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**Management Response to the Recommendations of the Summary Evaluation Report —
State of Palestine Country Portfolio (2011 to Mid-2015)**

CORRIGENDUM

The text of the “Management response and action taken” column under Recommendation 1 should read as below. Bold typeface indicates a change.

Agreed.

(This response also applies, where appropriate, to recommendation 5.)

The country office, with support from the regional bureau and Headquarters, will consider discontinuing **specifically the food assistance for assets and food assistance for training activities in** the resilience pillar in its next country strategy. The reasons for doing so, **as outlined in the evaluation relating to the contextual complexities and the impact of limited resources and scale**, are well noted and appreciated.

The country office will continue to focus its support on assuring food security through the national social protection framework and nutrition-sensitive approaches.

The country office notes the evaluation finding that food assistance helped to protect and support livelihoods. The country office will request the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and Food Security Sector partners to review the links between food security and the protection of **and support for** livelihoods and the ways in which food assistance programmes can **better** address both.

Management notes that defining and specifying indicators of livelihood protection in the Palestinian context is complex and difficult, and will require time and expertise that the country office does not have. **With support from the regional bureau, the country office will conduct further analysis to inform planning in the area of livelihoods and resilience.** The country office currently lacks the financial resources to secure its own specialist in livelihoods, but will seek learning opportunities for national staff to enhance their capacities in this area through training, on-the-job-learning, temporary duty assignments, etc. WFP will work with other relevant organizations to capitalize on their experience to shape **future approaches** to the protection of **and support for** livelihoods **in a protracted crisis setting**.