

Evaluation title	Évaluation du Plan Stratégique Provisoire de Pays du PAM Guinée 2018-2022	
Evaluation category and type	Centralized – Country Strategic Plan	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 92%	
<p>The evaluation report of the Interim Country Strategic Plan for Guinea (2019–2024) (ICSP) is a highly satisfactory document which can be used with confidence to inform decision-making. Relevant information is provided on the country context, although it could have added more details on gender, social inclusion, and human rights policies and strategies. The overview of the ICSP is comprehensive and includes the programming shifts, the major contextual changes in the country and the theory of change. The evaluation methodology is sound and well described, including the strategies employed to ensure data was collected on gender equity and women empowerment (GEWE) dimensions. Evaluation findings are presented without apparent bias, address main evaluation questions and sub-questions, and speak to the positive and negative aspects of the ICSP's performance. They provide a compelling story of how WFP interventions in Guinea contributed to the ICSP's six strategic outcomes, with comparative analyses between the actual ICSP achievements and planned targets. The report draws four high-level conclusions, which reflect GEWE-related and wider equity and inclusion aspects. However, the conclusions could have included a discussion of the plausibility of the CSP's logic of intervention. Recommendations appear to be feasible, well-targeted and internally consistent.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Highly satisfactory
<p>The summary report includes an introduction to the ICSP and its context and summarizes key features of the evaluation: rationale, approaches, temporal and programmatic scope. Key findings are well summarized and discussed according to the four main evaluation questions and reflect GEWE-related findings. Conclusions are concisely summarized, while the four main recommendations articulated in the main report are reproduced in the summary.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The context of Guinea is well discussed, with relevant, concise, and sufficient information on key national policies and strategies relevant to the ICSP. The report references the 2018 Guinea Voluntary National Review (VNR) Report and discusses issues of migration, refugees and gender inequalities. However, relevant gender, social inclusion, and human rights policies and/or strategies could have been added. The ICSP is well described, including shifts that were implemented in line with the major contextual changes in the country and the theory of change. While the overview highlights that the ICSP adopted an approach designed to transform gender relations and promote gender equality, it does not speak to the specific measures that were undertaken to implement this approach.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation rationale and dual objective of accountability and learning are clearly outlined, and GEWE and inclusion dimensions are considered as an objective. The temporal and programmatic scope is well described in the main report, but the main users and stakeholders of the evaluation are not.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The methodology is sound, and the section describes the evaluation design and approaches, as well as data collection and analysis methods with clear strategies to ensure collection of data on GEWE dimensions. Moreover, the evaluation matrix is comprehensive and structured around the main evaluation questions, with specific questions on GEWE aspects. However, the matrix could have featured the evaluation criteria retained for the evaluation. Finally, the report should have included an analysis of whether sufficient data was collected through the M&E system on specific results indicators as to measure progress on human rights and gender equality results as well as broader equity and inclusion dimensions.</p>		

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>Evaluation findings address all evaluation questions and are presented without apparent bias. Moreover, they are well balanced and speak to the positive and negative aspects of the ICSP's performance. The report provides a good explanation of how WFP interventions in Guinea contributed to the ICSP's six strategic outcomes, emphasizing a high level of satisfaction among WFP beneficiaries about school canteens, food assistance during lean seasons and support for small-scale producers. The findings provide comparative analyses between the actual ICSP achievements and planned targets. Findings present some unintended positive effects of the ICSP, but its unintended effects on human rights and gender equality dimensions are not identified.</p>		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The report includes four main conclusions which identify potential implications of the findings for future decision making and reflect GEWE-related and wider equity and inclusion aspects. However, the logical links between conclusions and findings could have been articulated better (e.g., mapped in a table). At the same time, conclusions do not include a robust discussion of the plausibility of the ICSP's logic of intervention or theory of change.</p>		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>Evaluation recommendations are feasible, sensitive to context, well targeted and consistent internally. Moreover, recommendations are categorized into strategic and operational, and address GEWE issues. However, the text of the recommendations could have been streamlined to meet the WFP word length requirement.</p>		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>Overall, the report follows the WFP template for centralized evaluations. It is well written, uses a professional style, and has all mandatory lists. The report effectively visualizes the content (using maps, textboxes, tables, and graphs) and includes legends allowing for clear interpretation of the visuals. However, the main report as well as the Annexes exceed WFP maximum length requirements.</p>		

Integration of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) considerations in the evaluation report based on the UN System-Wide Action Plan (UN-SWAP) Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI) scorecard	
UN-SWAP EPI – individual evaluation score	Meets requirements: 7 points
<p>GEWE and inclusion dimensions were considered as an evaluation objective and mainstreamed in the evaluation questions and matrix. The evaluation adopted a mixed-methods approach, with clear strategies to ensure data was collected to evaluate GEWE and inclusion dimensions. This approach further enabled to reach out to various categories of stakeholders, and the selection of stakeholders to be consulted considered representation of their diversity, including vulnerable groups. Although the evaluation team conducted an Evaluability Assessment, the results are not captured in the evaluation report and the analysis does not indicate if sufficient data was collected to measure progress on human rights, GEWE and broader equity and inclusion dimensions. Findings present the views of different groups of stakeholders and discuss the ICSP's contribution to gender equality, although quantitative data is not consistently disaggregated by sex. Finally, recommendations include a recommendation addressing GEWE issues.</p>	

Post Hoc Quality Assessment – Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the credible and useful evaluation findings provided and can use the evaluation with a high degree of confidence for decision-making. The report is considered an excellent example.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.
Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the quality and credible evaluation findings provided and can use it with confidence for decision-making.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Partly Satisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can rely on the evaluation findings provided and may use it for decision-making noting that there are some gaps/shortcomings in the information provided.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Unsatisfactory	<i>Definition at overall report level:</i> Evaluation users can use some of the learning from the evaluation, noting that there are significant gaps/ shortcomings in the evaluation findings provided. The report may still contribute to decision making but should be used with caution.
	<i>Definition at criterion level:</i> There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.