

# Decentralized evaluation of Nutrition interventions in Guinea-Bissau from 2022 to 2024



## Summary terms of reference

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This evaluation, commissioned by WFP Guinea-Bissau, spans January 2022 to December 2024 and covers all nutrition-related interventions under both the 2019-2022 and 2023-2027 Country Strategic Plans (CSPs). It includes cross-cutting and nutrition-sensitive activities nationwide and will inform the mid-term review of the current CSP.

### Subject and focus of the evaluation

The Guinea-Bissau CO implements nutrition activities under the previous (2019-2022) and current (2023-2027) CSP portfolios, with a focus on improving food and nutrition security for vulnerable populations across the country. Key strategic outcomes include enhancing the nutritional status of crisis-affected populations, improving dietary access for children and people at risk of malnutrition, and strengthening national social protection systems.

Activities cover crisis response, school feeding programs, nutrition services, and livelihood support for smallholder farmers. Beneficiaries include pregnant and breastfeeding women, children under five, people living with HIV/TB, and rural communities, with special attention to gender-sensitive approaches and inclusion. The evaluation will explore WFP's role in achieving these outcomes of nutrition interventions in Guinea-Bissau.

The evaluation will adopt standard UNEG and OECD/DAC evaluation criteria, namely: relevance, coherence, efficiency, effectiveness, sustainability as well as coverage.

### Objectives and stakeholders of the evaluation

This evaluation serves the dual objectives of accountability and learning and has been commissioned to achieve the following: 1) to assess the performance, effectiveness, and relevance of WFP's nutrition interventions in Guinea-Bissau, including their integration across various CSP activities; 2) to inform the mid-term review of the current CSP (2023–2027) and guide course corrections for improved implementation; 3) to document good practices, lessons learned, and potential areas for strengthening the design and sustainability of nutrition

interventions.

The evaluation findings will support WFP in providing evidence-based reports to key donors and partners, such as the Government of Spain and other contributors, and will help raise awareness of WFP's role in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger).

### Key evaluation questions

The evaluation will address the following key questions:

**QUESTION 1: How relevant is the nutrition component of the program to the needs of the country and target population?**

The evaluation will assess whether the design, planning, and implementation of WFP's nutrition activities have been aligned with the country's needs, nutrition policies, and the priorities of targeted groups.

**QUESTION 2: To what extent have the nutrition objectives of the CSP been achieved, and what impact has the intervention had?**

The evaluation will determine how effectively the outputs and outcomes of nutrition activities have been achieved for different beneficiary groups, including children, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with HIV/TB. It will assess the intervention's impact on improving nutritional status and overall well-being, identifying both intended and unintended effects.

**QUESTION 3: How efficiently were resources utilized in implementing the nutrition activities, and how sustainable are the benefits?**

The evaluation will assess the efficiency of resource allocation, focusing on how well the program delivered timely and cost-effective nutrition services. It will explore

whether internal and external resource mobilization efforts were adequate to meet changing needs and whether program management arrangements enabled effective implementation.

**QUESTION 4: How has the program influenced nutritional knowledge and practices among affected populations and communities?**

This question will assess whether the nutrition interventions have led to measurable improvements in knowledge and practices related to diet and nutrition, especially among women and girls. The evaluation will analyse how social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) efforts have contributed to these changes and explore variations in impact across different communities and demographics.

**QUESTION 5: How coherent and comprehensive is the nutrition intervention in terms of coordination and integration with other WFP activities and partners?**

The evaluation will examine the extent to which WFP's nutrition activities have been integrated into the broader Country Strategic Plan and coordinated with other humanitarian and development actors.

**Methodology and ethical considerations**

The evaluation will adopt a participatory and mixed methods approach to ensure robust and unbiased findings. This includes the triangulation of both quantitative and qualitative data from a variety of sources.

The evaluation conforms to WFP and 2020 UNEG ethical guidelines.

**Roles and responsibilities**

**EVALUATION TEAM:** The evaluation will be conducted by a team of independent consultants with a mix of relevant expertise related to nutrition, public health, social protection, gender equality, community development, and monitoring and evaluation.

**EVALUATION CHAIR:** the evaluation will be chaired by the country director, who nominates the evaluation manager, approves all evaluation deliverables, ensure the independence and impartiality of the evaluation at all stages.

**EVALUATION MANAGER:** The evaluation will be managed by the reporting Officer. The evaluation manager will be the main interlocutor between the evaluation team, represented by the team leader, and WFP counterparts, to ensure a smooth implementation process and compliance with quality standards for process and content.

**EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP:** advisory group composed of a cross-section of WFP and external stakeholders from relevant business areas. It provides advice and feedback at key moments of the evaluation

process.

**STAKEHOLDERS:** WFP key stakeholders and external ones are expected to engage throughout the evaluation process to ensure a high degree of utility and transparency.

**Timing and key milestones**

**Inception** (March-April 2025): includes briefing of the evaluation team, desk review of key documents, inception mission, Drafting of the inception report, Quality assurance of the draft inception report, Stakeholder review of the inception report, Finalization of the inception report and approval by the evaluation committee. The Inception Report will explain how the team intends to conduct the work with emphasis on methodological and planning aspects.

**Data collection** (May 2025). The fieldwork will span over 4 weeks. A debriefing presentation of preliminary findings will be conducted.

**Reporting & Analysis** (June 2025): The evaluation report will present the findings, conclusions and recommendations. A stakeholder workshop will be held in July 2025 to ensure a transparent evaluation process and promote ownership of the findings and preliminary recommendations by stakeholders.

**Dissemination:** Findings will be actively disseminated, and the final evaluation report will be publicly available on WFP's website.

Full Terms of Reference are available at [Nutrition Intervention in Guinea-Bissau from 2022 to 2024: Decentralized evaluation | World Food Programme](#)

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