The Evaluation Function in WFP

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Evaluation Definition & Purpose



The **systematic** & **impartial**, **periodic assessment** of the performance of WFP's activities, operations, strategies and policies.

(UN Evaluation Group/WFP 2016-2021 Evaluation Policy)

Generates evidence on results achieved



- Explains the **reasons** for the **intended and unintended results**
- Informs new policies, strategies & programmes

Learning

Informs operational & strategic decision-making through analysis of why certain results occurred or not; draws lessons to identify good practices, build on success & avoid past mistakes

Accountability

Obligation to account for work carried out & results achieved, using planned objectives & targets as the benchmark against which to assess performance

Evaluation Questions & Criteria



Is WFP doing the right thing?
Relevance

Will positive changes remain after WFP intervention?

Sustainability

Is WFP achieving its objectives?

Effectiveness

What difference is WFP making for the lives of people it serves?

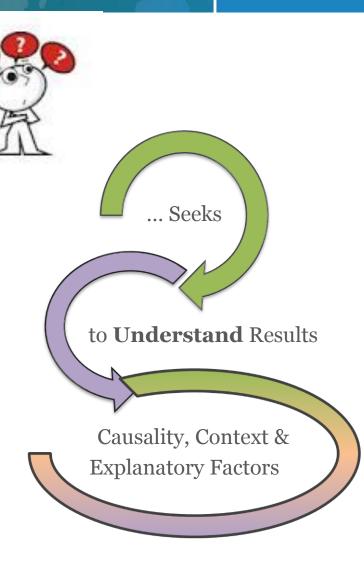
Impact

Is WFP doing the things right?

Efficiency

... and 3 extra criteria for humanitarian evaluations:

- Coverage
- **Connectedness**
- Coherence



WFP's EVALUATION FUNCTION

Recent policy changes in WFP's evaluation function



Focused on (centralized) evaluations

OEV-centric

Evaluation Principles-based

WFP-oriented

- Evaluation across WFP
 (Centralized evaluation
 with demand-led
 Decentralized evaluation)
- OEV augmented role

Evaluation as part of everybody's business

Explicit Normative & Accountability framework

WFP's evaluation function as part of UN system

2008 Policy

2016-2021 Policy

Overview of Evaluation Types



CENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS (OEV Managed)

- Strategic
- Policy
- Country Portfolio
- Corporate Emergency Response

DECENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS (NOT OEV Managed)

- Impact
- Operation
- Joint Evals

- Activities
- Pilots
- Themes
- Transfer modalities
- Any other area of action

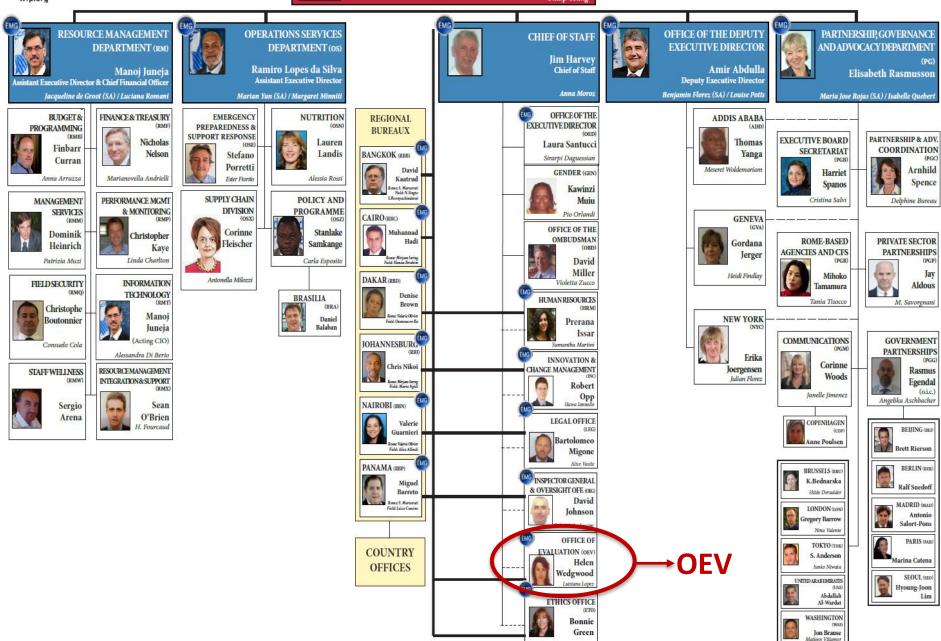


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EB ROLE IN EVALUATION



Oversight

- Exercise oversight of evaluation function
- Guide management in policy implementation
- Consider AER & all CE reports
- Consider management responses to all evaluations presented & followup action reports

Normative Framework

- Approve evaluation policy and safeguard provisions
- Approve appointment, made by the ED, of Director of Evaluation
- Provide strategic guidance through Annual Consultation on Evaluation
- Foster evaluation culture as members of WFP Governing Body

Resourcing

- Approve OEV's budget
- Review trends in human & financial resources dedicated to CEs and DEs

Planning

 Review OEV's work plan & priorities as set out in WFP's Management Plan

Use

- Consider use of evaluation evidence when approving new policies, strategies, programmes, Management Plans etc
- Use evidence generated by evaluations in its decision-making

EB Evaluation Calendar 2016



Annual Consultation on Evaluation: 26 May

- Consider 2015 Annual Evaluation Report
- Update on development of the Evaluation Function & Reporting System
- Discuss forward OEV work plan

Round Tables on Evaluation: 28 Jan; 26 May; 28 Oct

• Informal discussion of **Evaluation Reports** (OEV) & Management Responses (Management)

Executive Board Sessions: EB.1/2016, EB.A/2016, EB.2/2016

- Formally consider Evaluation Reports (OEV)
- Approve Management Responses (Management)

Thank you