

Management Response from WFP Tajikistan to the recommendations of the decentralized evaluation of *“Building climate resilience of vulnerable and food-Insecure communities through capacity strengthening and livelihood diversification in mountainous regions of Tajikistan”* project (DE/TJCO/2022/008) from March 2020 to March 2025



1. This document, finalized in October 2025 presents the management response to the recommendations of the decentralized evaluation *“Building climate resilience of vulnerable and food-Insecure communities through capacity strengthening and livelihood diversification in mountainous regions of Tajikistan”* project funded by the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
2. The evaluation, which was commissioned by the WFP Tajikistan covers the entirety of project implementation (thematic, temporal and geographic scope). The evaluation serves the dual purpose of accountability and learning aiming to assess the project’s performance and results, understand the factors behind achievements and shortfalls, and generate evidence-based findings to inform decision-making. It will further provide transparency on the use of funds and capture lessons to replicate or scale up effective approaches in future programming.
3. The evaluation made 4 (four) key recommendations with 10 (ten) sub-recommendations. The matrix sets out whether WFP agrees, partially agrees or disagrees with the recommendations and sub-recommendations. It presents the planned (or taken) actions, responsibilities and timelines.

Recommendations and related Sub-recommendations	Recommendation and Sub-Recommendation Lead <i>(Supporting Offices/Divisions)</i>	Management Response	Actions to be taken	Action Lead <i>(Supporting Offices/Divisions)</i>	Action Deadline
Priority: High Recommendation 1: Consolidate and scale tested intervention models through modular and standardized delivery packages	WFP CO Programme, RAM	Partially Agreed. WFP recognizes the need to standardize tested interventions to carry out similar activities under different funding. However, WFP would need to consider differences in approaches, donor requirements and community preferences that would make changes to standard interventions.	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
Sub-recommendation 1.1: Develop and operationalize standardized community-level support packages that combine climate-resilient infrastructure (such as drinking water systems and irrigation), productive and storage assets (such as orchards, greenhouses combined with storage technologies), and targeted capacity strengthening (such as training in adaptive agriculture, asset use, market access, and climate services). These	WFP CO Programme	Partially Agreed. WFP has started standardization of the interventions during the implementation of the project funded by GCF. For example, standardized guidelines were developed to conduct training for the farmers on market accessibility, gardening and greenhouse	1.1.1 Develop standardized community-level support packages for climate-resilient infrastructure (such as drinking water systems and irrigation) and for productive and storage assets (such as orchards, greenhouses combined with storage technologies)	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026

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packages should be designed for modular replication and adjusted to local agricultural, environmental and socioeconomic conditions		management and shared with the CP to follow. Standardized community-level support packages will be developed for assets creation (climate-resilient infrastructure, productive and storage assets).	1.1.2 Develop standardized community-level support packages for capacity strengthening (such as training in adaptive agriculture, asset use, market access, and climate services)		
Sub-recommendation 1.2: Provide regular follow-up coaching to help troubleshoot problems, offer seasonal guidance, and encourage continued use of delivered assets. Such practical support could be coordinated through local structures, such as jamoat committees, farmers' groups or informal groups (e.g., WhatsApp or similar groups created by the project).	WFP CO Programme	Partially Agreed. WFP trained local agronomists and extension workers to provide continued support to the farmers as part of PICSA trainings. It is agreed that project could have used modern technologies and social media apps for making easier communication.	1.2.1 Develop modern technologies and social media apps to assist asset beneficiaries. 1.2.2 Develop guidance for problem troubleshooting, seasonal guidance for the beneficiaries.	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026
Sub-recommendation 1.3: Base the community selection on transparent and criteria-based vulnerability assessments, and planning should be conducted jointly with local authorities and communities	WFP CO Programme, RAM, FOs	Partially Agreed. Project has been coordinating implementation of activities with the local government on the	1.3.1 Integrate new approaches for targeting and selection of project target areas and beneficiaries	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit RAM FOs	March 2026

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through participatory mechanisms aligned with district development plans. This approach would enhance local ownership, relevance and sustainability.		district level through the Project Steering Committee and at the district and Jamoat level through Project Management Committees. It is agreed that there is a need to improve project targeting, and community selection process. WFP has started process of improving targeting process by incorporating better management system which uses MODA and by developing clear and measurable criteria.	1.3.2 WFP will strengthen documentation and reporting of district-level project coordination meetings by introducing standardized templates and ensuring timely sharing of minutes with partners and local authorities to enhance transparency and coordination.		
Priority: High Recommendation 2: Strengthen institutional anchoring and operational sustainability of climate information services through tailored technical assistance and decentralized service delivery models	WFP CO Programme	<i>Agreed.</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>

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Sub-recommendation 2.1: Focus its future technical assistance on strengthening the institutional and operational sustainability of national climate data collection and dissemination systems, particularly Hydromet. This includes supporting the development of decentralized climate service delivery models through local government structures, enhancing standard operating procedures for data use and forecasting at subnational level, and embedding climate services into planning and budgeting cycles.	WFP CO Programme	Agreed. WFP is working with Hydromet to incorporate climate service delivery mechanism using SMS and social media apps.	2.1.1 Continue building capacity of Hydromet on using and expanding functions of the SMS based system under current projects with other donors. 2.1.2 Continue building Hydromet's capacity on forecasting and data-based management.	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026
Sub-recommendation 2.2: Prioritize practical integration of climate data dissemination services into agricultural extension and disaster risk management functions.	WFP CO Programme	Agreed.	2.2.1 Concentrate on climate data dissemination services in the new projects and focus on disaster risk management as part of EPR, depending on funds availability	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026
Sub-recommendation 2.3: WFP should also support Hydromet and partner institutions in mobilizing domestic and external resources to	WFP CO Programme	Agreed. Business model has been considered for developing SMS based system, however, Hydromet	2.3.1 Support Hydromet in exploring business models to sustain and scale the climate information services	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026

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sustain and scale these services beyond project timelines.		needs further capacity building and practice of managing such systems.	supported by the project.		
Priority: High Recommendation 3: Strengthen inclusion and women's empowerment by building practical, context-specific mechanisms for participation, follow-up, and access to resources		Partially Agreed.	WFP to further refine its existing mechanism for Women Economic Empowerment		
Sub-recommendation 3.1: Partner with organisations of persons with disabilities (OPDs) and women's groups to map and profile women-headed households and persons with disabilities early in project design, including their specific access barriers (e.g. land ownership, mobility, caregiving responsibilities, digital access) to be able to tailor make support interventions to their needs and obstacles.	WFP CO Programme	Agreed.	3.1.1 Develop guidelines to incorporate activities in the projects concentrating on women/women-headed household and persons with disabilities considering barriers and digital access.	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026
Sub-recommendation 3.2: Ensure representation of women and persons with disabilities in planning and oversight structures.	WFP CO Programme	Partially Agreed. WFP has included women and persons with disabilities into the project management	3.2.1 WFP will work with partners and government counterparts to enhance the participation of women	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026

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		committees while implementing project activities. However, there is a need to strengthen control on compliance for inclusion of women and persons with disabilities as the rates were not meeting the targets in the past.	and persons with disabilities in local planning and oversight bodies, supported by clear inclusion indicators to track progress.		
Sub-recommendation 3.3: Support the creation of user groups or peer networks for women and for persons with disability when formal groups do not exist.	WFP CO Programme	<i>Agreed.</i>	3.3.1 WFP will strengthen networking mechanisms using new technologies and communication apps for women and for persons with disability	WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026
Priority: Medium Recommendation 4: Embed proactive risk management, sustainability planning and institutional handover strategies from the outset.	WFP CO Programme	<i>Agreed.</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
Sub-recommendation 4.1. To enhance resilience to funding disruptions, implementation delays and contextual volatility, WFP should introduce robust risk forecasting	WFP CO Programme	<i>Agreed.</i> WFP has started incorporation of documentation of	4.1.1 WFP will integrate into project management, documents various aspects of project	WFP CO Programme WFP Climate Change and Resilience Building Unit	March 2026

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and contingency planning during project design. This includes defining clear sustainability benchmarks and asset maintenance strategies, strengthening the institutional ownership of digital platforms and formalizing long-term roles for public institutions and local stakeholders through capacity assessments and handover plans.		handover of assets, incorporation of agreements and other similar forms to improve record of project implementation.	implementation, handover of assets and further maintenance responsibility by local stakeholders considering possible disruptions, implementation delays and contextual volatility.		