Evaluation title	Strategic evaluation of WFP's support to refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants
Evaluation category and type	Centralized - SE
Post Hoc Quality Assessment (PHQA) – overall rating	Satisfactory: 87%

The Strategic Evaluation of WFP's Support to Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants is a satisfactory report presenting credible findings that users can rely on and use with confidence for decision making. The report clearly describes the evaluation purpose, rationale, methodology, relevant context, and subject. It effectively uses a systems-based analytical framework to guide data collection and analysis. The report presents well evidenced findings on all evaluation questions and sub-questions. Moreover, it effectively mainstreamed gender equality and inclusion considerations. Conclusions provide valuable strategic insights for WFP's future direction and six recommendations logically flow from them. However, the report could have elaborated on WFP's evolving support to RIMs throughout the years. At the same time, some findings go beyond analytical statements and formulate implications for the future, which should have been avoided. Unintended effects from human rights and gender perspectives could have been identified and strategic tensions between immediate needs versus long-term programming could have been further articulated. Finally, recommendations could have been simpler and more actionable.

CRITERION 1: REPORT SUMMARY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

A clear, accurate, concise and useful summary of the evaluation is presented which can serve as a standalone document for decision-making. The report summary effectively summarizes key messages and recommendations. It also includes relevant information on the evaluation features and succinctly summarizes the main evaluation conclusions and findings. The recommendations are included as presented in the main report.

CRITERION 2: CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW OF EVALUATION SUBJECT

Rating

Satisfactory

The report analyzes the context of WFP's support to refugees, internally displaced persons, and irregular migrants using authoritative data sources. It identifies specific vulnerabilities of these groups, particularly women, children, and food-insecure populations, while acknowledging intersecting factors like age, gender, and disability. The evaluation outlines WFP's strategic direction for supporting these populations. However, there is no explicit reference to how the subject contributed to WFP's gender equality and women's empowerment policies. Further, the report could have elaborated on disability impacts from displacement and should have detailed how WFP's strategic direction for refugees, internally displaced persons, and irregular migrants evolved over time.

CRITERION 3: EVALUATION RATIONALE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The report provides a clear and complete overview of the evaluation rationale, objectives, and scope. Gender equality and human rights are mainstreamed in the evaluation purpose and are explicitly highlighted as one of the main evaluation objectives as we well as one of nine foci defining the evaluation scope.

CRITERION 4: METHODOLOGY

Rating

Highly Satisfactory

The approach and data collection and analysis methods were appropriate for answering the evaluation questions without bias. The evaluation was informed by an evaluability assessment. It effectively integrated gender and inclusion dimensions and adhered to relevant ethical standards. The report could have benefited from summarizing key evaluability assessment findings; elaborating on how data analysis was systematically conducted across the large volume of data and how the "systems-based analytical framework" was operationalized.

CRITERION 5: FINDINGS

Rating

Satisfactory

The findings section presents clear analytical statements that directly respond to the evaluation questions and subquestions while maintaining internal consistency throughout. The findings triangulate evidence from multiple sources, presenting both achievements and limitations in WFP's support to refugees, IDPs and migrants, with appropriate consideration of gender and inclusion dimensions. The report is transparent about data limitations and contextual factors influencing WFP performance. The sections should have avoided introducing findings that are formulated as conclusions or recommendations. At the same time, more could have been done to elaborate on the causal linkages between WFP interventions and observed outcomes and explicitly identifying unintended effects, especially from human rights and gender equality perspectives.

CRITERION 6: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS

Rating

Satisfactory

The conclusions demonstrate analytical depth by organizing insights into four strategic clusters that transcend the evaluation questions and provide strategic insights for decision-making. They logically flow from findings and appropriately highlight both strengths and limitations, and do not introduce new information. However, the conclusions could have been strengthened by elaborating on strategic tensions and trade-offs that WFP faces in its positioning on RIMs, and formulating insights about gender equality, women's empowerment, and disability inclusion.

CRITERION 7: RECOMMENDATIONS

Rating

Satisfactory

The report's six recommendations are aligned with the evaluation's accountability and learning objectives. They are strategic, well substantiated by the findings and conclusions, and logically sequenced. Each recommendation identifies responsible actors and provides timeframes for implementation. They include explicit reference to GEWE and inclusion considerations. The recommendations could have been streamlined to cover less aspects under the same statement. Additionally, some recommended actions could have benefited from more clarity and specificity. The prioritization approach should have been adjusted to avoid labelling all as 'high' priority and resource limitations that may affect their feasibility should have been acknowledged.

CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY AND CLARITY

Rating

Satisfactory

The report tells a coherent and consistent story with a logical progression from context through findings to conclusions, effectively using cross-references to guide readers through interconnected issues. It is written in clear, professional language and generally spells out acronyms on first use. The report makes good use of visual aids, including figures, tables, and boxes, with proper source attribution and clear highlighting of key messages through bold text. Readability could have benefited from: reducing report length; breaking down complex sentences and paragraphs; and ensuring that references to figures and tables in the text consistently align with their captions.

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

One of the four evaluation objectives explicitly addressed GEWE and other inclusion issues. Gender was effectively mainstreamed into the applied evaluation criteria, and GEWE effectively integrated throughout the evaluation matrix. The methodology, sampling and data collection tools were adequate for generating appropriate data for the analysis. Findings consistently include reflections on GEWE dimensions, and the report makes efforts to disaggregate by sex and age where feasible. However, the report could have benefited from elaborating on GEWE-related data availability and quality, and from explicitly commenting on whether there were any unanticipated effects in relation to GEWE.

Integration of disability considerations in the evaluation report based on the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS) scorecard

UN-DIS – individual evaluation score

Meets requirements: 5 points

The evaluation TOR and matrix include several relevant and explicit references to disability inclusion. The inception report reflects the intention to conduct interviews with persons with disabilities, and, during data collection, the team made reasonable efforts to mitigate related challenges. The findings, conclusions and recommendations include data, insights and forward-looking suggestions on disability inclusion.

Post Hoc Quality Assessment – Rating scale and definitions at overall report and criteria levels	
Highly Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : The criterion is addressed without any gaps or limitations.
Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : Evaluation users can rely on the quality and credible evaluation findings provided and can use it with confidence for decision-making.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are no significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Partly Satisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are some significant gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion.
Unsatisfactory	<u>Definition at overall report level</u> : 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.
	<u>Definition at criterion level</u> : There are critical gaps or limitations in addressing the criterion. Most of the required parameters are not met.