

Evaluation title	Evaluation of Asset Creation and Livelihood Activities in Sierra Leone from January 2020-December 2023	
Evaluation category and type	Decentralized	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Highly Satisfactory: 91%	
The report is a highly satisfactory evaluation whose findings can be used with confidence by decision makers. It effectively summarizes the evaluation purpose, rationale, and methodology, and provides information on relevant contextual features and the evaluation subject. Drawing upon a range of primary and secondary data sources and methods of data collection, the report presents clear findings on all the evaluation questions. These are supported by evidence, and the report consistently considers gender equality and wider equity and inclusion dimensions. It also formulates a set of well-crafted conclusions that synthesize the presented findings across evaluation criteria and questions and discuss their strategic implications, and it puts forward a set of six relevant, targeted and actionable recommendations. The report uses clear, understandable language that is largely free of jargon, and it makes good use of visual aids such as tables and figures to complement the narrative. The executive summary effectively conveys key evaluation features and insights. The report could have been further strengthened by elaborating more on the data analysis applied by the evaluation team and linking the discussion of intervention 'effectiveness' more clearly and explicitly to the interventions' theory of change. Additionally, it could have ensured more consistency across findings, avoiding contradictions. The report should have also clearly linked all sub-recommendations with related findings and conclusions; and made a better prioritization exercise so that not all recommendations are considered 'high' priority.		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Satisfactory
The executive summary provides a clear and accurate representation of the evaluation. It provides concise information on key evaluation features, context, and the evaluation subject. It reflects all key evaluation findings, conclusions, and key recommendations. The summary could have benefited from being shorter. Findings on 'effectiveness' could have been more clearly linked to the envisioned outcomes as articulated in the intervention's theory of change.		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The report provides a clear, concise and accurate overview of the evaluation context, drawing upon recent and relevant data and focusing on key issues relevant to the evaluation. It also presents a concise and clear overview of the evaluation subject, including its objectives, key activities, budget, partners, beneficiaries, and gender equality considerations.		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The report clearly describes the evaluation rationale, objectives and scope. Human rights and gender equality considerations were mainstreamed into the evaluation's two objectives of accountability and learning. A dedicated objective to assess contribution to human rights and gender equality would have given more prominence to these dimensions in the evaluation.		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The evaluation's theory-based, mixed methods approach that combined quantitative and qualitative data sources and various types of data collection methods was appropriate for answering the evaluation questions and allowed for the systematic triangulation of evidence. The evaluation systematically integrated gender equality and broader equity and inclusion considerations into its approach and ensured that evaluation activities conformed to UNEG ethical standards. The report clearly presents the limitations and describes related mitigation strategies. The report might have benefited from elaborating on the types of data analysis applied, and from clearly stating whether and how the availability and quality of monitoring data informed methodological choices.		

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The report presents evidence-based and transparently generated findings on all the evaluation questions, drawing upon primary and secondary data sources, and fairly presenting both strengths and weaknesses of the intervention. It considers the extent to which recommendations from previous evaluations were addressed through the intervention, and assesses WFP's contributions to results, while considering the context and contributions of other actors. The report triangulates the voices of some social role groups and disaggregates quantitative data by sex where feasible. It could have been strengthened by more explicitly reflecting the voices of vulnerable social groups, such as people with disabilities. The report could also have benefited from clearly linking findings on 'effectiveness' to the theory of change.		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The conclusions provide an accurate and appropriate high-level analysis of the main evaluation findings and their strategic implications. In this regard, the report constitutes a good practice example of using the conclusions to effectively connect insights across evaluation criteria, questions, and themes. The report also presents three well-articulated lessons that, while grounded in the context-specific findings, can contribute to wider organizational learning.		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Satisfactory
The report makes six relevant recommendations that, for the most part, logically flow from the findings and conclusions, and are actionable, specific, and targeted. The recommendations identify clear timeframes for action. The link between some sub-recommendations and related findings and conclusions could have been clearer. The likelihood of recommendations being implemented could have been strengthened by ensuring that the entities identified as carrying lead responsibility for implementing the recommendation is within the Sierra Leone CO as the entity that commissioned the evaluation. The prioritization of recommendations might have been more helpful had the report assigned different levels of priority, rather than considering all recommendations as being 'high' priority.		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
The report follows the WFP template for evaluation reports and is generally written in clear, accessible language. It is free from spelling, grammar and punctuation errors and effectively uses visual aids. A good practice example is the use of colour coding and icons to help readers grasp key information conveyed in visual aids. The report meets WFP requirements on length and includes all required Annexes. Key messages are highlighted using explicit findings statements and bold font. The report could have been strengthened by simplifying some long and complex sentences, ensuring that all technical terms are clearly explained, consistently using precise language, and splitting long and complex findings into shorter ones. The report could also have been enhanced by ensuring that all Annexes are referenced in the main report and that they are consistently listed in the order that they are referenced in the report.		
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: 9 points	
GEWE considerations are well integrated into the report. The chosen mixed-method approach and evaluation methodology were based on deliberate considerations on how to effectively integrate GEWE. The evaluation matrix includes questions, sub-questions and indicators on gender, and the report comments on the availability of monitoring data on GEWE and human-rights indicators. The evaluation drew upon a variety of data sources and processes, thereby facilitating inclusion, accuracy, and credibility. Findings include reflections on GEWE dimensions. Three of six recommendations address gender equality issues and include explicit suggestions for how to strengthen gender equality and wider equity and inclusion dimensions in WFP's future work. Ethical standards were consistently considered, and all stakeholder groups treated with respect for confidentiality and integrity.		

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