



Briefing on the Resilience Policy Update: Annotated Outline

**19 February 2024, 9:30–11:30
WFP headquarters**

Policy context

At its 2015 annual session, the Board approved the policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition to guide the organization's work in strengthening the capacity of the most vulnerable people to absorb, adapt and transform in the face of shocks and stressors to achieve sustainable food security and nutrition.¹ The 2023 strategic evaluation² by the Office of Evaluation recommended that WFP update the policy, to improve conceptual clarity and better position WFP in the evolving resilience landscape. The evaluation further recommended that the policy update include a costed implementation plan and accountability framework.

Launched in July 2023, the policy update process has included a desk review and wide internal and external consultation, supported by an external team, led by Stephen Anderson (Food Economy Group). During three round tables on resilience preceding and informing the policy, Member States were briefed and could discuss examples of WFP's resilience work in various contexts; the extensive partnerships with governments and other actors such as FAO, IFAD and GIZ that characterize WFP's resilience programmes; and the work on measurement and evidence including some results to date.

Session objectives

This briefing session will present the annotated outline of the 2024 resilience policy to the Executive Board, which summarizes the overall strategic direction of the updated policy, as well as key supporting concepts and principles. The briefing session also provides an opportunity for Executive Board Members to engage with Mr Anderson and WFP teams, during a discussion and question-and-answer session.

¹ "Policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition" (WFP/EB.A/2015/5-C).

² WFP. 2023. *Evaluation of WFP's Policy on Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition*.

Agenda

1. Setting the scene

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations

2. Introduction of the resilience policy

- Mr David Kaatrud, Director

3. Resilience policy progress and perspectives from the field

- Mr Volli Carucci, Director
- Ms Sibi Lawson-Marriott, Senior Regional Adviser, Regional Bureau for Eastern Africa

4. Presentation of the annotated outline

- Mr Stephen Anderson, Team Leader, Policy Design Team

5. Q&A: Moderated discussion

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations

6. Closing remarks