26/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		x	Ministry of public health / Nutritionist
19	30/05/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville		х	UNICEF WASH Specialist
20	09/06/2023	Brazzaville	Brazzaville	х		World Bank/ Agriculture Economist
21	03/07/2023	Washington	Virtual		х	USDA MGD stakeholder
22	2023-05-20	Sangha	X	Х		Departmental director of primary and secondary preschool education and literacy
<mark>23</mark>	2023-05-21	Sangha	Pokola	Х		Famer
<mark>23</mark>	2023-05-21	Sangha	Υ		Х	Treasurer Cooperative
24	2023-05-21	Sangha	Pokola	Х		Educational consultant
25	2023-05-21	Sangha	Pokola	Х		Headteacher
26	2023-05-21	Sangha	Pokola		Х	Headteacher
27	2023-05-22	Sangha	ORA Z	Х		President of School canteen management committee (SCMC)
28	2023-05-22	Sangha	ORA Z		Х	Vice president (SCMC)
29	2023-05-22	Sangha	ORA Z		Х	Secretary (SCMC)
30	2023-05-22	Sangha	ORA Z		Х	Treasurer (SCMC)
31	2023-05-23	Sangha	V-		Х	Teacher
32	2023-05-23	Sangha	V-	Х		Headteacher
33	2023-05-23	Sangha	V-	Х		Pedagogic Inspector
34	2023-05-24	Sangha	ORA T	Х		Member of PTA ORA
35	2023-05-24	Sangha	ORA T	Х		President of PTA Primary school

36	2023-05-24	Sangha	ORA T		X	Cook ORA
37	2023-05-27	Plateaux	R ORA T	Х		Primary Education Inspector
38	2023-05-22	Likouala	Enyellé	Χ		Headteacher
39	2023-05-23	Likouala	Lombo	X		Headteacher
40	2023-05-24	Likouala	Lombo		Χ	Headteacher ORA
	Total			26	18	

## **Annex 18. Focus Group Discussions conducted**

		Focus Group Discussions										
Number FGD	Date	Departement	Location	Categories	Number of men per FGD	Number of women per FGD	Number of indegenous per FGD	Number of people living with disability				
1	22/05/2023	Sangha	Pokola	Formal and indigenous students	4	3	2	0				
2	22/05/2023	Sangha	Pokola	Mothers and care givers (women) of students	0	8	0	0				
3	23/05/2023		NGOMBE CARREFOUR PRIMAIRE	Fathers and care givers (Men) of students	7	0	0	0				
4	23/05/2023	Sangha	NGOMBE CARREFOUR PRIMAIRE	Formal and indigenous students	3	3	2	0				
5	24/05/2023	Sangha	Mokeko	Famers (Men)	8	0	0	0				
6	25/05/2023	Plateaux	Angoulou	Mothers and care givers (women) of students		8	0	0				
7	26/05/2023	Plateaux	Nsah	Formal students	4	5	0	0				
8	27/05/2023	Plateaux	Nsah	Famers and others suppliers	7	1	0	0				
9	22/05/2023 23/05/2023	Likouala Likouala	Enyellé	School canteen management committee Bodzoumou A Formal students Boundzoumou "B"	3	6	0	0				
11	23/05/2023		Enyellé Enyellé	Fathers and care givers (Men) of students, primary school Boundzomou "A"	8	5	2	0				
12	24/05/2023	Likouala	Lombo	Elèves formels	4	5	0	0				
13	24/05/2023		Lombo	Indegenous parents, farmers, hunters, fishermen	7	1	7	0				
14	24/05/2023	Likouala	Lombo	Teachers and members of the Lombo school canteen management committee	5	2	0	0				

				Fathers and care givers (Men) of students, school				
15	25/05/2023	Plateaux	Angoulou	Angoulou 1	10		0	0
16	25/05/2023	Plateaux	Nsah	School canteen management committee Nsah	3	3	0	0
17	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	Headteachers and teachers	5	4	4	0
18	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	School canteen management committee / PTA	10	0	1	0
19	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	Cookers and suppliers	0	10	0	0
20	22/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti /EP H. Mboumda	Formal students	5	5	1	0
21	22/05/2023	Lékoumou	Indo/ EP Samuel IKOUNGA	Formal and indegenous students	5	5	0	0
22	22/01/2023	Bouenza	Madingou/EP Madingou Gare A et B	Teachers ans school management committee	5	1	0	0
23	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou / EP Madingou gare A	Formal students	5	4	0	0
24	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou/EP Madingou Gare A et B	Cookers	0	4	0	0
25	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou / EP Madingou gare1	Formal students	5	5	0	0
26	23/05/2023	Pool	Louigui / Kinkala 1	Formal and indegenous students	5	5	0	0
27	23/05/2023	Pool	Ngamibakou	Teachers/ school management committee and PTA	4	0	0	0
28	23/05/2023	Pool	Ngamibakou	Cookers	0	2	0	0
	Total		NUMBER OF FGD	28	127	95	15	0

Number of FGD	Date	Departement	Location	Categories	Number of Men participants	Number of women participants
8	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	Directeurs/Enseignants	5	4
9	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	COGES/APE	10	0
10	21/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti Commune	Cuisinières/fournisseuses	0	10
11	22/05/2023	Lékoumou	Sibiti /EP H. Mboumda	Elèves formels	5	5
12	22/05/2023	Lékoumou	Indo/ EP Samuel IKOUNGA	Elèves formels et autochtones	5	5
13	22/01/2023	Bouenza	Madingou/EP Madingou Gare A et B	Enseignant/COGES	5	1
14	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou / EP Madingou gare A	Elèves formels	5	4
15	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou/EP Madingou Gare A et B	Cuisinières	0	4
16	22/05/2023	Bouenza	Madingou / EP Madingou gare1	Elèves formels	5	5
17	23/05/2023	Pool	Louigui / Kinkala 1	Elèves formels et autochtones	5	5
18	23/05/2023	Pool	Ngamibakou	Enseignant/COGES/APE	4	0
19	23/05/2023	Pool	Ngamibakou	Cuisinière	0	2
	Total		Nombres de FGD	19	82	69

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# **Annex 20. Line of sight – Link of Baseline Indicators to Midline and Endline Questions**

				Data Available and Reliable; and more will be generated for this EQ
Baseline Midline Endline 0				
Sub questions	Indicators	Questions	Questions	
6.1. What are the baseline values for each indicator in the performance monitoring plan (PMP)?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators	What is the progress of program implementation—is the program on track to carry out all activities as planned?	To what extend has the McGovern Dole school feeding programme been effective in realizing its articulated objectives and goals, including promoting gender parity and inclusion?	Effectiveness
			What are the long-term effects of the interventions on targeted beneficiaries' lives, households, communities and institutions?	Impact
6.2. Do the indicators reflect McGovern-Dole project's commitments on gender equality and social equity?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators  Set Annual Targets -26 standard indicators  Evidence that performance indicators are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable,	To what degree has, the program outcomes made progress toward positive long-term effects on targeted beneficiaries (girls, boys, men and women), households, communities and institutions?	To what degree has the programme resulted (or not) in the expected results (outputs and outcomes) for girls, boys, men and women?	Impact

	Realistic and Time bound) and			
	equity and gender sensitive			
6.2.1. Are indicators SMART?	Set baseline figures for Results -26 standard indicators - 25 custom indicators			
	Set Annual Targets  -26 standard indicators  Evidence that performance indicators are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound) and equity and gender sensitive			
7. Results Framework and			Data Available and Reliable more wi	ll be generated for this EQ
Baseline		Midline	Endline	Criteria
7.1. Based on the stated objectives of the McGovern-Dole project, are the targets set for each indicator clear, realistic, and achievable considering the baseline?	Clear description of the situation before the intervention that can be used as reference point to determine or measure change Evidence of realistic justification of the interventions Evidence that set objectives and expected results are clear, and observable if implementation is underway or completed Evidence of flexibility and responsiveness of results	To what extent is the McGovern Dole School feeding programme's design and approach suitable for the achievement of the desired effect and objectives?.  Is the program aligned with national government's education and school meals policies and strategies?	Is the design of the McGovern Dole School feeding programme appropriate?	Relevance

7.2. How is the theory of change (ToC) / logic design aligned with the result framework?  8. Monitoring and Evaluation	Robustness and Plausibility of the program's ToC  Evidence of adaptation of the ToC to the result chain and logic  Evidence of equity and gender programming mainstreaming in the program ToC  Intervention design and theory of change showing considerations of different contextual elements in the assumptions, risks and mitigating factors	To what extent is the McGovern Dole School feeding programme's design and approach suitable for the achievement of the desired effect and objectives?  Does the programme theory and logic of the McGovern Dole School feeding programme correctly envisage the causal relationships in its results framework?  To what degree the needs of women or other marginalized groups were considered in the programme's design and implementation?	Is the design of the McGovern Dole School feeding programme appropriate?  Was the program designed to reach the right people with the right type of assistance?  To what extent has the McGovern Dole School feeding programme been Gender responsive?  a) What is the "degree to which gender and power relationships — including structural and other causes that give rise to inequities, discrimination and unfair power relations — change as a result of an intervention."  How has the process been inclusive, participatory and respectful of all stakeholders, especially in ensuring that women's voices, including different groups, are prevalent throughout the evaluation.	Relevance.  be generated for this EQ
Baseline		Midline	Endline	Criteria
8.1. What are the key success factors for efficient and effective M&E of the project? 8.1.1. What are the enabling or	Indicators monitored via the Dashboard  Other means of monitoring indicators not tracked via the Dashboard	To what extent has the school feeding dashboard and Beneficiary/Stakeholder Complaint and Feedback mechanisms been utilized to identify issues and implement corrective measures?	How was the school feeding dashboard and Beneficiary/Stakeholder Complaint and Feedback mechanisms used to strengthen programme quality?	Efficiency

hindering factors for effective monitoring and evaluation of the	Evidence of gender and equity considerations in the disaggregation of data		
project?	Stakeholders' views of key gaps in the M&E of the program		
	Stakeholders' perceptions of quality of current monitoring and reporting against key objectives of the program and standards of good practice.		
	Stakeholders' perceptions of the use of monitoring information in decision making and adaptation of program implementation.		
	Stakeholders' views of key success factors for an effective M&E of the program		
	Stakeholders' perspectives on enabling factors for effective M&E of the program		
	Stakeholders' perspectives on hindering factors for effective M&E of the program		
	Stakeholder's perspective on appropriateness of the gender and equity-sensitive approach to M&E of the program		
	Evidence of knowledge of key indicators among relevant stakeholders		
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8.2. What factors could impact on the reliability and accessibility of monitoring and evaluation data?	Availability of Plan for appropriate data collection and management  Evidence of / plans for automated dashboards (including bottleneck analysis) scorecards, alerts and reports to support monitoring	To what extent are the activities implemented in line with the plan and in a timely manner? (Programme delivery, logistics and M&E arrangements)?	•	Efficiency
	Evidence of / plans for appropriate internal communication systems			
9. Environment and Learnir		Dat	a Available and Reliable, and more w	ill be generated for this EQ
Baseline		Midline	Endline	Criteria
9.1. To what extent is the environment in the implementation area conducive to learning and child development for boys, girls and indigenous children?  9.1.1. What factors make the environment more or less conducive to learning?	Percentage of girls achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools  Percentage of indigenous girls achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools  Percentage of girls achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools  Percentage of indigenous girls achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools	What aspects of school feeding intervention are the most sensitive to internal and external system pressures?	What internal and external factors affect the program's achievement of intended results?  What internal and external system pressures affect the effectiveness of the intervention in achieving its goals?	Effectiveness
	Percentage of boys achieving basic literacy in intervention and comparison schools  Percentage of indigenous boys achieving basic literacy in	What evidence exists to show that the McGovern-Dole school	To what degree has the programme resulted (or not) in the expected results (outputs and	Impact

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	intervention and comparison schools	feeding programme learning?	enhances	outcomes) for girls, boys, me and women?	
l i	Percentage of indigenous boys achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools				
	Percentage of boys achieving basic numeracy in intervention and comparison schools				
	Percentage of girls' dropout in intervention and comparison schools				
i	Percentage of boys' dropout in intervention and comparison schools				
	Percentage of indigenous girls' dropout in intervention and comparison schools				
	Percentage of indigenous boys' dropout in intervention and comparison schools				
	Perceptions of the government and teachers regarding the capacity of teachers to deliver effective learning to girls				
	Stakeholders and Communities' perceptions of quality of literacy instruction, and school leadership capacity				
	Stakeholders' perceptions of student attentiveness, attendance and dropout,				

	Communities' perceptions of			
	alleviation of short-term hunger of school children through the provision of school meals			
9.2. To what extent is education considered important by parents and communities for both boys and girls?	Communities' views/prioritisation of education vis a vis other urgent priority Indigenous communities' views/prioritisation of education vis a vis other urgent priority	What internal and external factors affected the programme results from having to intended impact on targeted beneficiaries?	In what ways does the McGovern Dole school feeding programme impact equity in terms of poverty, gender and inclusiveness?	Impact
	Communities' views/prioritisation of girls' x boys' education	What progress has been made towards changing the attitudes and behaviours of community	What are the key factors that affect the likelihood of sustainability of social behaviour	Sustainability
	Indigenous communities' views/prioritisation of girls' x boys' education	members in such a way as to improve health and dietary practices?	change of the program?	
10. Capacity of Farmers and	other suppliers		a Available and Reliable, and more w	vill be generated for this EQ
Baseline	other suppliers		a Available and Reliable, and more w	vill be generated for this EQ  Criteria
	Male farmers', traders and other suppliers' views of their capacity to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools	Date		

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	and other suppliers to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools  WFP, Government and other stakeholders' views of the capability of farmers, traders and other suppliers' capability to provide a reliable and sustainable supply of high-quality food commodities to local schools  Stakeholders' perceptions of supply chain issues regarding food commodities' supply to local schools	What measures can support enhancement of the SFP efficiency for the remaining implementation period?  What progress has farmers, traders and other suppliers made towards becoming reliable and sustainable suppliers of high-quality food commodities to local schools?	I :	Sustainability
	Stakeholders' experiences with local procurement			
10.2. How are farmers and women's farmers cooperatives structured and organised?	Information on organisation and structure of farmers including female exclusive cooperatives			
11. Capacity of Government	and School Communities	Data A	wailable and Reliable and more will l	be generated for this EQ
Baseline		Midline	Endline	Criteria
11.1. To what extent are the Government and school communities equipped with the relevant skills and capacity to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and	Evidence of strengthened organisational capacities and systems to manage and implement a nutrition-sensitive and holistic NSFP  Mechanisms in place to ensure strengthening of skills and capacity of government and	How effective has the collaboration with different stakeholders (including the government) been in achieving program's objectives?	sustainability and enable the	Effectiveness

Feeding (NSFP)?  Evidenterm Evidenterm Evidenterm Stake caparand Evidencem (national budgened) feed Evidenterm (national budgened) feed Evidenterm Evidencem E	hool communities to manage and implement a nutrition-institive and holistic NSFP ridence of capacity-building forts carried out in the short-rm and on a continuing basis; ridence of strengthened stitutional arrangements  ridence of community action atforms such as active PTAs akeholders' perceptions of spacity at national, department and school community levels ridence of financial symmitment by governments actional, department levels) – adgetary allocations to school eding.  ridence of identified and steractions with external anding sources (private sector, chors etc) to support the ogram – government akeholders looking for, finding and identifying synergies to ovide support.  ridence of an exit strategy akeholders' views and ridence of:  - national/local ownership	Do mechanisms (policies and strategies, stable budgeting, quality programme design, institutional arrangements, local production and sourcing; partnerships and coordination; community participation and ownership) exist to ensure the sustainability of the school meals programme?	How will stakeholders (schools, communities, centralized and decentralized government, institutions, and partners) continue to implement the programme in the absence of funding?  Will the government be able to implement a nationally owned and sustainable school meals programme?	Sustainability
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11.2. What are the current capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP? What activities need to be undertaken to address the capacity gaps?	- use of local capacity, etc.  - Gender and equity related capacity built - Government's capacity to implement the program without external support (from USDA, WFP and other partners)  WFP and other technical partners' perceptions of capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP  WFP and other technical partners' perceptions of capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP in terms of gender and equity  Governments' perceptions of capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP in terms of gender and equity	What aspects of school feeding intervention are the most sensitive to internal and external system pressures?	What internal and external factors affect the program's achievement of intended results?  What internal and external system pressures affect the effectiveness of the intervention in achieving its goals?	Effectiveness
and strengths of the NSFP? What activities need to be undertaken to address the capacity	gaps and strengths of the NSFP WFP and other technical partners' perceptions of capacity gaps and strengths of the NSFP in terms of gender and equity Governments' perceptions of	to internal and external system	of intended results?  What internal and external system pressures affect the effectiveness of the intervention in achieving its	

# **Annex 21. Results of significance tests**

N°	Indicator	Interve grou		Compar grou		Diff	Diff	Р
		Mean	n1	Mean	n2	mean	SE	value
1	Percent of students who, by the end of two grades of primary schooling, demonstrate that they can read and understand the meaning of grade level text.	0,24	746	0,27	648	-0,03	0,003	0,219
2	Average student attendance rate in classrooms/schools.	0,85	43	0,86	42	-0,01	0,003	0,001
3	Number of teaching and learning materials provided	0	43	0	42	0,00	/	/
4	Number of teachers/educators/teaching assistants in target schools who demonstrate use of new and quality teaching techniques or tools as a result of USDA assistance	0,76	88	0,78	69	-0,02	0,002	0,849
5	Number of teachers/educators/teaching assistants trained or certified as a result of USDA assistance.	0,88	88	0,82	69	0,06	0,002	0,831
6	Number of school administrators and officials in target schools who demonstrate use of new techniques or tools as a result of USDA assistance	na	43	na	38	na	/	/
7	Number of school administrators and officials trained or certified as a result of USDA assistance	0,68	43	0,18	38	0,50	0,004	0,001
8	Number of educational facilities (i.e., school buildings, classrooms, improved water sources, and latrines) rehabilitated/constructed as a result of USDA assistance	0,28	43	0,07	42	0,21	0,003	0,021
9	Number of students enrolled in school receiving USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
10	Number of policies, regulations, or administrative procedures in each of the following stages of development as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
11	Value of new USG commitments, and new public and private sector investments leveraged by USDA to support food security and nutrition	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
12	Number of public-private partnerships formed as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
13	Number of Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) or similar "school" governance structures supported as a result of USDA assistance (Only PTA)	0,47	43	0,07	42	0,40	0,004	0,000 01
16	Number of daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) provided to school-age children as a result of USDA assistance	257	43	0	42	257,00	-765	0,000 01
17	Number of school-age children receiving daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) provided as a result of USDA assistance	257	43	0	42	257,00	-765	0,000 01
18	Number of social assistance beneficiaries participating in productive safety nets as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

19	Number of individuals who demonstrate use of new child health and nutrition practices as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
20	Number of individuals who demonstrate use of new safe food preparation and storage practices as a result of USDA assistance	3,62	43	0,5	42	3,12	1,63	0,001
21	Percent of participants of community-level nutrition interventions who practice promoted infant and young child feeding behaviours							
22	Number of individuals trained in safe food preparation and storage as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
23	Number of individuals trained in child health and nutrition as a result of USDA assistance	2,29	43	0,46	42	1,83	0,8	0,027
27	Number of schools using an improved water source	0,14	43	0,07	42	0,07	0,023	0,485
28	Number of schools with improved sanitation facilities	0,44	43	0,26	42	0,18	0,001	0,113
29	Number of students receiving deworming medication	240,6	43	217,43	42	23,17	198,1	0,63
30	Number of individuals participating in USDA food security programs.	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
31	Number of individuals benefiting indirectly from USDA- funded interventions	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
32	Number of schools reached as a result of USDA assistance	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

## **Annex 22. Additional Quantitative Tables**

Tableau 1 : EGRA results by Department

	Low	level	Middle	e level	High	level
Department	Int.	Comp	Int.	Comp	Int.	Comp
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group
BOUENZA	64,66%	75,69%	4,31%	8,33%	31,03%	15,97%
LEKOUMOU	78,62%	64,71%	10,69%	9,80%	10,69%	25,49%
LIKOUALA	73,61%	52,54%	1,39%	10,17%	25,00%	37,29%
PLATEAUX	89,08%	84,52%	10,08%	9,52%	0,84%	5,95%
POOL	65,93%	79,83%	7,69%	10,92%	26,37%	9,24%
SANGHA	87,76%	75,28%	5,10%	10,11%	7,14%	14,61%

Tableau 2 : EGMA results by Department

	Low	level	Middle	e level	High	level
Department	Int.	Comp	Int.	Comp	Int.	Comp
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group
BOUENZA	21,55%	34,03%	25,00%	15,97%	53,45%	50,00%
LEKOUMOU	19,50%	5,23%	18,87%	13,73%	61,64%	81,05%
LIKOUALA	23,61%	44,07%	31,94%	16,95%	44,44%	38,98%
PLATEAUX	26,05%	14,29%	20,17%	20,24%	53,78%	65,48%
POOL	9,34%	11,76%	22,53%	25,21%	68,13%	63,03%
SANGHA	24,49%	24,72%	16,33%	31,46%	59,18%	43,82%

Tableau 3: indicators disaggregated by sex

	Indicators	Intervention G	roup		Comparison g	roup	
N°	mulcators	Female/Girl	Boy/Male	Total	Female/Girl	Boy/Male	Total
	Standard Indicators						
1	Percent of pupils who, by the end of two grades of primary schooling, demonstrate that they can read and understand the meaning of grade level text.	26,70%	21,90%	24,20 %	26,10%	28,30%	27,10%
2	Average student attendance rate in USDA supported classrooms/schools	84,50%	84,50%	84,50 %	85,10%	87,00%	86,10%
4	Number of teachers/educators/teachin g assistants in target schools who demonstrate use of new and quality teaching techniques or	21	46	67	18	36	54

	tools as a result of USDA assistance.						
5	Number of teachers/educators/teachin g assistants trained or certified as a result of USDA assistance.	23	51	74	19	38	57
6	Number of school administrators and officials in target schools who demonstrate use of new techniques or tools as a result of USDA assistance.	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Number of school administrators and officials trained or certified as a result of USDA assistance.	10	20	30	0	7	7
9	Number of pupils enrolled in school receiving USDA assistance.	27375	37625	65000	-	-	-
1 7	Number of school-age children receiving daily school meals (breakfast, snack, lunch) provided as a result of USDA assistance	4331	4917	9248	-	-	-
1 9	Number of individuals who demonstrate use of new child health and nutrition practices as a result of USDA assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 0	Number of individuals who demonstrate use of new safe food preparation and storage practices as a result of USDA assistance	119	37	156	6	15	21
2	Percent of participants of community-level nutrition interventions who practice promoted infant and young child feeding behaviours.	1	-	-	-	ı	-
2 2	Number of individuals trained in safe food preparation and storage as a result of USDA assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 3	Number of individuals trained in child health and nutrition as a result of USDA assistance	70	33	103	9	4	13

2 9	Number of pupils receiving deworming medication(s)	5019	5564	11069	3782	4133	8262
3	Number of individuals participating in USDA food security programs.	-	-	68243	ı	1	-
3	Number of individuals benefiting indirectly from USDA-funded interventions						
	Custom Indicators						
2	Number of school-aged children who receive 5 or more meals per week that include fruits, vegetables, and/or animal source proteins in addition to US commodities	27375	37625	65000	-	-	-
4	Number of pupils benefiting from the establishment and maintenance of school gardens	0	0	0	-	-	-
6	Number of pupils participating in reading competitions facilitated as a result of USDA assistance.	37	47	84	4	6	10
8	Number of female pupils trained on good menstrual hygiene practices	539		539	141		141
1 0	Number of pupils reached with health and hygiene messages as a result of USDA assistance	0	0	0	-	-	-
1	Number of parents trained as part of School Feeding Committees	0	0	0	-	-	-
1 2	Number of parents trained as part of School Procurement Committees	-	-	76	-	-	16
1 3	Number of pupils benefiting from newly constructed/rehabilitated latrines	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 4	Number of pupils benefiting from newly constructed or enhanced water systems	281	324	605	171	162	333
2 5	Number of pupils benefiting from Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) training	-	-	-	-	-	-

## **Annex 23. Glossary of Terms**

**Autochone** – refers to indigenous or aboriginal populations

**Comparison group** - consists of the sampled schools and school-age children that will not benefit from the MGD FY21 project.

**Custom Indicators**: additional project-specific performance indicators not included in the FAS list of standard indicators

**Green schools or Model Schools** - WFP will provide school garden inputs to 100 Model schools, or Green Schools. WFP will establish and promote selected school gardens, to be used as learning platforms for nutrition and environmental education for primary school children. To increase parent and student engagement in garden activities.

**Half time mode** - a system whereby a group of pupils come to school in the morning from 7:30 to 12:30 am and another in the afternoon, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

**Impact Indicators**: Indicators that measure longer-term effects produced by a project's activities or set of activities.

**Input Indicators:** Indicators that measure or quantify the financial, human, and material resources used to implement project activities or interventions

**Intervention or treatment group** – consists of the sampled schools and school-age children that will be beneficiaries of the MGD FY21 project.

**Outcome Indicators**: Indicators that measure the intermediate effects of a project's activity or set of activities and are directly related to the output indicators.

**Output Indicators**: Indicators that measure or quantify the products, goods, or services which directly result from the implementation of project activities.

**Standard Indicators**: a common set of required (mandatory) indicators identified by Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture (FAS) that must be used by all recipients, if applicable to the project. A standard indicator is applicable to a project if it addresses a result in the project's results framework, and if planned activities target that result.

#### **Teaching Methods:**

**Mondial:** uses inquiry as an integral part of students' real-life learning. Inquiry is the vehicle for study that enables learners to ask questions, discover how to find answers and how to apply their skills and knowledge to the world around them.

**Syllabic:** a method that allows children to correctly recognize and use phonemes representing each letter of the alphabet and create combinations with them according to the rules of the language being studied.

## **Annex 24. Acronyms**

ACR	Annual Country Reports				
ALNAP	Accountability and Performance				
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance				
COVID-19	Coronavirus disease pandemic				
CO	Country Office				
CSOs	Civil society organizations				
CRS	Catholic Relief Services				
CSV	Exported as Comma Separated Values				
DAC	Development Assistance Commission				
DAS	National Directorate of School Feeding (Direction de l'Alimentation Scolaire)				
DD	Difference-in-Differences				
DEQAS	Quality Assurance System				
DHS	Department of Homeland Security				
	Data Protection Officer				
DPOs					
DSF	Departmental School Feeding Service WFP Executive Board				
EB EGMA					
	Early Grade Mathematics Assessment				
EGRA EM	Early Grade Reading Assessment Evaluation method				
ERG ERIC	Evaluation Reference Group				
	Ethical Research Involving Children Evaluation Questions				
EQ					
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation				
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Services				
FGDs	Focus group discussions				
FY	Fiscal Year				
GAM	Global Acute Malnutrition				
GBV	Gender Base Violence				
GDI	Gender Development Index				
GII	Gender Inequality Index				
GDP	Gross Domestic Product				
GER	Gross Enrolment Rate				
GEWE	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment				
HDI	Human Development Index				
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development				
IR	Inception Report				
HQ	Head Quarter				
KIIs	Key informant interviews				
MEPSA	Ministry of Education (Ministère de l'Enseignement Primaire, Secondaire et de				
	l'Alphabétisation)				
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation				
MDG	Millennium Development Goals				
MHM	Menstrual hygiene management				
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys				
MPFIFD	Ministry for the Advancement of Women and the Integration of Women in Development				
MPSIR	Minister of Planning, Statistics and Regional Integration				
MOHP	Ministry of Health and population				
MSP	Marine spatial planning				
NA	Not Applicable				
INA	ποι πρητιάδιο				

NGO	Non-Governmental Organization			
NSFP	National School Feeding Program			
OAG	Oversee Advising Group			
OLAP	Online analytical processing			
ORA	Observe Reflect and Act			
OEV	Office of Evaluation			
OECD/DAC	The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development /Development Assistance			
OLCD/DAC	Committee			
PEDD	Programme Educatif de Développement Durable			
PLWD	Persons Living with Disabilities			
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan			
PND	National Development Plan			
PSM	Propensity Score Matching			
PTAs	Parent-Teacher Associations			
RDTs	Rapid Diagnostic Test			
REO	Regional Evaluation Officer			
RTI	Research Triangle Institute			
RoC	Republic of the Congo			
RB	Regional Bureau			
SBP	School Base programs			
SDSAS	Departmental School Feeding Service			
SGAC	School General Assembly Committee			
SHF	Smallholder Farmers			
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound			
SMC	School Management Committees			
SMC	Motivation of School Management Committees			
SO	Strategic objectives			
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences			
ToC	Theory of change			
ToR	Term of Reference			
UIS	UNESCO Institute for Statistics			
UNEG	United Nations Evaluation Group			
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization			
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund			
UN	United Nation			
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture's			
US	United State			
UNCT	United Nations country team			
WASH	Water Sanitation and Hygiene			
WDI	World Development Indicators			
WFP	World Food Program			
WHO	World Health Organization			
WLS	Weighted least square			

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