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?

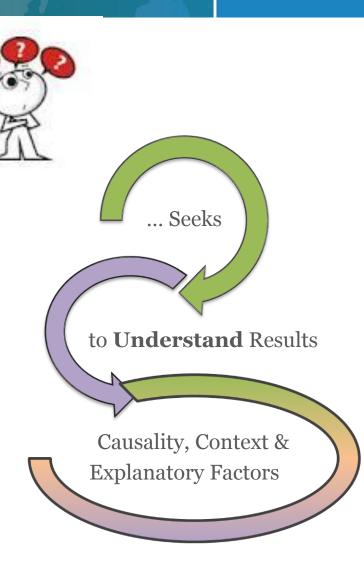
Impact

Is WFP doing the things right?

Efficiency

... and 3 extra criteria for humanitarian evaluations:

- Coverage
- Connectedness
- Coherence



WFP's EVALUATION FUNCTION

Vision and Purpose



VISION

WFP's contribution to ending global hunger is strengthened by evaluative thinking, behaviour and systems embedded in its culture of accountability and learning

PURPOSE

Evaluation results are consistently and comprehensively incorporated into WFP's policies, strategies and programmes

WFP's Evaluation Function framing documents



Policy:

vision & strategic direction for WFP's evaluation function (Centralized and Decentralized)

Approved by EB in November 2015

Strategy:

work-streams for phased implementation

Endorsed by EMG in April 2016

Evaluation Policy

Corporate Evaluation Charter

Charter:

governance framework & institutional arrangements

Approved by ED in May 2016

Evaluation and the Integrated Road Map







- 1. Evidence-based decisions
- 2. Shift from single operations to Country Strategy Plans
- 3. Support national priorities
- 4. Improve efficiency





Types of Evaluation



CENTRALIZED EVALUATIONS (OEV Managed, Presented to EB)

- Strategic
- Policy
- Country Portfolio
- Corporate Emergency Response

Impact

- Operation
- Joint Evals

DECENTRALIZED
EVALUATIONS
(NOT OEV Managed,
NOT presented to EB)

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

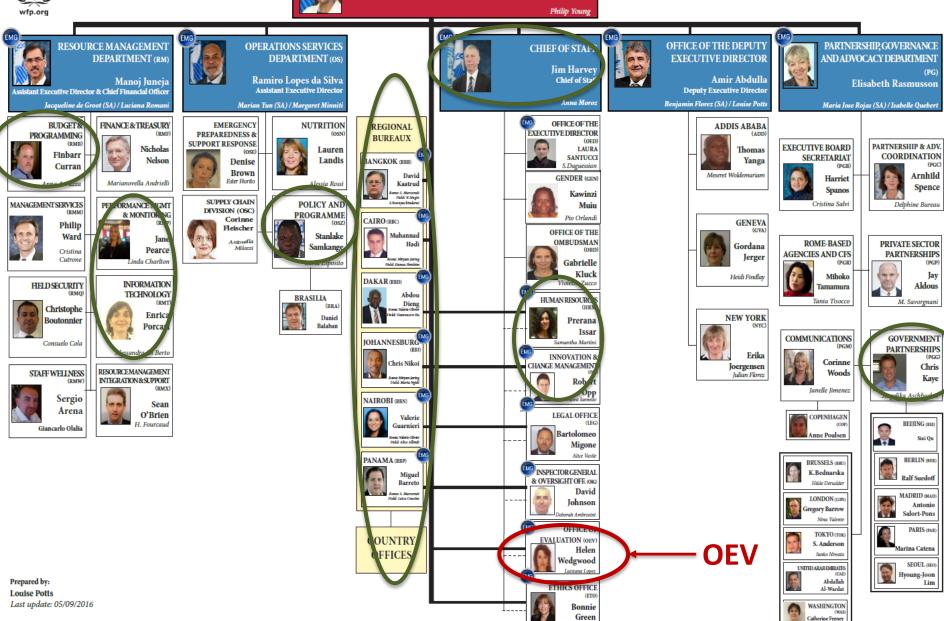




EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ertharin Cousin

Acting Director



Executive Board Role in evaluation



Oversight

- Exercise oversight of evaluation function
- Guide management in policy implementation
- Consider AER & all centralized evaluation 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 evaluation

Planning

Review OEV's work plan & priorities within 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 2017



Annual Consultation on Evaluation: 26 May

- Consider 2016 Annual Evaluation Report
- Update on development of the Evaluation Function and Strategy implementation
- Discuss forward OEV work plan

Round Tables on Evaluation: 3 Feb; 25 May; 28 Oct

 Informal discussion of Centralized Evaluation Reports (OEV) & Management Responses (Management)

Executive Board Sessions: EB.1/2017, EB.A/2017, EB.2/2017

- Formally consider Centralized Evaluation Reports (OEV)
- Consider Management Responses (Management)
- Receive follow-up action reports for information

Thank you