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SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE— MID-TERM EVALUATION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMME— BURKINA FASO (2000–2004)

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WFP Recommendations (February 2003)	For action by	Executive reply and measures taken (September 2003)
ANALYTICAL BASIS AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATION OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAMME		
Targeting		
Formulate a separate logical framework for each activity, which should nonetheless reflect the logic of the next CP. Formulate activity summaries at the same time as the next CP so as to establish objectives, geographic and group targeting and the results to be expected while providing flexibility in the choice of interventions.	Country office, in collaboration with the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee	This recommendation will be taken into consideration when the next CP, planned for 2004, is being developed. In addition, a VAM study is being carried out in the country that will make it possible to define the fields and areas of intervention as well as the target groups.
Coordination between the Basic Activities		
Seek to link activities serving the same areas and target groups, so as to ensure coherence and complementarity in WFP's interventions and synergy among partners; priority should be given to partners in literacy, technical training, rural development and primary healthcare.	Country office, in collaboration with the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee	The country office has begun a revision of partner selection criteria in favor of those partners proposing integrated activities, taking into account literacy, technical training and rural development. It is foreseen that literacy activities will be introduced for the benefit of the village communities concerned, within the framework of the healthcare activity and its progressive strategy.
Staff and Programme-Support Systems and Procedures		
The immediate challenge is to keep a reduced number of simple but significant performance indicators for each activity that can be gathered by WFP or that come from a secondary source, to enable qualitative analysis of the data so that changes can be assessed in terms of expected results, in line with the objectives.	Country office	The basic indicators have been maintained for Activity 2. Those for Activities 1 and 3 will be identified during revision of their monitoring-and-evaluation systems, planned for next year, with the technical support of an external consultant.
CONTRIBUTION OF THE BASIC ACTIVITIES TO COUNTRY PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES		
Rural Development (Basic Activity 1)		
Clearly define the role of food aid in rural development for each type of intervention, not only as reflected in the objectives but also in accordance with the expected changes revealed by the performance indicators, both immediate impact and medium-term results.	Country office, in collaboration with the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee	The country office will organize, before the year's end, discussion days (one has already been held) with the counterpart in order to establish the provisions to be adopted to improve execution of this activity and thus conform to the mission's recommendation. These provisions will also be taken into account when developing the next CP (2006–2010).





Ensure an overall strategy based on the objectives and choice of activities. The selected compost pits will benefit from land-recovery and intensification activities, with priority given to those with a technical framework and funding. Establish village food reserves and verify guidance measures such as committee formation, advice and supervision.	Country office	The country office and counterpart created, during the present programme, a partnership with several NGOs concerning joint projects offering integrated activities. The planning and carrying out of this type of partnership will be maintained throughout the course of the basic activity. In addition, a diagnostic study of experience with cereal banks will be carried out before the end of this year. The study will identify good practices and required accompanying measures in order to take these into account during the carrying-out of this component.
Support to Basic Education: Literacy (Basic Activity 2)		
Take into account the role of food aid in drafting objectives and performance indicators for the literacy activity, with emphasis on skills training. Monitoring mechanisms should be able to show progress by WFP-supported centres compared with others so as to highlight the advantages of food aid.	Country office, in collaboration with the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee	These elements have been taken into account in the computerized monitoring system created by a WFP international consultant.
Increase the proportion of food aid allocated to the third cycle of basic literacy training in accordance with the initial plans (15 percent of the activity's total) so as to maintain, enrich and develop knowledge acquired during the first two cycles through skills training and post-literacy courses. Partners including such activities in their programming will receive priority.	Country office	The canvassing of partners who can provide specific technical or post-literacy training is already under way and will be intensified throughout the duration of the CP.
Support to Basic Health Care (Basic Activity 3)		
With the help of the logical framework, redefine the objectives and performance indicators in order to measure the impact of the health activity, and specify the role of food aid.	Country office, in collaboration with the Inter-ministerial Steering Committee	This recommendation will be taken into account during the creation of the next CP.
Strengthen partnerships with non-governmental participants specialized in nutrition to ensure satisfactory interventions, which should include a community-based strategy and nutritional training at the village level. Partners will be in charge of training health centre staff in nutritional rehabilitation and ensuring that management committees play a more important role.	Country office	The country office has already developed, with the support of NGOs and community-based organizations, initiatives for carrying out the activity at the community level. The experience provided by this partnership will undoubtedly contribute to improved activity formulation in the next CP. Training workshops in national languages will be organized beginning in November 2003 for management committees on their role in activity implementation and on good management practices.