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## **MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC COUNTRY PORTFOLIO**

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**This document is submitted to the Executive Board for consideration.**

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## BACKGROUND

1. This report presents the Secretariat's response to the evaluation recommendations for improving WFP's strategic position in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.
2. The Secretariat appreciates the evaluation recommendations and recognizes the importance of needs-based, results-oriented programming, grounded in solid analytical work and monitoring systems.
3. The Secretariat's responses to the recommendations, and implementation timelines, are provided in the attached matrix.

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SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC COUNTRY PORTFOLIO**

Recommendations	Action by	Management response and action taken	Implementation deadline
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> The country office should continue to undertake analytical work that informs the choice of hunger solutions that are most relevant to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.</p>	<p>Country office</p> <p>Operations Department /Grants Management Unit</p> <p>Food Security Analysis Service</p>	<p>The unifying goal will provide the country office with the reference for determining the analytical work to be carried out, with the aim of continuously examining the relevance and effectiveness of WFP's presence in the country and its contribution to the eradication of hunger. Any new operation or activity in the Lao People's Democratic Republic will also be based on such analysis.</p> <p>Country offices are informed as and when grants are negotiated. The country office can send proposals for access to grants, especially those from donors such as Germany with focus areas in studies, research and hunger analysis.</p> <p>At the country office's request, the Food Security Analysis Service is ready to assist, using available expertise from the vulnerability analysis and mapping to continue developing expertise in food security analysis.</p> <p>The Food Security Analysis Service will work with the country office to develop a strategy that provides a bottom-up approach to developing analytical capacity. To ensure that these skills are developed and retained in the country, the Food Security Analysis Service and the country office will collaborate on strategy efforts to target – to the extent possible – national WFP and partner staff for food security-related training.</p>	<p>December 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>December 2010</p> <p>December 2010</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> In developing its country strategy, the country office should define clearly a unifying goal for its portfolio in the country.</p>	<p>Country office</p>	<p>On the basis of the country portfolio evaluation, the country office has already begun internal and external consultations to develop its unifying goal and related strategic focus. These will be incorporated into development of a country strategy and all the country office's activities in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.</p>	<p>November 2009</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> The country office, its partners and other stakeholders should determine ways of improving participation and increasing local ownership.</p>	<p>Country office</p>	<p>Meetings and consultations with partners will be held to determine ways of improving participation and increasing local ownership. This effort has already been initiated in the country office and will be mainstreamed into regular country office planning and implementation of activities. It will also be incorporated into the design of new projects or project phases.</p>	<p>September 2010</p>





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Recommendations	Action by	Management response and action taken	Implementation deadline
	Food Security Analysis Service	There have been discussions with the country office regarding support to the development of a food security monitoring system. Funds permitting, and at the request of the country office, this support will be forthcoming from the Food Security Analysis Service.	

