

Synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners from centralized and decentralized evaluations

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Annex I: Summary Terms of Reference

1. Evaluation syntheses are part of the WFP 'toolkit' in support of its commitment to evidence-based decision-making. An evaluation synthesis is: 'A combination and integration of findings from quality-assessed evaluations to develop higher-level or more comprehensive knowledge and inform policy and strategic decisions.'

Objectives and intended users of the Synthesis

- Evaluation syntheses serve the dual objectives of accountability and learning. This synthesis aims to bring together findings on WFP's work with cooperating partners from WFP's centralized and decentralized evaluations completed between 2020 and 2023, provide learning and generate further evidence in this area of work to support WFP to enhance its corporate approach, as well as to inform the formulation of future guidance and strategies.
- 3. The evaluation synthesis report will be presented at the Executive Board session in **November 2024.**

Synthesis questions

- 4. This synthesis will answer the following synthesis questions:
- 5. **QUESTION 1:** How, to what extent and in what way do evaluations show that WFP's partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to the achievement of WFP's aims at country level?
- QUESTION 2: In which specific areas (thematic, programmatic) do evaluations show that co-operating partners have made substantive contributions to the

- achievement of WFP's aims? Where is there scope to improve?
- 7. **QUESTION 3:** What factors do evaluations indicate contributed to or hindered the quality and performance of WFP's work with cooperating partners (e.g. cooperating partnership management practices, capacity strengthening)?
- 8. **QUESTION 4:** To what extent to evaluations indicate that WFP's relationships with its CPs have changed over time e.g. from purely transactional to strategic relationships?
- 9. QUESTION 5: What does the evidence show regarding WFP's and cooperating partners' adherence to the commitments of gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE), protection and accountability to affected populations, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, disability inclusion, data protection and privacy, and peoplecentred approaches²?

Scope

- 10. The scope of this synthesis will be identified in a two-phased approach, phase one is led by OEV during the preparatory phase and phase two will be led by the synthesis team during the inception phase.
- 11. OEV has identified a preliminary list of evaluations:
 - i. Evaluation types:
 - Centralized evaluations³: Policy Evaluations, Strategic Evaluations, Country Strategic Plan Evaluations and Corporate Emergency Response Evaluations.
 - Decentralized evaluations⁴ covering, activities and themes.
 - ii. *Time period:* evaluations completed over the time period 2020-2023.

¹ WFP Strategic Plan 2022-2025

² People-centred approaches is one of the seven guiding principles established in WFPs Strategic Plan 2022-2025

³ Commissioned and managed by OEV and presented to the Executive Board.

⁴ Commissioned and managed by country offices, regional bureaux or Headquarters-based divisions other than OEV, not presented to the Board.

iii. Quality of evaluation: evaluations assessed by OEV's post-hoc quality assessment (PHQA) system above the 60% threshold (satisfactory).

Table 1: Centralized and decentralized evaluations – preliminary long list

Centralized				Decen	tralized
CSP	PE	SE	CEE	Activity	Thematic
22 4 4 1				21	8
Total: 60 evaluations					

CSP: Country Strategic Plan Evaluation; **PE**: Policy Evaluation; **SE**: Strategic Evaluation; **CEE**: Corporate Emergency Response Evaluation

- 12. The evaluations in table 1 will form the universe for the synthesis team to initiate phase two of the exercise. This will be achieved during inception through the development of a protocol for inclusion/ exclusion criteria, followed by an initial screening of reports, and a final definition of the universe.
- 13. The criteria for selecting the final universe of evaluations should consider the extent of evidence in relation to the subject-matter of the synthesis, ensuring a rich body of evaluative insights. The team will be required to identify those parameters that are considered most relevant for the selection, following a review of the report's contents and of key secondary sources.

Synthesis methodology

- ⁵ The universe is intended as the final list of evaluations that will form part of the synthesis.
- ⁶ The analytical framework for the synthesis is the structured tool against which data will be extracted and later analysed. It should be shaped around the main questions of the synthesis and contain space to include data from evaluations and any additional information being gathered.

- 14. Key features of the methodological design are expected to include:
 - Method for screening and selecting the final universe⁵.
 - Confirmation and list of final universe of evaluations to be included.
 - Development of a comprehensive analytical framework⁶ based on the refined synthesis questions and early review of a sample of reports.
 - Development of analytical fields⁷ which respond to the synthesis questions, combining inductive and deductive approaches that will allow for a structured guided analysis from the outset but permits flexibility as the process unfolds. A systematic application of structured analytical fields to data sources will ensure consistent and transparent extraction of evidence, and to ensure that findings are fully traceable back to the body of evidence.
 - Systematic analysis of the evaluation reports against the analytical framework, including data extraction and coding.⁸
 - Primary data gathering through interviews with key stakeholders as required.
 - Secondary data gathering through structured analysis of additional documentation linked to the synthesis questions.
 - 15. The synthesis team is required to consider some of the most recent or ongoing changes in WFP to help target and contextualize the conclusions and recommendations.
 - 16. Lastly, to reduce the risks of subjectivity, it is important that a cross-validation process is applied, triangulating findings from the different methods. This will ensure consistency in data coding/extraction and reduce any risks of analyst bias.

Roles and responsibilities

⁷ The analytical fields are a key part of the analytical framework. They are the set of categories or keywords against which data will be collected from evaluations.
⁸ Extracting data is the process of lifting data from the evaluation for inclusion in the analytical framework. Coding is the process of labelling and categorising segments of data with a short name that reflects the analytical fields.

- EVALUATION TEAM: The evaluation will be conducted by a team of independent consultants with a mix of relevant expertise.
- 18. OEV EVALUATION MANAGER: Federica Zelada is the OEV assigned evaluation manager. The evaluation manager will be the main interlocutor between the synthesis team, represented by the team leader and WFP counterparts to ensure a smooth implementation process. The OEV Research Analyst, Lucia Landa Sotomayor will provide research and organizational support throughout the synthesis. Judith Friedman, Senior Evaluation Officer, will provide second level quality assurance.
- 19. An Internal Reference Group of a crosssection of WFP stakeholders from relevant business areas at different WFP levels will be consulted throughout the evaluation process to review and provide feedback on evaluation products.
- 20. The Director of Evaluation will approve the final versions of all evaluation synthesis products.

Communication

- 21. A stakeholder workshop will be held in July 2024 to ensure a transparent evaluation process and promote ownership of the findings and preliminary recommendations by country stakeholders.
- 22. Evaluation synthesis findings will be actively disseminated and the final evaluation report will be publicly available on WFP's website.

Timing and key milestones

Inception Phase: December 2023-February 2024

Desk review, content analysis and interview:

February-March 2024 Reports: April-July 2024

Stakeholder Workshop: July 2024 Executive Board: November 2024

Annex II: Timeline

TABLE 2 BELOW PROVIDES A DETAILED TIMELINE OF THE STAGES OF THE EVALUATION, BY WHOM AND THE KEY DATES AND DEADLINES.

Table 2: Detailed timeline for this evaluation

Synthes	is title	By Whom	Key Dates (deadlines)
Phase 1	- Preparation		
	Submission of draft ToR for review to QA2	EM	18 Sep 2023
	Review of draft ToR	QA2	19-21 Sep 2023
	Revision of ToR	EM	22 Sep 2023
	Submission of draft ToR for review to DoE	DoE	25 Sep – 3 Oct
	Revision of draft ToR	EM	4 – 9 Oct 2023
	DoE window for final review of the draft before clearance to share it with LTAs and IRG for comments	DoE	10-13 Oct 2023
	Draft ToRs shared with LTAs to start preparing their proposals and with IRG for comments	DoE	16 Oct 2023 (due 30 Oct)
	Deadline for IRG comments	EM	30 Oct 2023
	Revise ToRs following stakeholder comments	EM	31 Oct – 7 Nov 2023
	Revised ToR submitted to QA2	QA2	8 – 14 Nov 2023
	Revised ToR submitted to DoE for approval	DoE	14 – 21 Nov
	ToR approval		24 Nov
	LTA Proposal Review	EM	31 Oct – 10 Nov 2023
	Team selection & decision memo approved	DoE	16 Nov 2023
	PO finalization	Procurement	24 Nov 2023
	Final ToR sent to WFP Stakeholders	EM	24 Nov 2023
Phase 2	Inception		
	Desk review of documents and e-library	Team + EM	12-18 Dec 2023
	Team orientation - Introductory calls synthesis team and OEV	Team	12-22 Dec 2023
	Inception briefings with selected stakeholders	Team + EM	13-22 Dec 2023
	Preparation of Inception Report, including selection of final evaluation universe	Team	20 Dec - 24 Jan 2024
	Submission of D0 inception report for EM/RA review	Team	24 Jan 2024
	Quality assurance and review of inception report	EM/RA/QA2/DoE	25-29 Jan 2024
	Team addresses comments to revise inception note and submits to OEV	Team	30 Jan – 2 Feb 2024
	Submission of D1 inception note to DoE	DoE	5 Feb 2024
	Review of D1 inception note	DoE	5-8 Feb 2024

Synthes	sis title	By Whom	Key Dates (deadlines)
	Team addresses comments on D1 and revises inception report	Team	13 Feb 2024
	Submission of D1 inception note for stakeholder review	Team	27 Feb 2024 – 5 Mar
	Team addresses comments and revises inception note	NGO unit + PRO- T + PPR?	6 – 7 Mar 2024
	Team submits revised inception note	Team	8 Mar 2024
	EM and QA2 reviews inception note prior to submission of D2 to DoE for approval	EM/ QA2	11 Mar 2024
	Submission of D2 inception note for DoE review	ЕМ	12-13 Mar
	Revisions to address DoE comments and submission of IR D3	Team	14 Mar 2024
	Inception Report approval	DoE	15 Mar 2024
	EM circulates final Inception Report to key WFP stakeholders for their information	EM	16 Mar 2024
Phase 3	Desk review, content analysis and interviews		
	In-depth review of relevant information across evaluations; data extraction and coding	Team	18 – 29 Mar 2024
	Content analysis		29 Mar – 9 Apr 2024
	Conduct remote interviews with stakeholders	Team	10 - 17 Apr 2024
	Report drafting	Team	18 – 25 Apr 2024
Phase 4	Reporting		
	Submission of draft synthesis report (D0) to OEV	Team	13 May 2024
	OEV EM + RA + QA2 review of Draft 0	EM/ RA/ QA2	14 – 16 May 2024
	TL adjustments to address EM + RA + QA2 comments and submits revised report (D1)	Team	28 May 2024
	Final EM + RA + QA2 parallel review and final adjustments by the Team before submitting to DDoE	EM/ RA/ QA2	29 – 30 May 2024
	TL adjustments to address EM + RA + QA2 comments and submits revised report (D2)	Team	31 May – 3 Jun 2024
	Submission to DoE window of review	DDoE	5-6 Jun 2024
	TL adjustments to address DoE comments and submits revised report (D2)	Team	7-11 Jun 2024
	QA1+QA2 parallel review and final adjustments by the Team before seeking DoE clearance to share draft with IRG	QA1+QA2	12 Jun 2024
Draft 0	DoE window for final review of the draft before clearance to share it with IRG for comments	DoE	13-17 Jun 2024
	TL adjustments to address DoE comments	Team	18 Jun 2024
	Draft synthesis shared for comments with IRG	DoE	26 Jun - 10 Jul 2024

Synthes	is title	By Whom	Key Dates (deadlines)	
	EM+RA compiles matrix of comments received and shares it with the Team ahead of (remote) stakeholder workshop	EM	10-11 Jul 2024	
	Stakeholder workshop	IRG+DoE+DDoE+ EM	2 Jul 2024	
	Team submission of revised draft (D3)	Team	12-16 Jul	
	QA1/QA2 review of revised D3 followed by Team adjustments	EM+RA+QA2	16 Jul	
	EM starts preparing the Summary Evaluation Report (SER)	ЕМ	17 Jul	
	DoE comment window on the revised ER (D3)	DoE	17-18 Jul	
ER D4	TL submits <u>final draft synthesis</u> to OEV reflecting DoE comments	Team	22 Jul	
ER D4	EM check to ensure changes made to the ER adequately respond to DoE comments.	EM / TL	23 Jul	
SER D0	EM submission of draft SER for QA2 review	DoE	23-25 Jul	
FINAL Report	DoE window on the ER (D4) Clarify last points with TL as needed	DoE	23 Jul	
SER D1	EM changes to draft SER to address QA2 comments		26 Jul	
SER D1	EM submission of revised SER for DoE review		20-30 Jul	
SER D2	EM submission of revised SER for DoE clearance to send draft SER to Executive Management /OPC	OPC	5-16 Aug	
	EM discusses OPC comments received with QA2, and revise and finalise SER accordingly	EM + QA2	26 Aug	
	Seek approval by DoE on final SER. Clarify last points as needed	DoE + EM	26 Aug	
Final SER and ER	Submission of final SER and final ER	EM / DoE	29 Aug	
	EB Secretariat deadline for EB.2/2024		30 Aug	
Phase 5	Follow up and dissemination			
	Submit SER/ recommendations to CPP for management response + Synthesis to EB Secretariat for editing and translation	EM	Oct 2024	
	Tail end actions, OEV websites posting, EB Round Table Etc.	EM	Oct 2024	
	Presentation of Synthesis to the EB	DOE & EM	Nov 2024	
	Presentation of management response to the EB	CPP	Nov 2024	
	Team Leader; EM = Evaluation Synthesis Manager; OEV=Off	ice of Evaluation. CPP (Corporate Planning and	

Annex III: Methodology

3.1 METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH AND DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

3.1.1 Approaches

- 1. The methodology was designed with a learning and utilization focus with the primary approaches adopted being inductive and deductive. These were operationalized as follows:
 - **Deductive:** applying structured analytical fields to data sources, to ensure consistent and transparent extraction of evidence, and to ensure that findings are fully traceable back to the body of evidence.
 - **Inductive:** Pre-defining an initial set of categories for analysis which correspond to the analytical framework but allowing other important categories and themes to emerge as the evidence base consolidates. Thus, categories may be merged, adapted or adjusted in response to higher- or aggregate-level themes emerging.
- 2. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment was considered at the synthesis design, coding and analysis stage and the synthesis considered findings and recommendations that highlight any areas for improvement relating to GEWE and cooperating partners. Gender, protection and accountability, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as disability inclusion and other vulnerabilities were mainstreamed throughout the analytical framework (where appropriate), as well as addressed specifically in Synthesis Question 3. The methodology reflects the standards for independence and impartiality, in line with the commitments of WFP under its Evaluation Policy 2022⁹.

3.1.2 Evaluation Questions

3. The Evaluation questions were refined during the inception period and sub questions identified. These additions and any changes are outlined in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Evaluation Questions, sub-questions, and changes from ToR

Synthesis Questions and Sub questions	Changes from the ToR				
SQ1: To what extent do evaluations show that WFP's partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to the achievement of WFP's aims ¹⁰ at country level?	No change				
1.1 Does the evidence demonstrate that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO1: <i>People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs?</i>					
1.2 Does the evidence demonstrate that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO2: <i>People have better nutrition, health and education outcomes?</i>					
1.3 Does the evidence demonstrate that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO3: <i>People have improved and sustainable livelihoods?</i>					
1.4 Does the evidence demonstrate that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO4: <i>National programmes & systems are strengthened</i>					
SQ2: In which specific activity and cross-cutting areas do evaluations show that cooperating partners have	SQ2 in ToR: In which specific areas (thematic, programmatic) do evaluations show that				

made contributions to the achievement of WFP's aims?

cooperating partners have made substantive

⁹ WFP.2022. WFP evaluation policy 2022. WFP/EB.1/2022/4-C.

¹⁰ Aims as defined by SOs in WFP.2022. WFP Corporate Results Framework (2022-2025). WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1

Synthesis Questions and Sub questions	Changes from the ToR
Have there been challenges relating to specific activities and cross-cutting areas?	contributions to the achievement of WFP's aims? Where is there scope to improve?
	Changes
	Removal of the word "substantive" from Q2 – now all contributions will be considered, and a judgement won't be made on whether they are substantive or not.
	Removal of the thematic and programmatic elements due to challenges with clearly defining these concepts. This has been, replaced by consideration of areas which are more clearly defined, activities ¹¹ and cross cutting areas as defined in the WFP Strategic Plan (2022-25). 12
	The term" scope to improve" was deemed subjective, as a judgment would have to made on performance to determine if it needed to be improved. This has therefore been replaced with "challenges as they relate to activities and cross cutting issues", which is easier to define.

- **2.1** What does the evidence show about the contribution of WFP's cooperating partners to specific activities¹³ or cross-cutting areas, in achieving WFP's aims?
- **2.2** Does the evidence highlight that different types of cooperating partners contribute to specific activities and cross-cutting areas? If so, what were they and to what extent?
- **2.3** What does the evidence show regarding challenges relating to specific activities and cross cutting areas?

SQ3: What factors, as indicated by evaluations, have either contributed or hindered the quality and performance of WFP's work with cooperating partners (e.g., cooperating partnership management practices, capacity strengthening)?

No change

- **3.1** What internal factors supported the quality & performance of WFP's work with CPs?
- **3.2** What external factors supported the quality & performance of WFP's work with CPs?
- **3.3** What internal factors impeded the quality & performance of WFP's work with CPs?
- 3.4 What external factors impeded the quality & performance of WFP's work with CPs?

SQ4: To what extent do evaluations indicate that WFP's relationships with its CPs have changed over time e.g. from purely transactional to strategic relationships?¹⁴

No change

¹¹ These are listed in WFP Corporate Results Framework (2022-2025). WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1 and are: Emergency preparedness and early action, Unconditional resource transfer, Malnutrition prevention programme, Malnutrition treatment programme, School based programmes, Community and household asset creation, Household and individual skill and livelihood creation, Smallholder agricultural market support programmes, Actions to protect against climate shocks and Social protection sector support.

¹² WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2. The four cross cutting priorities defined in the strategic plan are: protection and accountability to affected populations; gender equality and women's empowerment; nutrition integration; and environmental sustainability.

¹³ Activity type are outlined in the 2022-2025 Corporate Results Framework, and listed in Annex 5

¹⁴ Definitions based on 2018 ED Circular: Corporate Guidance on WFP Management of NGO Partnerships. WFP/OED2018/004

Synthesis Questions and Sub questions	Changes from the ToR
4.1 How are relationships with CPs characterised in the ev 4.2 Does the evidence indicate a trajectory of change over	
SQ5: What does the evidence show regarding WFP's and cooperating partners' adherence to the fiscal responsibilities ¹⁵ , commitments of gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE), protection and accountability to affected populations (AAP), prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), disability inclusion (DI), data protection and privacy, and people-centred approaches? ¹⁶	No change

- **5.1** What does the evidence show regarding WFP's efforts to embed obligations for fiscal responsibility, GEWE, AAP, PSEA and DI in its cooperating partnerships?
- **5.2** What does the evidence show regarding delivery of obligations for fiscal responsibility, GEWE, AAP, PSEA and DI issues?

3.1.3 Data sources

4. The primary data source for the synthesis are 47 evaluation reports which comprise the evaluation Universe (Annex VI). The synthesis also draws on supplementary data from key informant interviews and supporting documents for contextualization and corroboration of findings from the evaluations. WFP primary data (e.g., COMET and FLA partnership tracker data) was used to identify and clarify the presence of different CPs.¹⁷ A summary of data sources and forms of analysis and triangulation are outlined in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Data sources

Data Source(s)	Forms of analysis & triangulation
 Evaluation reports and their annexes Management responses (where relevant) to identify if recommendations relating to CPs have been accepted (or not). Interviews with stakeholders at Head Quarters, Regional Bureau and Country Office level WFP supporting documents (Annex XI) WFP quantitative data 	 Quantitative - examining the frequency of findings across evaluations. Qualitative - combining descriptive findings across evaluations. Content analysis and thematic analysis ¹⁸ of different variable combinations to explore patterns and related variables and identify where correlations exist. Triangulation of evidence from evaluations using WFP documentation and interview data.

¹⁵ Fiscal responsibility/ fiduciary risk as defined and described in the WFP. 2021. Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy. WFP/EB.A/2021/5-B/1

¹⁶ People-centred approaches is one of the seven guiding principles established in WFPs Strategic Plan 2022-2025

¹⁷The synthesis evaluation team will not have direct access to these WFP internal systems, but OEV can provide information for individual evaluations, as well as across the entire evaluation universe to aid in understanding and analysis.

¹⁸ Explained in more detail in the data analysis section below.

3.1.4 Evaluation data extraction

25. The process for reviewing, extracting, and coding evaluation reports consisted of the following steps:

Figure 1: Data extraction process



Development of the analytical framework and initial coding system



Pilot review of one report and revisions to framework



Refinement of the analytical framework, sub questions and coding



Report review using an iterative process to coding and quality assurance

- 5. During the inception phase, informed by an initial review of WFP documentation, the team developed the **analytical framework and coding system** (Annex V). The framework was organized to encompass synthesis questions, sub-questions (re-interpreted for the purpose of the analytical framework), codes, and code descriptions. The development of sub-questions and codes was to ensure the uniform extraction of data from evaluations. This process was based upon a thorough review of supporting documentation and the initial assessment of evaluations during the scoping/ screening phase.
- 6. Once the analytical framework was approved, the coding framework was loaded into the data analysis software MAXODA.¹⁹
- 7. A **pilot review** was undertaken across five evaluations to assess code validity and ensure reliable and consistent data can be extracted. All team members independently analysed the same five reports, extracting and tagging segments in MAXQDA using the established coding framework. The team then convened to address any discrepancies in coding application. Minor amendments were made to the analytical framework as a result of this, but they related to understanding of the data, not of the codes themselves. A set of rules for the coding process were developed, setting out the key principle that every coded segment had to be coded against a type of CP (NGO, Government or UN), or else coded as "CP unclear". Then to code against the specific questions in the analytical framework. In theory this should have allowed every coded segment to be first coded as per type of CP, then by which question it answered, in reality it was often unclear what CP was being discussed at different points in a single evaluation, and while we were able to use this data in part, it served as a finding in its own right that CPs are not clearly defined and described in the evaluations being extracted from.
- 8. Following this testing (and agreement on the process of coding) individual team members were assigned evaluation reports for review. The initial phase involved the team collectively reviewing and coding 25 percent of the sample. Subsequently, the Team Leader conducted **Quality Assurance** (QA) on 50% of this first sample and provided feedback to each team member. The team then convened to collectively review data, discuss emerging themes and lessons, discuss challenges and agree on collective processes to address them. Following this discussion, the remaining evaluations underwent review, repeating the QA (at the 50% level). There were regular team meetings to discuss any challenges or issues and ongoing QA feedback from the Team Leader. A key part of the process was to apply **nuance in the application of the codes** (as set out in the analytical framework, Annex V). The team did not rely on automatic coding of documents, instead each evaluation was read in detail, and the coding structure applied in an iterative fashion to address each evaluation question. This ensured a robust process, taking into account the multiple terminologies used to define CPs, and the nuanced ways in which they can be described in an evaluation report.
- 9. Employing an iterative coding and QA approach enabled the team to methodically construct credible and consistent evidence related to predefined themes linked to synthesis questions Simultaneously, this approach allowed for the identification of emerging themes and findings. This was operationalized throughout the coding process by summarizing key findings within MAXQDA, so as to

¹⁹ MAXQDA is a software programme designed for qualitative data. It enables a traceable analysis across reports to produce insights and evidence for the synthesis.

- start the early identification of findings and allow them to be discussed as a team, and more easily grouped and identified during analysis and write up phase.
- 10. Following the coding and early analysis each team member was assigned an evaluation question to analysis. As part of this all segments coded against each question were extracted from MAXQDA (or analysed within MAXQDA) and the findings, with clear linkages to where the evidence originated were drafted for each question. This provided the foundation for the Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and second stage document review, although there was overlap of the processes.

3.1.5 Secondary data collection

- 11. During the data analysis phase, based on emerging findings, **interview questions** were drafted, and interviews arranged with staff from across the organization. The interviewee list was guided by the membership of the IRG²⁰, and the findings from the evaluations, and included RBs and COs which were of interest to the synthesis process. The primary objectives of the Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) were to validate findings, delve deeper into identified issues, and explore patterns, themes and correlations in the analysis of the extracted data against each evaluation question, and sub question. Comprehensive summaries of all **KII** interview data was generated, and interview evidence used throughout the synthesis findings and conclusions, as relevant.
- 12. During the secondary data collection phase, the team built on the review of WFP documentation undertaken during inception phase and looked again at **WFP documentation**, including guidance, policies and reviews, making sure to include any new documents which may have been drafted, or finalized since the synthesis commenced. This phase of document review was used to validate and triangulate synthesis findings, as well as provide useful information about the evolution, and current context of WFPs work with cooperating partners, and the systems and processes which support this. The team engaged with emerging work within WFP, for example on the localization agenda, to ensure the synthesis was relevant for the WFP current operating context, and Partner Connect on the rollout of a digitized system for CP management.

3.1.6 Data analysis

- 13. The team collated the data collected from the evaluation reports, the KIIs, and the document review against the synthesis questions and sub-questions. Each finding was examined against each synthesis question using both quantitative (examining the frequency of synthesis findings across evaluations) and qualitative methods (content and thematic analysis). This allowed clarity for each finding to set out how many evaluations identify / validate the same finding, or if there are other methods of triangulation²¹.
- 14. The team looked for **themes and trends**, including similarities, divergences, and contradictions in the findings, within and across questions, and within and across evaluation types. The team used illustrative examples from the evaluations to highlight best practices in the synthesis report, or areas where challenges or hindering factors were highlighted.
- 15. This content analysis included interrogating the findings against **multiple variables**. The intersection between variables as they relate to each finding was also explored, where possible. The initial analysis was based on the comparison between types of CPs in evaluations, and specific codes (as set out in the analytical framework).
- 16. The team also applied content analysis to examine and interpret characteristics of the findings, such as themes, patterns, and meanings to gain insight into WFP's work with Cooperating Partners.

 $^{^{20}}$ The membership of the IRG is outlined at Annex 6.

²¹ All findings will include (i) number of evaluations supporting the finding and (ii) footnote listing which evaluations they

17. Overall, this approach provided a thorough analysis of the data, considering various factors and their interplay in the context of different variables, and different types of cooperating partner. The team met regularly throughout the analysis phase, as well holding regular meeting with OEV, and held a validation session to validate findings across all questions, and assess the level of evidence available to answer each evaluation question.

3.1.7 Reporting

- 18. In the reporting stage, the team produced a draft synthesis report which addresses the synthesis questions in a logical manner presenting the evidence from findings, conclusions, and ultimately recommendations.
 - The synthesis report underwent **internal QA** to ensure both its validity and coherence with the WFP institutional environment. Initial feedback on the draft synthesis report was provided by OEV. Revised drafts were shared with the IRG for their comments to provide validation and refinement. Following this, OEV facilitate a virtual workshop on 2nd July 2024 with key stakeholders and members of the IRG to further validate the synthesis findings, conclusions, and provide inputs to the proposed recommendations to ensure their focus and targets are appropriate. The feedback was incorporated into the synthesis report, with a focus on recommendations.
- 19. The synthesis report provides findings and recommendations for different WFP audiences, at Headquarters, Regional Bureaus and Country Office level. It will be presented to WFP's Executive Board Second Regular Session of November 2024 (EB.2/2024). Taking this into account the conclusions and recommendations of the final report will be grounded in the evidence and findings of the synthesis itself, while also contextualized to consider recent and ongoing changes within WFP, to enable the report to be forward-looking.

Annex IV: Screening Process

4.1 SCOPING PROCESS

- 20. This Annex details the scoping process to identify and select the evaluation universe, and its findings. The preliminary universe of evaluations that could be included in this synthesis was identified by the Office of Evaluation (OEV) during the preparation phase of the synthesis. The team then conducted a screening exercise during the inception phase to determine the final sample of evaluations to be included in the synthesis.
- 21. During the **preparation phase**, the Office of Evaluation (OEV) identified a preliminary list of 63 evaluations based on evaluation types, time period, and the quality of the evaluation.²² OEV identified an additional 12 evaluations that met the same criteria but that were approved after the initial ToR was published, bringing the total number of evaluations to 75. The preliminary list of evaluations identified by OEV was shortlisted, based on the following criteria:
 - Evaluation types: Centralized evaluations- namely, Policy Evaluations, Strategic Evaluations,
 Country Strategic Plan Evaluations (CSPEs) and Corporate Emergency Response Evaluations (CEEs).
 Decentralized evaluations covering, activities and themes.
 - **Time period:** evaluations completed over the period 2020-2023.
 - **Quality of evaluation**: evaluations assessed by OEV's post-hoc quality assessment (PHQA) system above the 60% threshold (satisfactory).²⁵
 - **Subject matter:** evaluations determined to provide a body of evidence on CPs based upon a) a word search for relevant CPs in the findings section; b) a rapid review to determine whether there was sufficient evidence on CPs in the findings to justify its inclusion in the long list was undertaken.²⁶
- 22. During the inception phase, the Synthesis Team developed a screening approach and validated it through consultations with OEV. The approach included six phases, which are described below.
 - First, key information about each report including the commissioner, type of evaluation, language, country, regional bureau, approval year, and PHQA score was identified.
 - Second, a set of keywords or topics relating to CPs was identified to inform the screening process.
 Discussion with OEV helped to inform the development of the keywords and topics, including those which considered the evolution of WFP terminology regarding CPs. As such key words initially included, cooperating partners, implementing partners, Field level Agreement (FLA)²⁷,
 Memorandum of Understanding/ Letter of Understanding (MoU/LoU)²⁸. However, terminology relating to CPs is not always clearly defined. Additional keywords were therefore added to ensure a more thorough screening. These included International NGO (INGO), Civil Society Organizations (CSO), Community Based Organizations (CBO), United Nations Partners, and Government Partners.

²² WFP. 2023. Evaluation Synthesis of WFP's Cooperating Partners Terms of Reference. WFP Office of Evaluation.

²³ Centralized Evaluations are commissioned and managed by OEV and presented to the Executive Board.

²⁴ Decentralized Evaluations are commissioned and managed by country offices, regional bureaux or Headquarters-based divisions other than OEV. They are not presented to the Board.

²⁵ Since 2016, OEV has used an outsourced post-hoc quality assessment mechanism, through which independent assessors rate the quality of all completed WFP evaluations against WFP's own evaluation quality standards, which are based on international professional evaluation standards and include the requirements for evaluation set by the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNSWAP).

²⁶ This was defined by OEV as more than 5 findings relating to CPs.

²⁷ An agreement WFP enters into with NGO CPs

 $^{^{28}}$ An agreement WFP enters into with Government Partners, though not all relate to the definition of CP.

- The screening also included translations of keywords in French and Spanish.²⁹ The keywords used were translated directly into codes in MAXQDA.³⁰
- Third, evaluations were screened for references to keywords and codes relating to cooperating partners. Using MAXQDA, the team reviewed each evaluation's findings, conclusions and recommendations and coded any segments that were relevant to the synthesis. ³¹ In addition to reviewing the coded text in each evaluation, it was also necessary to refer to additional data about each country to help identify what type of partnerships and agreements exist with NGOs, United Nations agencies or Government entities.
- Fourth, the team ranked the evaluations. Based on the segments identified, the team assessed the reports as having high, medium, low levels of relevance, or those where the evidence was not relevant for this synthesis.
- Fifth, the Team Leader conducted a quality assurance review of a 15% sample across all evaluations. Additionally, all CSPEs were quality assured by a team member different to the person who had conducted the original screening. Further quality assurances (QAs) were undertaken where there was a lack of clarity on the type of partnerships being discussed. This resulted in a higher-than-expected QA rate of 55%.
- Sixth, evaluations to be included and excluded were proposed, based on the protocol for assessment of evidence, outlined in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Protocol for determining level of evidence relating to CPs in each evaluation report.

Protocols for determining	Protocols for determining evidence relating to CPs in each evaluation				
1 – Limited evidence	CPs not clearly or at all referenced in the findings (this rating would be expected to primarily relate to the evaluations not screened in preparation by OEV, or where context deems an evaluation not relevant).				
2 - Low levels of evidence	CPs are mentioned, but not in direct, or meaningful relationship to the findings section, or conclusions section, and not at all in recommendations.				
3 - Medium levels of	CPs are mentioned in the findings section (in responding to evaluation questions), and up to 3 references in either conclusions and/or recommendations.				
evidence	Alternatively, there is significant relevant evidence relating to CPs in findings, with minor mentions in conclusion or recommendations.				
4 - High levels of evidence	CPs are mentioned and evaluated as a component part of wider evaluation, CPs are mentioned in multiple findings, conclusions, and recommendations.				

23. As noted in section 2.1 above, there were some challenges with identifying, with certainty, if evidence relating to cooperating partners was present in each evaluation. As such multiple data sources were used to attempt to validate and confirm this, including data from the WFP COMET database. Where this was still unclear (primarily relating to identification of Government entities or United Nations agencies as CPs) a list was provided to OEV to seek clarity from Country Offices and evaluation managers.

²⁹ French key words included: ONG, partenaires coopérants, partenaires de mise en œuvre, société civile. Spanish key words included: Asociados cooperantes, asociados, socios, ONG, organizaciones de la sociedad civil.

³⁰ In MAXQDA, codes refer to labels or tags assigned to segments of qualitative data, such as text passages, audio clips, or images. These codes serve as a way to categorize and organize information, to systematically analyse and identify patterns within data during qualitative research processes.

³¹ These may include keywords, sentences or paragraph which are relevant to the synthesis.

4.2 SCOPING FINDINGS

24. The team ranked 7 evaluations as 'high', 40 as 'medium', and 15 as 'low' and 13 as having 'limited evidence' on cooperating partners. Evaluations ranked high and medium were included in the final universe. The breakdown of cooperating partners coverage by evaluation type is shown below in Table 6.

Table 6: Cooperating Partner coverage by evaluation type

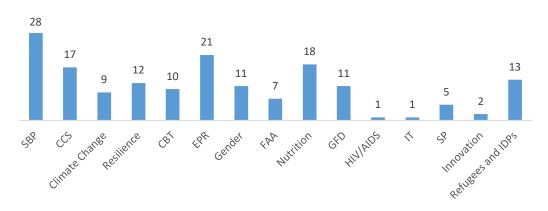
Evaluation type				Cooperating Partners coverage			
		Original Universe	Shortlisted	High evidence	Medium evidence	Low evidence	Limited evidence
	Corporate Emergency Response	2	2	-	2	-	-
Centralized	Country Strategic Plan	33	22	2	20	9	2
evaluations	Policy	4	1	1	-	1	2
	Strategic	4	2	2	-	2	-
	Subtotal		27	5	17	17	4
	Activity	24	16	1	10	1	7
Decentralized evaluations	Thematic	8	4	1	3	2	2
	Subtotal		20	2	13	2	10
Total		75	47	7	40	15	13

- 25. In consultation with OEV, the team recommended that the 47 evaluations ranked as 'high evidence' and 'medium evidence' be included in the synthesis. These evaluations directly addressed CP management and strategic relationships. The team identified 15 evaluations ranked as 'low evidence' that had some evidence surrounding these topics but were not detailed enough to be of interest for the synthesis. The team identified 13 evaluations as 'limited evidence' that either did not address these topics or were only briefly addressed. A full list of the component evaluations and rationale for inclusion or exclusion is included in Table 6.
- 26. Overall, 27 of the 43 centralized evaluations sufficiently addressed cooperating partners (51 percent). It was determined that these evaluations would provide evidence at the corporate and country levels, as well as at the strategic and policy levels. For the 32 decentralized evaluations, 20 (63 percent) were determined to sufficiently addressed cooperating partners to be of interest for this synthesis.
- 27. To provide a preliminary overview of the coverage of activity types in the evaluation synthesis, an analysis drawing from OEV's Management Information System (MIS) was applied and Table 7 provides the indicative coverage of activity categories present in the evaluations covered by the synthesis³².

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³² Decentralized Evaluations, activity categories were extracted from OEV MIS. For Country Strategic Plan Evaluations, Policy Evaluations and Strategic Evaluations, activity categories were not available in the OEV MIS. Therefore, they were obtained indirectly from the topics reported in MIS. However, in several evaluations some topics (e.g., "gender", "HIV/AIDS", "Food Systems", "refugees", "supply chain", "partnerships", "information technology", and "staff and human resources") could not be converted directly into an activity category. in these cases the activity category "other" was applied.

Figure 2: Topics covered by evaluations in the final universe³³



Source: OEV Management Information System

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 $^{^{\}rm 33}$ Acronyms are listed in acronyms list. Each evaluation could have multiple topics.

Table 7: Evaluation ranking for screening of initial 75 evaluations during inception period

Evaluation Category	Evaluation type	Title of the Report	Conclusions	Recommendations	CP Coverage	Comments
	Corporate Emergency	Evaluation of the WFP Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic	x	х	Medium Evidence	1 conclusion, 1 recommendation. Significant relevant evidence relating to CPs in findings, with minor mentions in conclusion or recommendations.
	Response	Corporate Emergency Evaluation of WFP's Response in Myanmar 2017-2022	x	x	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 3 Recommendations. Several findings refer to CPs.
		Evaluation of Cambodia WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2019- 2023			Low evidence	No references in Conclusions and Recommendations. No extensive mentions in findings.
	Country Strategic Plan	Evaluation of South Sudan WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan 2018-2021	x	х	High Evidence	6 Conclusions, 4 Recommendations. Several mentions in findings.
Centralized		Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM pour Sénégal, 2018-2022		x	Medium Evidence	No Conclusions, 1 Recommendation. Several mentions in findings.
Centralized		Evaluation of Nepal WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2019- 2023			Low evidence	No Conclusion or Recommendation. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Evaluation of Ghana WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2019–2023	x	x	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 3 Recommendations. Several references to CPs, FLAs in Findings.
		Evaluation of Benin WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023			Low evidence	No Conclusion or Recommendation. Limited mentions of CPs in findings.
		Evaluación de Plan Estratégico País de PMA Peru 2018- 2022	x		Medium evidence	1 Conclusion, no Recommendation. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Évaluation du Plan Stratégique Pays provisoire du PAM en République centrafricaine (2018-2022)	x	х	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 4 Recommendations. Several mentions in Findings.
		Evaluation of the Interim Country Strategic Plan in Algeria (2019-2022)	x	х	Medium Evidence	1 conclusion, 2 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in Findings.

Evaluation Category	Evaluation type	Title of the Report	Conclusions	Recommendations	CP Coverage	Comments
		Evaluación del plan estratégico para El Salvador (2017-2022)		x	Medium Evidence	No Conclusion, 2 Recommendations on CPs. Limited, but relevant references in Findings.
		Evaluation of Tajikistan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019- 2024			Medium Evidence	No Conclusion or Recommendations on CPs but several findings make specific references to CPs.
		Evaluation of Jordan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2020- 2022	х	х	Medium Evidence	4 Conclusions and 1 Recommendation. Several findings mention CPs.
		Evaluation of Sudan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019- 2022	х	х	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 1 Recommendation. Multiple mentions and learning in findings.
		Evaluation of Nigeria WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019- 2022	х	х	Medium Evidence	No Conclusion, 4 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM pour Haïti, 2018-2022	х		Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, No Recommendation. Several mentions of CPs in findings.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation S	CP Coverage	Comments
		Evaluation of Chad WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023	х		Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, 1 Recommendation. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM Burkina Faso 2018 - 2022	х	х	Medium Evidence	3 Conclusions and 3 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Evaluation of Cameroon WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018- 2020	х	х	Medium Evidence	3 Conclusions and 2 Recommendations. Multiple relevant findings on CPs.
		Evaluation of Democratic Republic of the Congo Interim Country Strategic Plan 2018-2020	х	х	Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, 2 Recommendations. Several Findings.
		Evaluation of Dominican Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2019-2023			Low evidence	No mentions in Conclusions or Recommendations. General findings on partners and partnerships but not specifically CPs.
		Evaluation of Malawi WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2019-2023			Medium evidence	No conclusions, 1 recommendation. Multiple interesting and relevant references in findings.
		Evaluation of the WFP Country Strategic Plan in Sri Lanka 2018-2022	х		Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, no recommendation. Some mentions in findings with interesting lessons.
		Evaluation of Philippines WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2018-2023		x	Low evidence	No Conclusion, 1 Recommendation. Limited evidence on CPs in findings.
		Evaluation of Pakistan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022	х	х	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 1 Recommendation. Relevant Findings.
		Evaluation of the Kyrgyz Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018-2022			Low evidence	No Conclusion or Recommendations on CPs. Limited references in Findings.
		Evaluación del Plan Estratégico para el País del PMA en el Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia 2018-2022		х	Medium Evidence	No Conclusion, 2 Recommendations on CPs. Few (but relevant) references in Findings.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation S	CP Coverage	Comments
		Evaluación de Honduras Plan Estratégico País de PMA 2018- 2021	х		Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, no Recommendations. CPs are referenced in findings.
		Ecuador: an Evaluation of WFP's Strategic Plan (2017-2021)			Limited evidence	CPs are mentioned in a few findings, but not in a meaningful way.
		Republic of Zimbabwe : An evaluation of WFP Country Strategic Plan (2017–2020)	х	x	Medium Evidence	3 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Several findings refer to CPs.
		Evaluation of Namibia WFP Country Strategic Plan, 2017–2023			Low evidence	No mentions of CPs in conclusions or recommendations. Few mentions in findings.
		Evaluation of Lao People's Democratic Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)			Low evidence	No mentions of CPs in conclusions or recommendations. Few mentions in findings.
		Evaluation of China WFP Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)			Limited evidence	Report refers to partnerships in general, but these are mainly private sector partners. No reference to CPs.
		Lebanon WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018–2021	х	х	Medium Evidence	1 Conclusion, 1 Recommendation. Several mentions of CPs in Findings.
		Evaluation of WFP's Policy on Country Strategic Plans			Limited evidence	Very few mentions of CPs in Findings. No mentions in Conclusions or Recommendations
	Policy	Evaluation of WFP's Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Climate Change Policies			Low evidence	Mentions of partnerships in Conclusions, Recommendations and a few findings but no specific references to CPs.
		Evaluation of WFP's Policy on Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition			Limited evidence	Very few mentions of CPs in Findings. No mentions in Conclusions or Recommendations

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation S	CP Coverage	Comments
		WFP's Role in Peacebuilding in Transition Settings	x	х	High Evidence	2 Conclusions and 3 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		Strategic Evaluation of WFP's work on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS	x	x	High Evidence	1 Conclusion and 2 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
		WFP's Use of Technology in Constrained Environments	х	х	High Evidence	1 Conclusion and 5 Recommendations. Several mentions of CPs in findings.
	Strategi c	Strategic Evaluation of the Contribution of School Feeding Activities to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals			Low evidence	Across the document, CPs are only mentioned once in the findings. No direct references to CPs but some references to partnerships in general in Conclusions or Recommendations.
		Evaluation of Funding WFP's Work			Low evidence	Few relevant references in findings mainly around partnership agreements. No references in Conclusions or Findings.
		Mid-term Activity Evaluation of the supported Home Grown School Feeding programme in Cambodia in Kampong Thom, Kampong Chhnang and Pursat Provinces 2020-2024			Limited evidence	No mention or analysis of cooperating partners
Decentralized	Activity	Mid-Term Evaluation of USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement LRP-442-2019-011-00 in Cambodia, 2019-2023			Medium evidence	4 conclusions 2 recommendations and Multiple references in findings.
		Evaluation of the Asset Creation and Public Works Activities in Lesotho, 2015-2019			Limited evidence	No mention or analysis of cooperating partners.
		Contribution des cantines scolaires aux résultats de l'éducation dans le sud de Madagascar (2015 à 2019) : Une analyse de la contribution			Limited evidence	No mention or analysis of cooperating partners.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation s	CP Coverage	Comments
		Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin of Sri Lanka from 2013 to 2020	x	х	High Evidence	3 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Multiple references in Findings.
		End-line evaluation of USDA Local Regional Procurement project in Nalae District, Luang Namtha Province in Lao PDR (2016-2019)			Low evidence	CPs and partnerships are mentioned in findings, but not conclusions or recommendations.
		Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in Lebanon 2015-2019	х	x	High Evidence	2 Conclusions, 4 Recommendations. Several Findings refer to CPs.
		Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in the Democratic Republic of Congo 2015-2019			Low evidence	Very few mentions of CPs in findings with limited analysis or learning.
		Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in Syria 2015-2019	х	х	High Evidence	3 Conclusions, 9 Recommendations. Several Findings refer to CPs.
		Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in Niger 2015-2019			Limited evidence	No mention or analysis of cooperating partners.
		Évaluation décentralisée conjointe finale du Programme National d'Alimentation Scolaire Intégré (PNASI) au Bénin, 2017-2021		x	Medium Evidence	No Conclusion, 1 Recommendation. Several mentions in Findings.
		Final Evaluation of McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Guinea-Bissau, 2016-2019	x	x	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Several relevant findings.
		Evaluation of R4 Rural Resilience Initiative in Masvingo and Rushinga Districts in Zimbabwe , 2018–2021	х	х	Medium Evidence	1 Conclusions, 3 Recommendations. Several relevant findings.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation s	CP Coverage	Comments
		Endline evaluation of WFP's USDA McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program's Support in Rwanda, 2016-2021	x		Medium Evidence	1 Conclusions, No Recommendations. Several relevant findings.
		Evaluation of WFP Livelihoods and Resilience Activities in Lebanon from 2016 to 2019	x	х	High Evidence	2 Conclusions, 8 Recommendations. CPs covered extensively in findings.
		Endline evaluation of WFP'S USDA McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program's Support in Kenya, 2016-2020			Limited evidence	No mention or analysis of cooperating partners.
		Mid-term Evaluation of McGovern-Dole Funded School Feeding Project in Guinea-Bissau, 2016-2019			Low evidence	CPs and partnerships are mentioned in findings, but not conclusions or recommendations.
		Midterm Evaluation of Nutrition Activities in The Gambia 2016-2019	х	х	High Evidence	2 Conclusions, 1 Recommendations. Several relevant findings.
		Evaluación conjunta de la actividad articulada de Progresando con Solidaridad y el Servicio Nacional de Salud, con apoyo del Programa Mundial de Alimentos, para la prevención de la desnutrición y la anemia en población nutricionalmente vulnerable de la República Dominicana 2014-2020			Limited evidence	Limited references to CPs.
		Evaluation conjointe à mi-parcours du Programme National d'Alimentation Scolaire Intégré (PNASI) au Bénin Aout 2017 – Mai 2019	x	x	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 7 Recommendations. Several relevant findings on CPs.
		Mid-Term Evaluation of WFP School Feeding USDA McGovern-Dole Grant in Bangladesh, 2017-2020	х	х	Medium Evidence	2 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Several relevant findings on CPs.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation s	CP Coverage	Comments
		Mid-Term Evaluation of USDA McGovern Dole Grants FFE- 442-2019-013-00 in Cambodia, 2019-2023	х	x	Medium Evidence	5 Conclusions, 3 Recommendations. Multiple references to CPs in Findings.
		Endline Evaluation of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) McGovern Dole Grant Food for Education Programme for WFP Cambodia (2017-2019)	x	х	Medium Evidence	4 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Multiple references to CPs in Findings.
		Final evaluation of the first phase of the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Côte d'Ivoire, 2015-2021	х	х	Medium Evidence	1 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Multiple references to CPs in Findings.
		Thematic Evaluation of Supply Chain outcomes in the Food System in Eastern Africa, 2016-2021			Limited evidence	Limited references to CPs.
		Joint Evaluation of the SADC Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (RVAA) programme (2017-2022)			Low evidence	Few mentions in findings, none in conclusions or recommendations. Many references to partners but not always clear on whether they are CPs. Specific mentions to international cooperating partners.
	Themati	Thematic Evaluation of Cooperating Partnerships in the Eastern Africa Region, 2016-2020	х	x	High Evidence	The primary focus of this evaluation is NGO CPs. Almost all findings, conclusions and recommendations relate to CPs.
	С	Evaluation thématique des activités de renforcement des capacités institutionnelles en Guinée, 2019-2021	х	x	Medium Evidence	3 Conclusions, 1 Recommendation. Several mentions in findings.
		Evaluation décentralisée de la contribution du PAM au Système de Protection Sociale Adaptative (SPSA) en Mauritanie depuis 2018		x	Medium Evidence	No Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Several mentions in findings.
		Evaluación del modelo de descentralización del Programa Nacional de Alimentación Escolar (PNAE) en Honduras, 2016-2019			Limited evidence	No meaningful mentions of CPs.

Evaluation Category	Evaluat ion type	Title of the Report	Conclusion s	Recommendation s	CP Coverage	Comments
		Evaluation du Programme de Traitement de la Malnutrition Aiguë Modérée dans les provinces de Cankuzo, Kirundo, Ngozi et Rutana (2016 - 2019)			Limited evidence	No meaningful mentions of CPs.
		Evaluation thématique sur les questions de genre dans les interventions du PAM au Burkina Faso (2016-2018)	х	x	Medium Evidence	7 Conclusions, 2 Recommendations. Several relevant findings on CPs.

Annex V: Analytical Framework

28. The analytical framework below was the guiding tool for the evaluation team. It included the synthesis questions and sub-questions, the list of MaxQDA codes which areas of texts in the reports were coded against and code descriptions which ensured that the team had a shared understanding of what each code means. Some codes cut across two or more evaluation sub-questions. Where this happens, they were not coded twice. They have, however, been included in the table below in brackets to provide a linkage between the code and sub-question.

Table 9: Analytical and Coding Framework

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team					
SQ1: To what extent do evaluations show that \	SQ1: To what extent do evaluations show that WFP's partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to the achievement of WFP's aims ³⁴ at country level?						
1.1 Does the evaluation provide evidence	Food and nutrition	Evidence related to where CPs have or have not contributed to the					
that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of:	Sudden crisis/emergency	achievement of food and nutrition related results in crisis situations (CRF SO1)					
CRF SO1: People are better able to meet their urgent food and nutrition needs?	Cash based assistance Restored assets Restored services	CRF Output 1.1: Food Insecure and crisis affected populations have access to nutritious food and cash-based assistance, restored assets and services to meet their urgent needs					
	Vulnerable population - Children - Young people - Pregnant women - New mothers - Women - Girls - Men - Boys - People living with disabilities (PLD) - LBGTQI+ - Ethnic groups - Religious groups	CRF Output 1.2: Crisis-affected children, pregnant women and girls and new mothers, and other nutritionally vulnerable populations benefit from programmes to prevent and treat malnutrition and improve diets					

³⁴ Aims as defined by SOs in WFP 2022: WFP Corporate Results Framework (2022-2025). WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team	
1.1 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to a people centered approach (PCA) was reflected in the partnership?	PCA	Discussion on whether and to what extent CP's and WFP take a people centred approach where they engage with and benefit from the view preferences and priorities of affected populations and populations that are or could be affected by WFP programmes and operations. ³⁵	
If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?			
1.2 Does the evaluation provide evidence	Nutritious food	Evidence related to where CPs have or have not contributed to	
that WFP partnerships with	(Cash based assistance)	increased and sustained access to nutritious food, cash-based assistance or skills to access nutrition needs	
cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO2: <i>People have</i>	New or improved skills		
better nutrition, health and education	New or improved services	CRF Output 2.1: Food insecure populations have increased and sustained access to nutritious food, cash-based assistance, new or improved skills	
outcomes?	(vulnerable population)	and services to meet their food and nutritious needs CRF Output 2.2:	
	Prevention and treatment of malnutrition	Children, pregnant women and new mothers and other nutritionally vulnerable populations benefit from programmes to prevent and treat malnutrition and improve diets	
	Access to school	CRF Output 2.3: School-aged children and adolescents' access schools-based health and nutrition packages	
1.3 Does the evaluation provide evidence	Access to assets	Evidence related to where CPs have or have not contributed to	
that WFP partnerships with	Smallholder farmers	smallholder farmers and value chain actors increasing capacity to produce and aggregate marketable surplus, reduce post-harvest	
cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO3: <i>People have</i>	Value chain actors	losses and engage in markets	
improved and sustainable livelihoods?	Increased skills/capacity	CRF Output 3.1: People and communities have access to productive assets to	
·	Reduction of post-harvest loss	better cope with shocks and stressors	
	Access to market	CRF Output 3.2: People and communities have increased skills, capacities and access to financial, energy and climate services for climate adapted sustainable livelihoods	

 $^{^{35}\, \}rm WFP$. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team	
		CRF Output 3.3: Smallholder farmers and value chain actors have increased capacity to produce and aggregate marketable surplus, reduce post-harvest losses, access markets and leverage links to schools	
1.4 Does the evaluation provide evidence	National actor capacity development	Evidence related to where CPs have or have not contributed to system	
that WFP partnerships with cooperating partners contributed to achievement of: CRF SO4: National programmes & systems are strengthened	Systems strengthening	strengthening <u>CRF Output 4.1:</u> National actors have increased capacity and knowledge to enhance policies, strategies, processes and programmed contributing to achieve zero huger and other SDGs	
		CRF Output 4.2: Components of national emergency preparedness and response social protection, and food systems are strengthened	
SQ2: In which specific activity and cross-cutting there been challenges relating to specific activ	•	g partners have made contributions to the achievement of WFP's aims? Have	
2.1 Does the evaluation provide evidence	(CRF Cos 1-4 as coded in 1.1-1.4) Refer to 1.1-1.4		
on any particular activity type or cross -	Cross-cutting areas ³⁶ :		
cutting area in which WFP's cooperating partners have contributed to achieving WFP's aims?	Protection and AAP	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs are working on protection and AAP as defined by: prioritizing transparency , responsiveness and involving communities in decision making	
If so, what were they and to what extent?	GEWE	 Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs are working on advancing GEWE? This could include: Mainstreaming gender by applying the gender and age marker Monitoring and evaluation activities include disaggregated data and gender-based analysis Programmes that contribute to any of the following: equitable access, addressing root causes of gender inequalities, advance economic empowerment of women and girls, enhanced equitable participation, strengthened leadership and decision making, enhanced protection, transformative action on social norms and structural barriers, women's safe mobility and access to information and girls' access to education³⁷ 	

 $^{^{\}rm 36}\,{\rm As}$ defined by the Strategic Results Framework

³⁷ WFP Gender Policy 2022: WFP/EB.1/2022/4-B/Rev.1

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team			
	Nutrition integration	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs are working on nutrition integratio n as defined by partnerships which integrate nutrition objectives and activities, tackling underlying and immediate drivers of poor diets and malnutrition and that support sustained improvement . ³⁸			
	Environmental sustainability	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs are working on environmental sustainability as defined by initiatives that identify environmental and social risks, monitor risk management measures to mitigate adverse impacts on people and the environment and those that adopt supply chain related actions such as shortening supply chains and or adopt a system that identifies, manages, monitors and controls environmental issues.			
	Activity Categories ³⁹				
	Emergency preparedness and early action	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs are working on emergency preparedness activities.			
	Unconditional resource transfer	Discussion on whether CPs are working on general distribution , HIV/TB mitigation and safety nets , HIV/TB , and unconditional resource transfer			
	Malnutrition prevention programme	Discussion on whether CPs are working on malnutrition prevention, prevention of micronutrient deficiencies, prevention of acute malnutrition, prevention of stunting			
	Malnutrition treatment programme	Discussion on whether CPs are working on HIV/TB care and treatment, treatment of moderate acute malnutrition, malnutrition treatment, treatment of severe acute malnutrition			
	School based programmes	Discussion on whether CPs are working on school feeding (alternative take-home rations), school feeding (on-site), school feeding (take home rations, school-based programmes			

³⁸ WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2

³⁹ These are listed in WFP Corporate Results Framework (2022-2025). WFP/EB.1/2022/4-A/Rev.1

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team
	Community and household asset creation	Discussion on whether CPs are working on community and household asset creation , food assistance for assets, food assistance for training
	Household and individual skill and livelihood creation	Discussion on whether CPs are working on household/individual skill and livelihood creation
	Smallholder agricultural market support programmes	Discussion on whether CPs are working on smallholder agricultural market support activities, smallholder agricultural market support activities
	Actions to protect against climate shocks	Discussion on whether CPs are working on access to energy services, access to energy services, climate adapted assets and agricultural practices, other climate adaption and risk management activities, climate and weather risk information services, forecast-based anticipatory actions, macro insurance, savings and loans associations.
	Social protection sector support	Discussion on whether CPs are working on food security sector
	Individual capacity strengthening activities, institutional capacity strengthening activities ⁴⁰	Discussion on whether CPs are working on individual or institutional capacity strengthening activities (for evaluations pre-2022)
	Analysis, assessment and monitoring activities ⁴¹	Discussion on whether CPs are working on analysis, assessment and monitoring activities (pre-2022 evaluations)

⁴⁰ These are the additional activities from the 2017-2021 Corporate Results Framework which have not been captured in the 2022-25 Results Framework

⁴¹ These are the additional activities from the 2017-2021 Corporate Results Framework which have not been captured in the 2022-25 Results Framework

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team
2.2 Does the evaluation provide evidence on different types of cooperating partners contributing to specific activity and cross- cutting areas?	National NGOs	Evidence related to national NGO CPs where they hold an FLA with WFP and where they contribute to specific activities and cross-cutting areas.
If so, what were they and to what extent?		
	INGO CPs	Evidence related to INGO CPs where they hold an FLA with WFP and where they contribute to specific activities and cross-cutting areas .
	Government CPs	Evidence related to CP with Government entities. This can include 3 categories of government entities: national, regional or local. Government Entity: a national/central government or any branch of that government at the state/provincial/regional/district/municipal or any lower level duly authorized to enter into agreements with WFP, including national agencies or institutions ⁴² and where they contribute to specific activities and cross-cutting areas
	UN CPs	Evidence related to UN CP s and where they contribute to specific activities and cross-cutting areas.
2.3. What evidence do the evaluations provide regarding challenges relating to specific activities and cross cutting areas.	National NGOs	Evidence related to national NGO CPs where they hold an FLA with WFP and where challenges have been identified relating to specific activities and cross-cutting areas.
	INGO CPs	Evidence related to INGO CPs where they hold an FLA with WFP and where challenges have been identified relating to specific activities and cross-cutting areas.
	Government CPs	Evidence related to CP with Government entities. This can include 3 categories of government entities: national, regional or local. Government Entity: a national/central government or any branch of that government at the state/provincial/regional/district/municipal or any

 $^{^{42}}$ WFP. 2023. Guidance on Direct Assistance through Government entities (draft)

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team
	protection and accountability to affected pop	lower level duly authorized to enter into agreements with WFP, including national agencies or institutions and where challenges were identified relating to specific activities and cross-cutting areas Evidence related to UN CPs and where challenges were identified relating to specific activities and cross-cutting areas. o cross-cutting priorities and adherence to the commitments of gender ulations (AAP), prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), disability
3.1 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) in the partnership? If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?	GEWE	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs and / or WFP have prioritized commitments to advancing GEWE? This could include: - Mainstreaming gender by applying the gender and age marker - Monitoring and evaluation activities include disaggregated data and gender-based analysis - Programmes that contribute to: - Achieving equitable access to and control over food security and nutrition - Addressing root causes of gender inequalities that affect food security and nutrition - Advance economic empowerment of women and girls in food security and nutrition - Enhanced equitable participation - Strengthened leadership and decision making - Enhanced protection to ensure safety, dignity and meaningful access - Transformative action on social norms and structural barriers - Women's economic empowerment - equitable access to and control of resources by all people - women's safe mobility and access to information - girls' access to education displacement

⁴³ People-centred approaches is one of the seven guiding principles established in WFPs Strategic Plan 2022-2025

⁴⁴ WFP Gender Policy 2022: WFP/EB.1/2022/4-B/Rev.1

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team
		 recognition, valuing and redistribution of unpaid care and domestic work. 45
3.2 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to accountability to affected populations (AAP) in the partnership?	AAP	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs and / or WFP adhere (or not) to ensuring AAP as defined by: prioritizing transparency , responsiveness and involving communities in decision making ,.
If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?		
3.2 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to data protection (DP) in the partnership (or not)?	DP	Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs and WFP have considered data protection measures, including ensuring beneficiary data protection and algorithm safety, legality and ethics to prevent unintended consequences.
If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?		Discussion on whether and to what extent CPs reinforce governance and oversight in data responsibility and data protection through the partnership. ⁴⁶
3.3 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to disability inclusion (DI) in the partnership?	DI	Discussion on whether and to what extent CP's and WFP have identified and addressed barriers faced by persons of disability and realize meaningful participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities. ⁴⁷
If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?		

⁴⁵ WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2 (pp3)

⁴⁶ WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2

⁴⁷ WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2

Synthesis questions	MaxQDA Codes	Code Description for Team
3.4 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their obligations to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) in the partnership? If so, what evidence did the evaluation generate?	PSEA	Discussion on whether and to what extent CP's and WFP take preventative measures against SEA and where they haven't investigations of allegations take place and corrective action is taken to create a safe and protecting environment to beneficiaries and staff while enforcing stringent measures against any misconduct.
3.4 Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP has fulfilled (or not) its obligations to assess capacity to prevent, respond and mitigate risk of SEA and provide appropriate capacity building and motoring support to CPs (excluding UN entities). ⁴⁸	(PSEA) Capacity assessment	Discussion on whether and to what extent WFP has conducted capacity assessment of CP in relation to SEA
	(PSEA) Capacity building	Discussion on whether and to what extent WFP has conducted capacity building in relation to SEA
	(PSEA) Monitoring support	Discussion on whether and to what extent WFP provides ongoing monitoring support in relation to SEA
SQ4: What factors do evaluations indicate cont management practices, capacity strengther		mance of WFP's work with cooperating partners (e.g., cooperating partnership
4.1 Does the evaluation address any factors that contributed to or hindered the quality and performance of partnerships at the scoping and selection phase?	Partner Management: - Scoping and Selection	Discussion on corporate due diligence, proposal review, capacity assessment and risk matrix, and coordination with CPs at the scoping and Selection Phase
If so, what were they? To what extent?		
4.2 Does the evaluation address any factors that contributed to or hindered the	Partner Management: - Negotiating FLA/MoU/LoU	Discussion on Field Level Agreements (FLAs), Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Letters of Understanding (LoU), budget

⁴⁸ As per commitment vii in the WFP 2023 ED Circular: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (PSEA) OED2023/011

⁴⁹ Elements of partnership cycle is taken from the Corporate Guidance on WFP Management of NGO Partnerships. OED2018/004. It has been adapted to apply for Government and UN entities.

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quality and performance of partnerships at the negotiating FLA/MoU/LoU phase ? If so, what were they? To what extent?		requirements, FLA/MoU/LoU duration, FLA/MoU/LoU extensions and amendments, the role of CPC, CD signature and delegation of authority, monitoring and beneficiary and information management at Negotiating FLA/MoU/LoU Phase.
4.3 Does the evaluation address any factors that contributed to or hindered the quality and performance of partnerships at the implementation phase? If so, what were they? To what extent?	Partner Management - Implementation	Discussion on Issues related to supply chain and funding gaps, liability, payments, financial and narrative reporting. Discussion related to SOPs, Capacity strengthening, Monitoring beneficiary information management And Complaints and feedback mechanisms during implementation phase
4.4 Does the evaluation address any factors that contributed to or hindered the quality and performance of partnerships at the evaluating the partnership phase? If so, what were they? To what extent?	Partner Management - Evaluating the partnership	Discussion on performance review frameworks and processes, Partner performance evaluation (PPE), CP review of WFP performance and improvement Plans at Evaluating the Partnership Phase
4.4 Does the evaluation address any factors that contributed to or hindered capacity strengthening with CPs?	Capacity strengthening	Discussion on capacity strengthening with CPs. This may include discussion of: capacity assessment, capacity strengthening investment. For example: strengthening leadership, strategic thinking and alignment of vision and mission with relevant national SDG targets, expansion of staffing profiles to better respond to the changing strategic focus, and resource mobilization. ⁵⁰
4.5 . Does the evaluation provide evidence of where WFP or CPs have fulfilled their fiscal	AFAC policy Fiduciary risk Fraud	Discussion on where, and to what extent, Anti-Fraud and Corruption has been managed to reduce risk to WFP.

 $^{^{50}\,\}mathrm{WFP}$ 2022. Country capacity strengthening policy update. WFP/EB.A/2022/5-A

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responsibilities or not. Is there any reference to fraud or corruption ⁵¹ , at any level?	Corruption Risk	
4.6 Does the evaluation highlight specific lessons or findings pertaining to management of different types of partners (National NGOs, CBOs (incl women's led organizations, farmers organizations and youth organizations), INGOs, Government CPs and UN CPs)?	(Partner Management: scoping and selection, negotiating the FLA, implementation and evaluating the Partnership Phases) (types of Partner: National NGOs, INGO, Government CPs, UN CPs)	Discussions on whether there are specific project management lessons relating to particular types of CPs.
SQ5: To what extent do evaluations indicate th	at WFP's relationships with its CPs have chan	ged over time e.g. from purely transactional to strategic relationships ⁵² ?
5.1 How are relationships between WFP and CPs characterised in the evaluations, and do they address whether WFP's	Transactional relationships	Discussion on whether and to what extent WFP's relationship with partners is transactional in nature with short term funding and extractive.
relationships with its CPs have changed over time ? If so in what way?	Collaborative	Discussion on whether and to what extent WFP's relationship with partners is consultative, inclusive, and considers: equity, complementarity, transparency, responsibility, results-based approach ⁵³
5.2 Does the evaluation address whether localization issues have been considered? If so in what way?	Localization (local NGO: women led organization, youth groups, CBO, NGO) (capacity strengthening) (collaborative)	Discussion on the whether and to what extent WFP is considering localization through its choice of CPs. This could include evidence pertaining to: - What type of CP WFP is working with - WFP is committed to investing in long-term institutional capacity of local actors - WFP demonstrates commitment to promoting more equal partnerships

⁵¹ As defined and described in the WFP. 2021. Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy. WFP/EB.A/2021/5-B/1

⁵² Definitions based on WFP. 2018. Corporate Guidance on WFP Management of NGO Partnerships. OED2018/004.

⁵³ Principles of Partnership outlined in the Corporate Guidance on WFP Management of NGO Partnerships. OED2018/004.

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		- WFP prioritises partnerships with national and local
		organizations, including women's and youth groups ⁵⁴
		- WFP strengthens their long-term sustainability

⁵⁴ WFP. 2021. WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2025). WFP/EB.2/2021/4-A/1/Rev.2 (pp3)

Annex VI: List of evaluations included in the synthesis

- 29. The evaluations referenced for this synthesis are included below in Table 10. In the body of the synthesis report, evaluations are referred to as follows:
 - Country strategic plan evaluations [Country] CSPE [year] for example Algeria CSPE 2023
 - Policy evaluations [Descriptive words] PE [year] for example Peacebuilding PE 2022
 - Strategy evaluations [Descriptive words] SE [year] for example Nutrition and HIV/AIDS SE 2022
 - Decentralized evaluations [Country] DE [year] for example Cambodia Food Aid Procurement DE 2023

Table 10: List of evaluations included in the synthesis (47 in total)

Full title of the report	Abbreviated title for this report	Evaluation type	Evaluation category	Commissione	er	Year
Evaluation of the WFP Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic	COVID-19 CEE 2022	CEE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	Global	2022
Evaluation of the Corporate Emergency Response in Myanmar (2018–2022)	Myanmar CEE 2023	CEE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBB	2023
Evaluation of South Sudan WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan 2018–2022	South Sudan CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBN	2022
Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM pour Sénégal 2018–2022	Senegal CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Evaluation of Ghana WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019–2023	Ghana CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Evaluación del plan estratégico para el Perú (2018–2022)	Peru CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBP	2022
Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays provisoire du PAM en République Centrafricaine 2018–2022	Central African Republic CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Evaluation of Algeria WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan 2019–2022	Algeria CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBC	2023
Evaluación del plan estratégico para El Salvador 2017–2021	El Salvador CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBP	2022

Full title of the report	Abbreviated title for this report	Evaluation type	Evaluation category	Commissione	er	Year
Evaluation of Tajikistan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019–2024	Tajikistan CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBB	2022
Evaluation of Jordan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2020–2022	Jordan CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBC	2022
Evaluation of Sudan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019–2023	Sudan CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBN	2022
Evaluation of Nigeria WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019–2022	Nigeria CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM pour Haïti 2018–2022	Haiti CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBP	2023
Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM au Tchad pour 2019–2023	Chad CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Évaluation du plan stratégique de pays du PAM Burkina Faso 2019–2023	Burkina Faso CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2023
Evaluation of Cameroon WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018–2020	Cameroon CSPE 2020	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBD	2020
Evaluation of Democratic Republic of the Congo Interim Country Strategic Plan 2018–2020	Democratic Republic of Congo CSPE 2020	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBJ	2020
Evaluation of Malawi WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019–2023	Malawi CSPE 2023	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBJ	2023
Evaluation of Sri Lanka WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018–2022	Sri Lanka CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBB	2022
Evaluation of Pakistan WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018–2022	Pakistan CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBB	2022
Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia: Evaluación del Plan Estratégico País (2018–2022)	Bolivia CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBP	2022
Evaluación del plan estratégico para Honduras 2018–2021	Honduras CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBP	2022
Evaluation of Zimbabwe WFP Country Strategic Plan 2017–2021	Zimbabwe CSPE 2022	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBJ	2022
Evaluation of Lebanon WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018–2021	Lebanon CSPE 2021	CSPE	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	RBC	2021
Evaluation of the Policy on WFP's Role in Peacebuilding in Transition Settings	Peacebuilding PE 2023	Policy	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	Global	2023
Strategic Evaluation of WFP's work on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS	Nutrition and HIV/AIDS SE 2023	Strategic	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	Global	2023
Strategic Evaluation of WFP's Use of Technology in Constrained Environments	Technology SE 2022	Strategic	Centralized	Office of Evaluation	Global	2022

Full title of the report	Abbreviated title for this report	Evaluation type	Evaluation category	Commissione	r	Year
Mid-Term Activity Evaluation of USDA Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement Grant (LRP-442-2019-011-00) for WFP School Feeding in Cambodia, 2019–2023	Cambodia Food Aid Procurement DE 2023	Activity	Decentralized	Office of Evaluation	RBB	2023
Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Marginalized Agricultural Communities Living in the Mahaweli River Basin of Sri Lanka 2013–2020	Sri Lanka DE 2021	Activity	Decentralized	Sri Lanka country office	RBB	2021
Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Niger and Syria (2015–2019): Lebanon Evaluation Report	Lebanon DE 2020	Activity	Decentralized	Safety-Nets and Social Protection Unit	RBC	2020
Evaluation Series on Emergency School Feeding in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lebanon, Niger and Syria (2015–2019): Syria Evaluation Report	Syria DE 2020	Activity	Decentralized	Safety-Nets and Social Protection Unit	RBC	2020
Évaluation décentralisée conjointe finale du Programme National d'Alimentation Scolaire Intégré (PNASI) au Bénin – 2017 à 2021	Benin DE 2022	Activity	Decentralized	Benin country office	RBN	2022
Final Evaluation of McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Guinea-Bissau 2016-2019	Guinea-Bissau DE 2021	Activity	Decentralized	Guinea-Bissau country office	RBD	2021
Evaluation of R4 Rural Resilience Initiative in Masvingo and Rushinga Districts in Zimbabwe January 2018 – June 2021	Zimbabwe DE 2022	Activity	Decentralized	Zimbabwe country office	RBJ	2022
WFP's USDA McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program's Support in Rwanda 2016–2021	Rwanda DE 2021	Activity	Decentralized	Rwanda country office	RBN	2021
WFP Livelihoods and Resilience Activities in Lebanon 2016–2019	Lebanon DE 2019	Activity	Decentralized	Lebanon country office	RBC	2019
Midterm Evaluation of Nutrition Activities in The Gambia 2016–2019	The Gambia DE 2021	Activity	Decentralized	The Gambia country office	RBD	2021
Évaluation conjointe à mi-parcours du Programme National d'Alimentation Scolaire Intégré (PNASI) Août 2017 – Mai 2019	Benin DE 2020	Activity	Decentralized	Benin country office	RBN	2020
Mid-Term Evaluation of WFP School-Feeding USDA McGovern Dole Grant for FY 2017–2020 in Bangladesh	Bangladesh DE 2020	Activity	Decentralized	Bangladesh country office	RBB	2020

Full title of the report	Abbreviated title for this report	Evaluation type	Evaluation category	Commissione	r	Year
Midterm Activity Evaluation of USDA McGovern-Dole Grant (FFE-442-2019-013-00) for WFP School Feeding in Cambodia, 1 November 2019 to 30 October 2023	Cambodia McGovern Dole Grant DE 2022	Activity	Decentralized	Cambodia country office	RBB	2022
Endline Evaluation of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) McGovern Dole Grant Food for Education Programme for WFP Cambodia FY 2017–2019	Cambodia DE 2020	Activity	Decentralized	Cambodia country office	RBB	2020
Final evaluation of the first phase (2015–2021) of the McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire DE 2022	Activity	Decentralized	Côte d'Ivoire country office	RBD	2022
Thematic Evaluation of Cooperating Partnerships in the Eastern Africa Region 2016–2020	Cooperating Partnerships in Eastern Africa Region DE 2021	Thematic	Decentralized	RBN	RBN	2021
Évaluation thématique des activités de renforcement des capacités institutionnelles en Guinée – Juillet 2019 à juin 2021	Guinea DE 2022	Thematic	Decentralized	Guinea country office	RBD	2022
Contribution du Programme Alimentaire Mondial au Système de Protection Sociale Adaptative (SPSA) en Mauritanie depuis 2018	Mauritania DE 2021	Thematic	Decentralized	Mauritania country office	RBD	2021
Évaluation thématique sur les questions de genre dans les interventions du PAM au Burkina Faso (2016–2018)	Burkina Faso DE 2020	Thematic	Decentralized	Burkina Faso country office	RBD	2020

Annex VII: Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations Mapping

30. Table 11 outlines the relationship between the findings, conclusions and recommendations in this report.

Table 11: Findings, conclusions, and recommendations matrix

Findings	Conclusion	Recommendations
FINDING 1: Evaluations found that partnerships with CPs played a major role in helping WFP deliver its life-saving assistance under SO1. Specific contributions included enhancing WFP's reach to the most vulnerable, facilitating access to hard-to reachplaces, and helping improve targeting WFP to better focus on those most in need. FINDING 2: Evaluations highlight the key role that CPs play in expanding and translating WFP nutrition, health and education programming, and related priorities, to the community level, and contributing to advocacy at the national level. FINDING 3: CPs' knowledge and community engagement supported effective, appropriately tailored livelihoods and resilience programming under SO3. FINDING 4: Evaluations found that CPs – who were mostly government partners under SO4 - helped build the enabling environment for programme delivery and, in doing so, enhanced the potential sustainability of WFP programmes.	Conclusion 1: CPs play a major role in supporting WFP to deliver its assistance. Evaluations document the centrality of the CP role in programme delivery. In particular, they contribute to WFP's life-saving assistance under SO1; its nutrition, health and education programming under SO2; and, tough less prominently reflected in evaluations, its livelihoods and resilience programming under SO3. Contributions under SO4 were less prominent, since much of WFP's capacity strengthening activity is directly delivered by the organization. However, where government CPs, were involved, this helped strengthen the national enabling environment for food security and nutrition.	Recommendations: 1.1; 1.2; 2.1; 2.2; 2.3
FINDING 5: CPs played a significant role across WFP activities, with their contributions most prominently noted in School-based Programme activities, Community and Household Asset Creation, and in Unconditional Resource Transfer activities.	Conclusion 2: CPs played a significant role in helping WFP realize its current Strategic Outcomes, with their contributions most prominently noted in School-based Programme activities, Community and Household Asset Creation, and in Unconditional Resource Transfer activities. This includes WFP beneficiaries receiving distributions of assistance in	Recommendations: 2.3; 3.1; 3.2

Findings	Conclusion	Recommendations	
	the form of in-kind food, cash or vouchers. CPs helped WFP mobilize food and scale up cashtransfer to reach some of the most vulnerable and to build and rehabilitate community assets and made notable contributions to the delivery of school feeding and nutrition programmes. However, CPs also faced challenges in implementing WFP activities, such as a lack of clarity in targeting criteria, delayed disbursement of funds by WFP, high staff turnover within CPs, and FLA-related issues including delays in signing contracts, and short-term contracting.		
SQ 3 GEWE	Conclusion 3: There is scope for more systematic attention to cross-cutting issues. NGO CPs play a visible role in gender equality and AAP activities, though the evidence finds inconsistent attention to, and capacity for, gender equality considerations. Not all CPs had adequate capacity on AAP, and evaluations show that disability inclusion has significant room to improve. Attention to PSEA was not found to be consistent in the evaluations, but it should be noted that recent efforts at the CO level regarding PSEA were not considered due to the temporal scope of evaluations in the synthesi	Recommendations:	
FINDING 6: Although GEWE is prioritized in WFP's engagement with CPs, evaluations indicate that attention to the issue and capacity levels are variable, particularly among NGO CPs		though the evidence finds inconsistent attention to, and capacity for, gender equality considerations. Not all CPs had adequate capacity on AAP, and	2.2, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4
PROTECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS FINDING 7: The role of CPs in protection was central, but not always consistent, with some CPs lacking awareness and capacity to implement protection principles. While CPs play a major role in supporting Community Feedback Mechanisms, capacity gaps persist.			
DISABILITY INCLUSION			
FINDING 8: Evaluations reflect that disability inclusion is not yet systematically integrated into CP's programme implementation			
PSEA			
FINDING 9: The evaluations provided limited evidence relating to PSEA, but that available indicates variable attention to the issue, with codes of conduct and training emphasised in some contexts, but a lack of engagement on standards, systems, and protocols in others			

Findings	Conclusion	Recommendations
SQ 4 Selection of cooperating partner FINDING 10: WFP has robust processes for selecting CPs with the necessary expertise and capacity, however this can be hindered by WFP financial constraints, or a lack of suitable local partners Negotiating and preparing the contract FINDING 11: For NGO CPs, the duration of a FLA is key for success. Long-term FLAs support medium-term planning and sustained relationships, whereas short-term FLA contracts prove inefficient for both WFP and CPs. FINDING 12 Evaluations signal the importance of developing a clear strategic framework for engaging with government CPs.	Conclusion 4: CPs brought valuable capacities and assets to support WFP programme delivery – but evaluations also found capacity gaps. Capacities and strengths brought by CPs included: strong local knowledge and expertise; strong technical capacity in relevant areas and the ability to delivery efficiently at the community level. However, gaps included a lack of familiarity with WFP targeting criteria; and specific technical capacity gaps, compounded by sometimes high staff turnover. Evaluations reported examples where WFP was not fully harnessing the potential skills, expertise and experience that CPs possess, particularly regarding NGO CPs.	Recommendations: 1.1; 1.2; 2.1; 2.2; 2.3; 3.1; 3,2; 5.1; 5.2; 5.3
FINDING 13: Administrative delays at contracting stage, such as late signing of contracts and lack of transparency on programme budgets, created inefficiencies. Multiple CP agreements in the same geographical area also impeded efficiency. Implementation Phase FINDING 14: There is some evidence that WFP is recognized as a flexible partner, appreciated for its responsiveness to CPs¹ input and its ability to tailor programmes and	Conclusion 5: The efficiency of CP management for NGOs can improve, and processes for management of Government CPs be developed. Evaluations clearly highlighted gaps in CP administration and management, including late signing of contracts and delayed payments. The tangible effects of these	
activities to evolving local and national contexts. FINDING 15: While technology at times reduced administrative difficulties, such as delays in invoice processing, in some contexts, there is a need to build the technological capacity of CPs. FINDING 16: Evaluations reported that challenges in coordination and communication between WFP and CPs have hindered programme implementation, although mediation has proven valuable.	gaps on affected populations on the ground were clearly recorded, including late receipt of assistance, sometimes for considerable periods. FLA agreements do not always include scope to adjust in response to changing realities on the ground. In some locations, high concentrations of CPs contracted by WFP led to high overhead and transaction costs. Evaluations also highlight the tension inherent in balancing a 'risk hungry'	
FINDING 17: Payment delays at implementation stage impeded the delivery of timely assistance to beneficiaries. FINDING 18: Capacity constraints, including high levels of staff turnover within government CPs particularly, impeded programme implementation Reviewing the partnership	approach to serving those in need with fiduciary risk aversion and ensuring a duty of care to CPs, with some gaps in control measured identified at the time evaluations were conducted.	

Findings	Conclusion	Recommendations
FINDING 19: Evidence is limited on performance assessment of CPs, but that available shows continued shortcomings and challenges.		
FINDING 20: Evaluations reported that some WFP capacity strengthening activities addressed partner needs well, including on cross-cutting areas. However, a strategic approach was not always evident, and monitoring and the effectiveness of capacity strengthening activities targeting partners was not consistently assessed.		
Fiduciary risk FINDING 21: Evaluations highlight the tension inherent in balancing a 'risk hungry' approach to serving those in need with fiduciary risk aversion and a duty of care to CPs		
FINDING 22: Evidence shows that there has been a shift away from transactional relationships with CPs, where CPs are viewed as implementers of WFP activities, toward more collaborative relationships characterized by greater consultation and more equitable power dynamics	Conclusion 6: WFP is taking steps toward more collaborative relationships with CPs, through the transition is not yet complete. Although some relationships with CPs remain transactional, evidence shows that there has been a shift towards more collaborative relationships, characterized by greater consultation and somewhat more equitable power dynamics. WFP has not yet framed its cooperation with CPs within a localisation framework, though guidance under development promises to enhance momentum here. Evaluations signal the need to adopt more strategic frameworks and approaches to working with government partners. Conclusion 7: Key aspects of WFP management of its engagement with CPs supported achievement of results. These included: longer term contracts, where available, which supported medium term strategizing and planning. Innovative practices, such as the use of shadow FLAs, also helped build medium- and longer-term relationships with CPs; as did the adoption of an ethos of trust and flexibility by WFP, which was highly valued by CPs. Close working with CPs on required codes of conduct and ensuring whistleblower reporting channels for fraud without fear of reprisals, also help build trust.	Recommendations: 1.1; 1.2; 2.1; 2.3; 3.2

Annex VIII: Cooperating partner figures by region

- 31. The data in this annex, sourced from the WFP FLA partnership tracker⁵⁵, illustrates the number of CPs where partners had an active either FLA (for NGO CPs) or an MoU or LoU (for other types of CP) in the respective year.
- 32. Trend analysis over time indicates that cooperating partnerships with both NGO and Government CPs CPs peaked in 2022 with a total of 1,596 CPs, compared 1,404 in 2023, representing a 12 percent decrease. Over time, RBD consistently has the largest number of cooperating partners, while RBP has the fewest. In 2021 and 2022 only RBB, RBC and RBP showed an increase in number of cooperating partners. However, all RBs saw a decrease in the number of CPs in 2023, which also correlated with the decrease of funding channeled through cooperating partners, mentioned in section 1.2.3 of the report. Figure 5 below, illustrates the number of CPs by region.

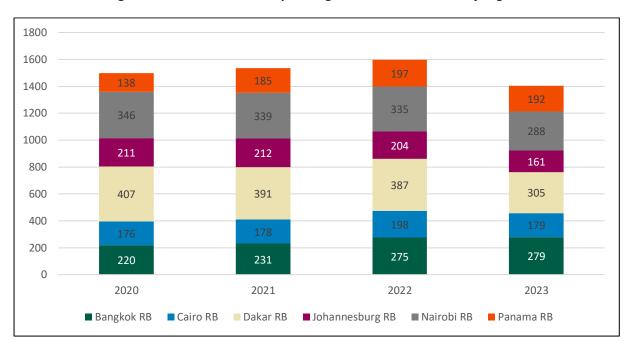


Figure 5: Number of WFP Cooperating Partners (2020- 2023), by region

Source: WFP FLA tracker, data extracted 03 May 2024

33. When focusing solely on NGO partners, the distribution across RBs shows slight variation. Figure 6 below details the number of global and local NGO CPs by regional bureau, and illustrates the trend from 2020 to 2023. RBN has the highest number of both global and local CPs although this number is trending downwards over time. In contrast, RBP, which has fewer NGO CPs, has seen a steady increase in their numbers. RBB and RBC have maintained relatively constant numbers. All RBs collaborate with local NGOs, with the highest proportion in RBN, and the lowest in RBD and RBP.

⁵⁵ The Partnerships Tracker is a platform built to help CP managers access and review data on operational partnerships. It was rolled out in 2023 as part of the digital roadmap which aims to digitize each step of the partnership cycle.

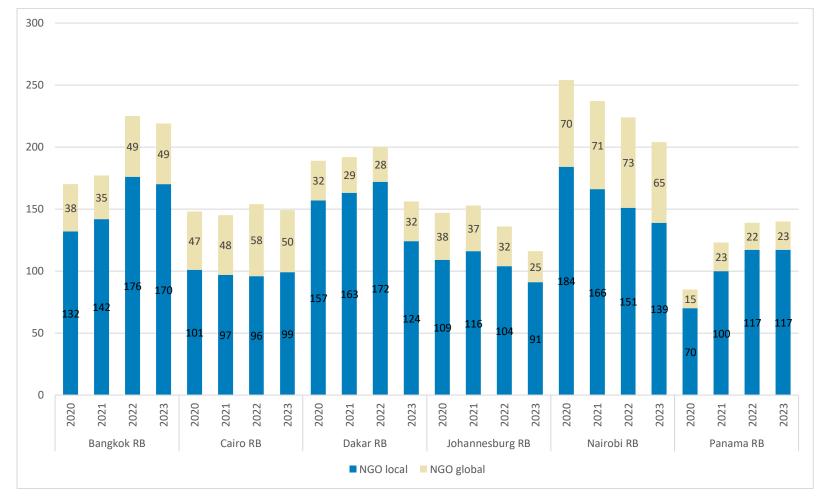


Figure 6: Number of NGO CPs over time across different RBs (2020 - 2023), by type

Source: WFP FLA tracker, data extracted 03 May 2024

Annex IX: List of persons interviewed

34. Outlined in Table 12 below is the list of persons interviewed by the synthesis team during May 2024.

Table 12: List of persons interviewed

Name	Position	Division
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Salma Zaky	Programme/ Policy Officer	RBC CP Management
Maite Santos	CP Management Officer	RBD CP Management
Hugo Farias	Programme Policy Officer	RBP CP Management
Anoushka Boteju	Head of Project Cycle Management	RBN CP Management
Elizabeth Owino	Team Leader	RBN CP Management
Asif Niazi	Head Cooperating Partner Management	Cooperating Partner Management – South Sudan
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Anne Valand	Deputy Head of Programme	NGO Partnership Unit - Lebanon
Peter Holtsberg	Senior Programme Policy Officer	School Meals and Social Protection Service

Annex X: Bibliography/evaluation library

35. Below is a list of documents that were consulted for the synthesis, excluding the evaluation reports.

Year	Author	Title			
1. Related corporate guideline					
2017	WFP	Guidance on Capacity Strengthening of Civil Society.pdf			
2019	WFP	Third Party Monitoring Guidelines.pdf			
2020	WFP	Guidance for meal provision through indirect cash transfer.pdf			
2020	WFP	Strengthening Strategic Engagement with Governments in support of Nac. dev.pdf			
ND	WFP	WFP Minimum Standards for Conflict Sensitive Programming.pdf			
2016	WFP	Guide to Personal Data Protection and Privacy Policy			
2023	WFP	How to Apply the Cash Assurance Framework When Transferring Money through Government Systems			
1.1. NGO	1.1. NGO				
2018	WFP - ED CIRCULAR	Corporate Guidance on WFP Management of NGO Partnerships.pdf			
2018	WFP	CSP- a guide for NGOs.pdf			
2022	WFP	FLA template.docx			
2023	WFP	Directive PD2023-001 Mandatory use of UNPP under the Corporate Guidance on WFP			
2023	WFP	Guidance note FLA budget template.pdf			
ND	WFP	UNPP brochure.pdf			
ND	WFP	WFP overview and FLA.pdf			
2024	WFP	Field Level Agreement General Conditions 2024			
Partner Connect and Digital R	Partner Connect and Digital Roadmap NGO Unit				
ND	WFP	Field Technical Support FS.pdf			
ND	WFP	NGO Partnerships Unit FS (1).pdf			
ND	WFP	NGO Unit structure.pdf			
ND	WFP	Partner Connect FS (1).pdf			

Year	Author	Title	
ND	WFP	UNPP FS.pdf	
ND	WFP	Partner Connect FAQ.pdf	
2023	WFP	NGO Partnerships Unit Digital Solutions.pdf	
ND	WFP	NGO Unit Digital Roadmap.png	
1.2. GOVERNMENT			
2020	WFP	Interim Guidance and Assurance Standards for CBT through Governments.pdf	
2023	WFP	2023_Guidance and Assurance Standards for CBT Through Governments.pdf	
2023 - Draft Guidance - Direct	2023 - Draft Guidance - Direct Assistance Gov Entities		
2023	WFP	Annex 1_Guidance_Direct Assistance Gvt Entities_19072023_CLEAN.docx	
2023	WFP	Annex 2_Example Risk Register_1907023_CLEAN.xlsx	
2023	WFP	Draft Guidance: Direct Assistance Gov Entities_20122023	
1.3. UN			
2021	WFP	UN2UN transfer agreement template	
1.4 REGIONAL DOCUMENTS			
2021	WFP	RBC FLA Management workshop - FAQ	
2023	WFP-RBN	CP Onboarding document (DRAFT)	
RBD CP management session	s Nov 203		
2023	WFP-RBD	SESSION 1 Partnership Management Lifecycle	
2023	WFP-RBD	SESSION 2Financial Management of FLA - RBD Finance	
2023	WFP-RBD	SESSION 3People centered Programming for CP Managers	
2023	WFP-RBD	SESSION 4Partner Connect - RBD Introduction meeting	
2. Partnership Strategies	2. Partnership Strategies		
2014	WFP	Corporate Partnership Strategy (2014 - 2017).pdf	
2019	WFP	Strategy for partnership and engagement with NGO 2020-25 - Informal consultation.pdf	

Year	Author	Title
2023	WFP	RBN CP MGT Strategy.pdf
3. Annual Partnership Cons	ultations	
2019	WFP	Annual Partnership Consultation 2019.pdf
2020	WFP	Annual Partnership Consultation 2020.pdf
2021	WFP	Annual Partnership Consultation 2021.pdf
2022	WFP	Annual Partnership Consultation 2022.pdf
2023	WFP	Highlights from the Annual Partnership Consultation 2023
4. Audits, evaluations and r	eviews	
Audits		
2023	OEV	List of audits in Teams
2022	WFP	Report of the External Auditor on the management of CP - Management response.pdf
2022	WFP	Report of the External Auditor on the management of CP.pdf
2023	WFP	Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations.pdf
2023	OEV	Summary of Country Level, HQ and Thematic Audit Reports
HQ and thematic reports		
2023	WFP	Internal Audit of WFP CP Digital and Data Processing Risks - AR-23-10.pdf
2016	WFP	Internal audit on WFP's management of NGO partnerships
2021-01	WFP	AR-21-01 consolidated report COVID-19
2021-02	WFP	AR-21-02 LESS functionalities
2021-05	WFP	AR-21-08 SCOPE management beneficiaries
2024	WFP	Strategic Evaluation of WFP's Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, OEV/2022/025
Reviews		
2021	JIU	Review of the management of IP in UN system organizations-Highlights.pdf
2021	JIU	Review of the management of IP in UN system organizations.pdf

Year	Author	Title
2022	OEV	Annex - Q. 6.1.4 - Questionnaire Follow-up review of the management of Cooperating Partners (CPs) in organizations of the United Nations system.docx
2020	WFP	Functional Review: Final Report.pdf
2020	WFP	Functional Review: Leadership Group Report.pdf
2023	WFP	Management review of significant risk and control issues 2022.pdf
2023	WFP	Highlights of 2023 WFP Operational Risk Registers
2023	WFP	Highlights of 2023 WFP Operational Risk Registers - annex
2023	WFP	WFP reassurance plan-Background note for the EB.pdf
2023	WFP	WFP reassurance plan-briefing.pdf
2023	WFP	WFP reassurance plan-update.pdf
FLA Review Study (on-going) 2023-06	WFP	Q&A- FLA review internal webinar.pdf
2023-09	WFP	FLA Workshop - External webinar presentation.pdf
n.d.	WFP	FLA QA meeting 15JUNCPs.pdf
n.d.	WFP	FLA Review Round 1 Guidance.pdf
5. Related Policies, strategies	and WFP strategic plan	
2016	WFP	Policy on Country Strategic Plans.pdf
2018	WFP	WFP Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Policy.pdf
2020	WFP	WFP Protection and Accountability Policy 2020.pdf
2021	WFP	Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy.pdf
2022-2026	WFP	WFP Gender Policy WFP/EB.1/2022/4-B/Rev.1
2022	WFP	Country Capacity Strengthening (CCS) policy update.pdf
2022	WFP	WFP Gender policy 2022.pdf
2023	WFP - ED CIRCULAR	ED Circular Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (PSEA).pdf
2023	WFP	WFP Community Engagement Strategy for APP 2021-26 (Summary).pdf
2023	WFP	WFP Community Engagement Strategy for APP 2021-26.pdf

Year	Author	Title	
2023	WFP	WFP Information & Technology Strategy	
	WFP	WFP. Programme Guidance Manual: Gender Equality Toolkit.	
Grand Bargain			
2019	WFP	WFP and the Grand Bargain. Update nr 1.pdf	
2020	WFP	WFP and the Grand Bargain. Update nr 2.pdf	
2021	WFP	WFP and the Grand Bargain. Update nr 3.pdf	
2022	WFP	WFP and the Grand Bargain. Update nr 4.pdf	
WFP Strategic Plan (2017-202	WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021) (IRM) and related docs		
2016	WFP	Corporate Results Framework 2017-2021.pdf	
2016	WFP	Financial Framework Review 2017-2021.pdf	
2016	WFP	WFP Policy on Country Strategic Plans.pdf	
2016	WFP	WFP Strategic Plan 2017-2021.pdf	
2018	WFP	CRF Indicator Compendium.pdf	
2018	WFP	WFP Corporate Results Framework 2017–2021 Revised.pdf	
2019	WFP	WFP CRF Indicator Compendium Revised.pdf	
2020	WFP	WFP Compendium of Policies related to Strategic Plan.pdf	
2020	WFP	WFP Mid-Term Review of WFP Strategic Framework (2017-2021).pdf	
WFP Strategic Plan (2022-202	5) and related documen	ts	
2022	WFP	WFP Strategic Plan (2022-2026).pdf	
2022	WFP	WFP corporate results framework (2022-2025)_EN.pdf	
2023	WFP	WFP corporate results framework (2022-2025) - Update	
6. External documents			
2014	UNDG	Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT) Framework	
2016	Wake, Barbelet and Bennett	CS of NGOs, opportunities, challenges WFP	
2021	WFP	UN2UN Transfer Agreement template	
7. Monitoring and reporting			
Annual Performance Report			

Year	Author	Title
2020	WFP	Annual Performance Report.pdf
2020	WFP	APR dashboard.pdf
2021	WFP	Annual Performance Report.pdf
2022	WFP	Annual Performance Report.pdf
2022	WFP	Audited annual accounts 2021-and ED's Statement on internal control.pdf

Annex XI: Acronyms

AAP Protection and Accountability to Affected Populations

AIDS Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

ALNAP Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance

CE Centralised Evaluation

CBO Community Based Organizations

CBT Cash Based Transfers

CCS Country Capacity Strengthening

CEE Corporate Emergency Response Evaluations

CEQAS Centralized Evaluation Quality Assurance System

CFM Community Feedback Mechanism

CO Country Office

COVID-19 coronavirus disease 2019

CP cooperating partner

CPC Cooperating Partner Committee

CPP Corporate Planning and Performance Division

CRF Corporate Results Framework

CSO Civil Society Organizations

CSP Country strategic plan

CSPE Country Strategic Plan Evaluations

DE decentralized evaluation

DI Disability Inclusion

DOE Director of Evaluation

EB Executive Board

EPR Emergency Preparedness and Response

ETO Ethics Office

FFA Food Assistance for Assets

FLA Field Level Agreement

GEWE Gender equality and women's empowerment

GFD General Food Distribution

HIV Human Immunodeficiency Viruses

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

IDPS Internally Displaced Persons

IN Inception Note

INGO International Non-Governmental Organizations

IRG Internal Reference Group

JIU Information Technology
Joint Inspection Unit

KII Key Informant Interview

LBGTQI Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex

LOU Letter of Understanding

MIS Management Information SystemMOU Memorandum of UnderstandingNGO non-governmental organization

OEV Office of Evaluation

OIGA Office of Internal Audit Branch

PCA People Centered Approach
PHQA Post-Hoc Quality Assessment

PE Policy Evaluation

PPE Partner Performance Evaluation
PPR Public Partnership and Resourcing

PSEA protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

QA Quality Assurance
RB Regional Bureau

RMD Risk Management Division

SAMS Smallholder Agricultural Market Support

SBP School Based Programming

SDG Sustainable Development Goals

SE strategic evaluation

SEA Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SER Synthesis Evaluation Report

SO Strategic Outcomes
 SP Social Protection
 SQ Synthesis Question
 TBC To Be Confirmed
 TEC Technology Division

TL Team Leader

ToR Terms of Reference

UNEG United Nations Evaluation Group

UNPP UN Partner PortalUSD United States Dollar

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

WFP World Food Programme

