Evaluation of WFP's Environmental Policy

GENERAL CONTEXT



WFP's approach to environmental sustainability influenced by

International agreements for managing environmental risk in UN systems and operations (UN Framework for Environmental and Social Sustainability)

Shift towards environmental and social sustainability

Immediate emergency needs vs long term sustainability planning



WFP strategic plan 2022-2025 cross cutting priorities

Funding shortfalls

Organizational restructuring



POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 1) Enhance sustainability of activities
- 2) Manage environmental risks
- 3) Minimize WFP carbon footprint
- 4) Align with global standards
- 5) Strengthen capacities of partners

POLICY TOOLS

Environmental standards

Environmental risk screening (safeguards)

Environmental management systems (EMS)

2017

EVALUATION

mid **2024**



Policy architecture, implementation and results



METHODOLOGY

Theory of Change participative reconstruction External review (ICRC, UNHCR, UNICEF, Cargill)



Gender, equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) approach



Field missions (Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, the Kyrgyz Republic, Namibia and Nicaragua)



(Afghanistan, Guatemala, Madagascar, Mali and Yemen)

Stakeholders >> 36 from WFP and institutions



KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

RATIONALE AND APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



Strong foundations, clear objectives and high-level vision defined in the policy



Emphasis on the application of tools (safeguards and EMS) drawn focus away from broader policy objectives



ownership of the policy hindered delivery





clearly defined but not effectively reflected in implementation

Environmental and social standards



to incorporate social dimension into EMS

Limited guidance on how

STAFFING AND CAPACITY FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION



rather than staff

Application



in regional advisors



Safeguards

Limited use of Safeguards within emergency contexts affects WFP's ability to access funding streams

ACHIEVEMENT OF POLICY RESULTS



Positive trajectory for WFP's environmental

performance

of Safeguard still

at an early stage



• EMS is well structured but covers a small portion of WFP environmental footprints, neglecting WFP's indirect impact





POLICY MONITORING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

do not provide information to Plan of Action 2030 is a sound basis for future monitoring efforts support decision making



RECOMMENDATIONS

Current policy monitoring processes



The upcoming WFP Environmental





governance

structure

Ensure that Safeguards are applied across all country strategic plan activities

Improve the extent to which environmental and social sustainability is addressed by the EMS and broaden its application

Strengthen monitoring of

environmental and social sustainability across WFP



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