

Evaluation title	Evaluation of WFP's Technical Assistance Activities and Refugee Response in Angola from 2017 to 2022	
Evaluation category and type	Decentralized -Activity	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory: 79%	
The report of the Evaluation of WFP's Technical Assistance Activities and Refugee Response in Angola from 2017 to 2022 presents credible evaluation findings that users can use with confidence for decision-making. It effectively presents the evaluation purpose, objectives, context, and methodology. It systematically addresses all evaluation questions with evidence-based findings. The report includes conclusions that summarize findings across evaluation questions, outlines lessons, and puts forward six actionable recommendations. The presentation is generally clear and enhanced by appropriate visual elements. The report could have been strengthened through a clearer description of the evaluation subject, including its results framework, strategic context, and budget allocation. The methodology section could have benefited from stronger explanations of theory of change application and stakeholder sampling. The findings could have done the analysis of change pathways and contribution of other actors in a more rigorous way. They could have also better represented diverse stakeholder perspectives and deeper exploration of vulnerability factors. The conclusions should have been more effectively aligned with the findings, and lessons learned could have been framed more broadly for wider application. Recommendations could have flowed more consistently from evidence while remaining realistic. Finally, the executive summary could have been improved to be used as a standalone document.		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Satisfactory
The executive summary effectively summarizes information on the evaluation type, features, context, some dimensions of the evaluation subject and main findings. It would have benefited from ensuring that the summarized conclusions do not introduce information not included in the key findings of the summary and that they better articulate forward-looking implications, and that the recommendations clearly flow from the presented summarized findings and conclusions. The lessons learned could have been improved by framing them as generalizable insights different from findings and conclusions.		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Partly Satisfactory
The report provides relevant information on the context and key features of the evaluation subject, including its theory of change and gender dimensions. The context section could have benefited from providing more information on gender equality and women empowerment, including normative instruments on gender equality and human rights, or an analysis of intersecting vulnerabilities of relevant social role groups. The description of the evaluation should have been provided clearer information on the envisioned results, geographic coverage, and transfer modalities of the evaluated activities. It could have also included budget figures for the activities and discussed broader equity and inclusion dimensions. Finally, it could have included a clear timeline of how WFP's work evolved over time in response to different contextual changes.		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The report provides a clear overview of the evaluation rationale, objectives and scope. Gender equality considerations were mainstreamed into the evaluation's dual objectives of accountability and learning.		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
The non-experimental, mixed methods design was relevant and appropriate for answering the evaluation questions. The evaluation drew on a variety of primary and secondary sources and used several complementary approaches to data collection and analysis to include a diversity of stakeholders. The methodology section of the report clearly describes how gender issues were addressed and lists methodological limitations and related mitigation strategies. More detail could have added to explain if and how the evaluation used the theory of change to inform data collection or analysis.		

Additionally, the report could have provided a clearer picture of how stakeholder consultations were distributed among different stakeholder groups, as well as briefly explained the 'Kirkpatrick' model for assessing training effectiveness.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Satisfactory
The report comprehensively addresses all evaluation questions with findings based on diverse evidence sources. It presents strengths and challenges of the initiatives, explores WFP's contributions, incorporates various stakeholder perspectives, examines unintended effects, and assesses human rights considerations. The findings section could have been strengthened by providing more nuanced analysis of change pathways, ensuring stronger evidence for key claims, better examining other contributions from other actors and alternative explanations for changes, and including a wider range of stakeholder voices(such as youth, people with disabilities, community leaders, and private sector representatives).		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS	Rating	Satisfactory
The conclusions synthesize insights across evaluation criteria and questions and offer several strategic implications. They present intervention strengths and weaknesses and reflect on gender equality and women's empowerment issues. The report presents four lessons learned that are supported by the presented findings and conclusions. Some of the conclusions could have been strengthened by ensuring that they do not introduce new information, articulate specific forward-looking implications, and include reflections on equity and inclusion considerations beyond gender. Lessons could have been framed more broadly to ensure relevance beyond the Angolan context.		
CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS	Rating	Satisfactory
The report makes six recommendations that logically flow from the presented findings and provide targeted and actionable suggestions. The recommendations are prioritized, identify responsible actors, and outline clear timeframes for their completion. The report could have been strengthened by ensuring that all recommendations and sub-recommendations are clearly supported by the evidence presented in the findings and conclusions, and that they identify one key actor or unit as the lead entity responsible for their implementation.		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
The report follows the WFP template and includes the lists and almost all required annexes. It is generally written in clear, understandable language and makes good use of visual aids such as tables and figures. Key messages are highlighted using bold font and shaded textboxes, and the report includes several cross-references to relevant Annexes. The report could have benefited from undergoing a final edit. In some cases, it could also have benefited from using more precise language and avoiding overly long and complex sentences. The report might have benefited from using direct quotes more sparingly in some sections and reducing the length of summary 'key findings' for some sub-sections. Finally, it could also have been strengthened by referencing all Annexes in the main report and listing Annexes in the order that they are referenced in the main report.		
Integration of Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (GEWE) considerations in the evaluation report based on the UN System-Wide Action Plan (UN-SWAP) Evaluation Performance Indicator (EPI) scorecard		
UN-SWAP EPI – individual evaluation score	Meets requirements: 7 points	
The evaluation approach and mixed-methods methodology, which drew upon a variety of data sources and processes, were gender-responsive and integrated GEWE dimensions in data collection and analysis. The evaluation matrix included GEWE-specific questions. Evaluation findings, conclusions, and recommendations reflect GEWE and broader inclusion considerations. One of the recommendations explicitly addresses GEWE issues and priorities for action. The report could have been strengthened by explicitly commenting on the availability of monitoring data on indicators to measure progress on human rights and gender equality results, and by providing an intersectional analysis to explore how different vulnerabilities intersect, and/or by referencing relevant normative instruments or policies on gender equality and human rights.		

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