

Evaluation title	Resilience Learning in Niger - Impact evaluation endline report	
Evaluation category and type	Impact Evaluation	
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory: 84%	
<p>This evaluation estimates the impacts of the WFP Integrated Resilience Programme in Niger using a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) design with reasonable sample size (91 clusters including controls) for estimating the combined effects on resilience after two years. The WFP Integrated Resilience Programme includes food assistance for assets, lean season support and various livelihood activities. Resilience is measured as a household's ability to adapt to the environment and to absorb shocks and stressors. The evaluation combines detailed baseline data (in 2021) and follow-up data (in 2023) with high-frequency data, measuring food security and well-being dynamics, focusing on household level outcomes. In other words, the evaluation analyses the impacts on households but does not consider impacts on ecosystems nor soil restoration or food value chains. The evaluation is competently done and provides highly credible and valuable evidence, which will add to the evidence from other countries within the WFP Climate and Resilience Impact Evaluation Window. The main weaknesses of the report are to be found in the rather short and incomplete executive summary and an overly short description of the evaluation context.</p>		
CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY	Rating	Partly Satisfactory
<p>The executive summary is concise and explains how the impact evaluation is included in a multi-country evaluation for Resilience Learning in the Sahel. The evaluation design is well described. On the other hand, the discussion and summary of the findings, conclusions and recommendations is very short, omitting several details. Overall, the summary could have covered some more results in detail to provide a stand-alone complete and comprehensive overall summary of the evaluation.</p>		
CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The subject of the evaluation, i.e. the Integrated Resilience Programme, is adequately described, and the main components of the resilience programme are explained in detail, including the food assistance for assets, school feeding, preventive and curative nutrition/health measures and smallholder agriculture market support. On the other hand, the section should have included more detailed background on the existing scientific literature.</p>		
CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE	Rating	Satisfactory
<p>The scope and purpose of the evaluation are well explained and gender equality considerations are included. The evaluation is embedded in a multi-country experimental evaluation with comparable intervention arms across countries, which permits global learning about which type of interventions are effective at a global level and which type of interventions are effective only in certain cultural contexts or in specific countries. Furthermore, an extensive analysis of stakeholders is provided, and potential users and stakeholders are explicitly listed in an annex. However, the report does not explicitly address the objectives and if it will be used for accountability and/or learning.</p>		
CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY AND ANALYSIS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The evaluation is based on a randomized controlled trial, which is thoroughly implemented with extensive primary data collection. The evaluation design is competently developed and uses a reasonable sample size (46+45 clusters) embedded in a multiple-country RCT design. Impacts are measured for two years, thus going beyond very short-term effects. A pre-analysis plan had been developed and the data analysis is very comprehensive. The report does not include statistical power calculations, which would have been useful. In addition, the evaluation questions, research questions and main outcomes of interest could have been better phrased and constructed.</p>		
CRITERION 5: FINDINGS	Rating	Highly Satisfactory
<p>The findings discuss in detail the results of the econometric analysis and also illustrate the estimated effects visually. They are comprehensively reported and presented in numerous figures as control-group-mean and adjusted treatment effect, with additional regressions in the annexes. The statistical significance of the findings is also discussed and shown in the figures. As a minor weakness, it would have been adequate to report 95% Confidence Intervals (in</p>		

addition to the significance levels) in the figures, to visualize the statistical uncertainty for a general audience.		
CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS/LESSONS	Rating	Satisfactory
The conclusions section summarizes the findings comprehensively, and the conclusions flow logically from the findings of the econometric analysis. Overall, the section is well crafted and provides a concise summary of all the evaluation results. The magnitudes and statistical uncertainty of the estimated effects are given in most cases.		
CRITERION 7: CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING	Rating	Highly satisfactory
The recommendations in this section are derived logically from the previous analysis, summarize the main findings and provide suggestions for the future. They are useful for potential improvements of the programme but could also be explored in other settings. While overall most recommendations are reasonable, sometimes they are not tied to specific actions or actors.		
CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY	Rating	Satisfactory
The report is very well written and largely accessible to a lay audience. Highly technical details, e.g. on the econometric methodology or the data collection tools are relegated to annexes. All main estimation results are presented in graphical form, which makes the report more accessible to non-statisticians. As a minor weakness, one observes that the list of references is incomplete.		
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	Approaches requirements: 6 points	
The impact evaluation incorporates gender considerations in most domains, including the evaluation design, evaluation questions and data analysis. Gender equality considerations are well integrated in the evaluation, the scope of the analysis and the evaluation questions, and data collection approaches also incorporate GEWE considerations as well as gender-responsive methods and tools. Gender equality considerations could have been better reflected in the recommendations as well as in the country background section. It would have been useful to have a detailed background section that includes an analysis of the situation and policies related to gender equality. In addition, a reflection on gender considerations would have been useful in the recommendations section. While poverty status has been incorporated throughout in the discussion and interpretation of findings, gender reflections were sometimes missing.		