

# Management Response from WFP Country Office to the recommendations relating to WFP of the decentralized evaluation of the Joint WFP/UNICEF/ILO Programme (JP): “Towards a Universal and Holistic Social Protection Floor for Persons with Disabilities and Older Persons in the State of Palestine ([DE/PSCO/2022/013/ 725]) from [June 2022] to [January 2023]



1. This document presents the management response as relates to the recommendations relating to WFP as part of the joint evaluation of the Joint WFP/UNICEF/ILO Programme: “Towards a Universal and Holistic Social Protection Floor for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) and Older Persons (OP) in the State of Palestine” 2020-2022. For recommendations that do not relate to WFP, these are reported as being non-applicable. The committed actions are in line with those made in response to the WFP Palestine CSP evaluation which made similar recommendations to enhance social protection systems.
2. The evaluation made five key recommendations with sixteen sub-recommendations. The matrix sets out whether WFP agrees, partially agrees, or disagrees with **the recommendations that purely relate to WFP** and where WFP is able to contribute.. It presents the planned (or taken) actions, responsibilities, and timelines as regards to those points relating to WFP.

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<b>Priority: Medium</b> <b>Recommendation 1:</b> <b>Invest in greater knowledge sharing</b> <b>(Deadline: NA)</b>			Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 1.1 RBs should invest in documenting lessons learned from the JP and greater knowledge sharing between comparable contexts in the region. (Deadline: NA)	RBs	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 1.2 Develop and execute a dissemination and communication plan for all the studies produced by the JP	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP <i>(all studies were conducted by UNICEF and ILO)</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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Sub-recommendation 1.3 Participating UN organisations (PUNOs) should execute their advocacy campaigns and share the policy briefs and the media outputs of the Help Age activity. (Deadline: NA)	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 1.3 Invest in case studies around the reprogramming strategy and around communication. (Deadline: NA)	SDG Fund	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Priority: Medium</b> <b>Recommendation 2:</b> <b>Continued Progress: PUNOs with support from RBs and HQs should continue to support GoP efforts to build a holistic SP system and to enhance the SP sector in Palestine</b> <b>(Deadline: March 2024)</b>		Agreed			

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Sub-recommendation 2.1 Continue working with MoSD to develop a rights-based criteria for targeting PwDs and OPs	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 2.2 Continue to generate data and linking it to the newly developed social registry. (Deadline: March 2024)	PUNOs	Agreed	2.2.1 Develop linkages between the national social registry and WFP's database including the developed disabled database	WFP Country Office VAM & M&E units	March 2024
Sub-recommendation 2.3 Continue to invest in enhancements and efforts that strengthen and complement the SP system. (Deadline: December 2023)	PUNOs	Agreed	2.3.1 Continue with strategic discussions with the Ministry of Social Development and develop an implementation plan	WFP Country Office VAM unit	Dec 2023
Sub-recommendation 2.4 Continue to invest in programmes that enhance the SP system.	PUNOs	Agreed	2.4.1 lead the disability working group	WFP Country Office VAM unit	Dec 2023

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Sub-recommendation 2.5 Foster discussion and build new partnerships. (Deadline: December 2023)	PUNOs / UNCT / RBs	Agreed	2.5.1 Plan for and implement annual strategic discussions with the Ministry of Social Development with a view to defining capacity strengthening requirements based on circumstances, resources, and priorities for the year	WFP Country Office VAM unit	December 2023
			2.5.2 Sign an annual memorandum of understanding outlining capacity strengthening objectives relevant to the year ahead based on the priorities and capacity requirements of the Ministry of Social Development.	WFP Country Office VAM unit	December 2023

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Sub-recommendation 2.6 Emphasize coherence and linkages with existing tools, systems, and functions.	PUNOs / UNCT / RBs	Agreed	2.6.1 Develop a social protection plan that promotes coordination with other agencies that provide social protection services, including the Ministry of Social Development, and that clearly articulates the ways in which agencies will increase data sharing	Country Office Programme and VAM units	December 2023
<b>Priority: Medium</b> <b>Recommendation 3:</b> Stronger Relationships <b>(Deadline)</b>		Agreed	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 3.1 Re-invest in priority relationships including the Government, system-wide partners, citizens and CSO's.	RBC/Social Protection	Agreed	Strengthen relationships with the Ministry of Social development, system-wide partners through the formation	WFP Country Office VAM	December 2023

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			and co-leading the disability working group		
<b>Priority: High/Medium</b> <b>Recommendation 4:</b> <b>Future Operations-</b> PUNOs need to balance their strong performance in delivering SP activities with increased investment in coordination and the quality of programme aspects such as gender, monitoring, and communications <b>(Deadline)</b>		Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 4.1 Balance performance with programme quality, this includes aspects such as gender, monitoring and communication.	UNICEF & ILO UNWOMEN?	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 4.2 Invest in gender assessments to develop a better understanding	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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of PwDs and OPs from a gender perspective and to adapt future policy and programme design.					
Sub-recommendation 4.3 Involve Civil society in programme governance and planning	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 4.4 Set realistic and measurable outcomes	UNICEF & ILO	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Priority: High/Medium</b> <b>Recommendation 5: Strengthening UNCT (Deadline)</b>		Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sub-recommendation 5.1 Identify and share best practices on building strong partnerships between UN agencies and facilitate stronger linkages and synergy between UNCT member organizations	RC	Not applicable for WFP	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable



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