CONCEPT NOTE

Update on the implementation of WFP's Gender Equality Policy | WFP Executive Board 1 December 2023

BACKGROUND

In 2022, WFP renewed its commitment towards Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (GEWE) by launching its <u>Gender Policy 2022</u>. Significant efforts have been underway at the country, regional and global levels to accelerate progress on its three key objectives:

- 1. Achieving equitable access to and control over food security and nutrition.
- 2. Addressing the root causes of gender inequalities that affect food security and nutrition.
- 3. Advancing the economic empowerment of women and girls in food security and nutrition.

The Gender Equality Office supports WFP's broad-based delivery of people-centered programming through strengthened collaboration with key units such as Protection, Disability Inclusion, Accountability to Affected Populations. The Gender Equality team works closely with our Regional Gender Advisers in a joint leadership approach to support our country offices and advocate with regional and global stakeholders on the intersect of gender inequality and food insecurity and malnutrition.

PURPOSE

This is the first regular progress update to the Executive Board on the implementation of WFP's Gender Policy (2023-2025). During the session, the HQ Gender Equality Office will provide an update on the implementation of the 5 workstreams outlined in the policy and three Country Offices (namely Syria Somalia and Mozambique) will provide insights on the progress being made in the field to accelerate Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.