WFP Management Plan 2014—2016

Executive Board Session Rome, 5 November 2013



Management Plan highlights

1. Matters for noting

- Funding forecast
- Projected operational requirements and funding gap

2. Matters for decision

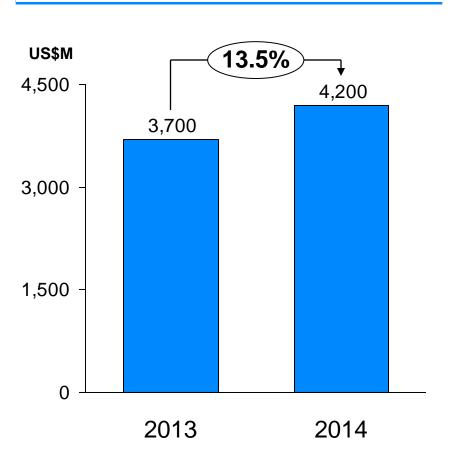
- Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) Budget
- 3. Review of draft decisions
- 4. Secretariat initiatives and commitments for 2014

Matters for Noting



The 2014 funding forecast of US\$4,200M is based on observed trends

Funding forecast increased by 13.5% from 2013 to 2014



Forecast based on observed trends

International response to Syria crisis

 Response to funding Syria crisis is positive and expected to continue through 2014

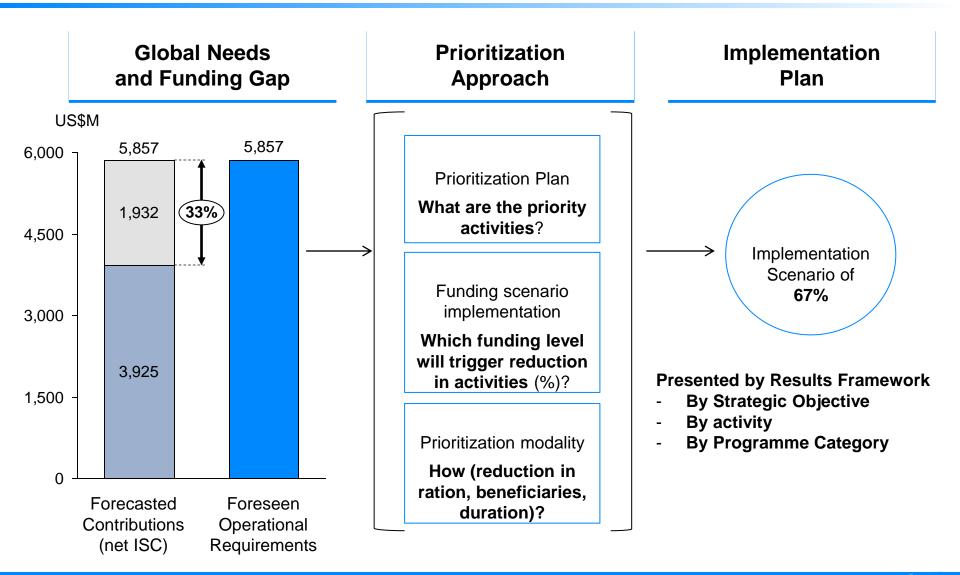
Trends in funding levels

- Since 2008, funding has reached US\$4.0B every year except 2011
- 2013 funding expected to exceed US\$4.0B

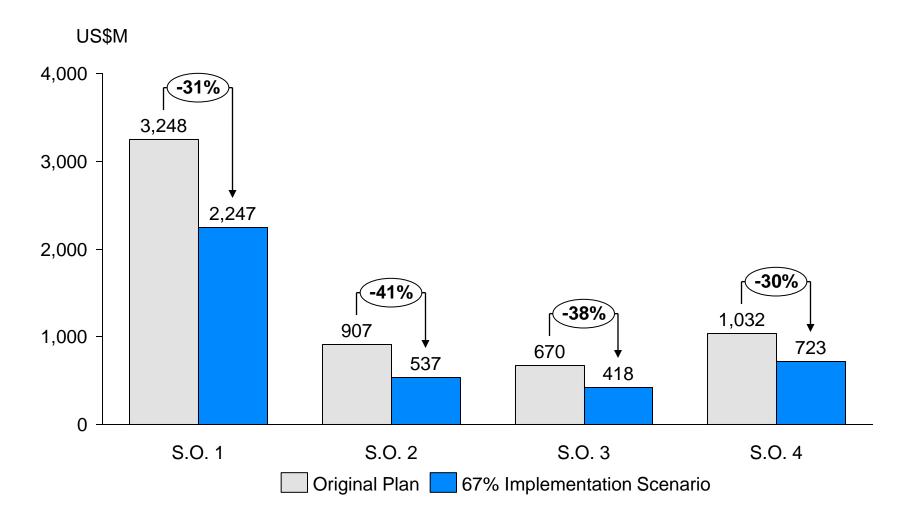
Change in donor and resource dynamics

 Broadening the donor base and innovative financing

Operational requirements identified by Country Offices and activities prioritized to address funding shortfall

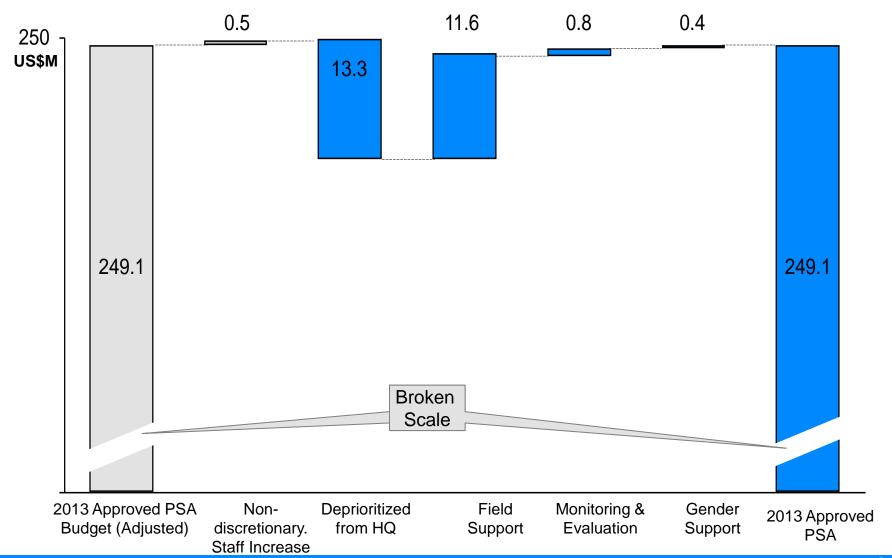


Prioritization to address anticipated 33% funding shortfall: strategic objectives 1 and 4 will be less impacted



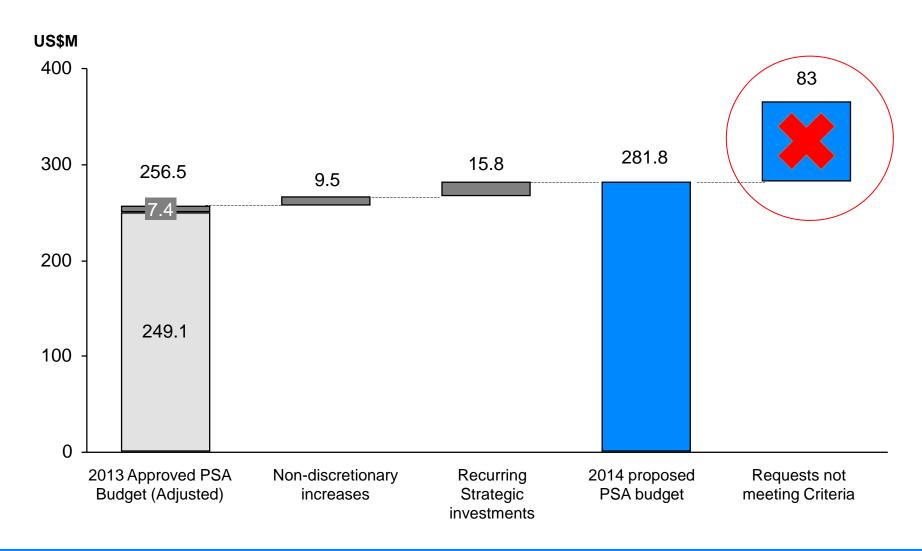
Matters for Decision

2013 approved PSA budget started Fit for Purpose and entailed reallocation & absorption of costs



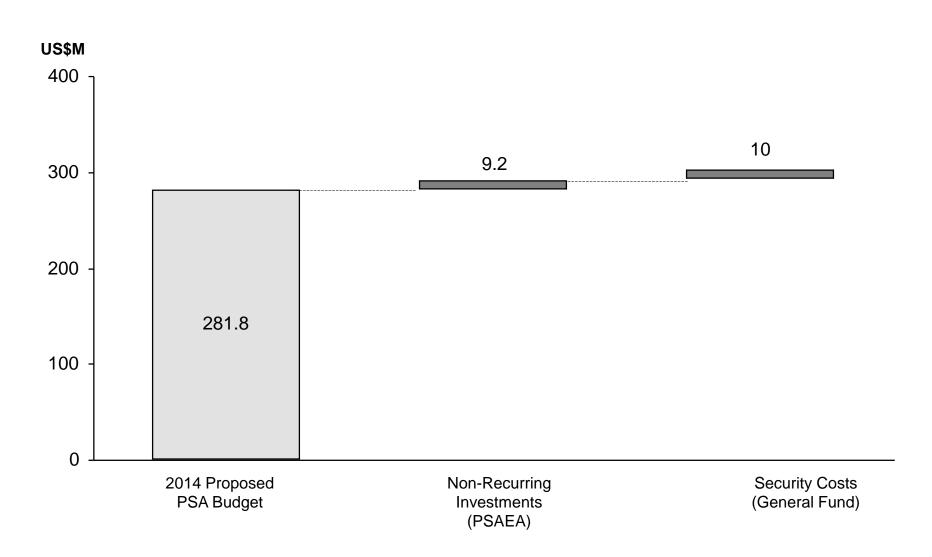


Total 2014 PSA Budget Requested





Non-recurring investments and UNDSS security costs





Recurring and Non-recurring investments were viewed in terms of economy, efficiency and effectiveness

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Improved supply chain will facilitate effective program delivery at Country level

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PSA budget is presented across the Management Results Dimensions: this will facilitate performance management in terms of VfM

Detailed Results to be provided in APR under new MRDs

PSA investment proposed in Management Plan:

 Presented across Management Result Dimensions

PSA outcomes to be provided in Annual Performance Report:

 Presented across Management Result Dimensions

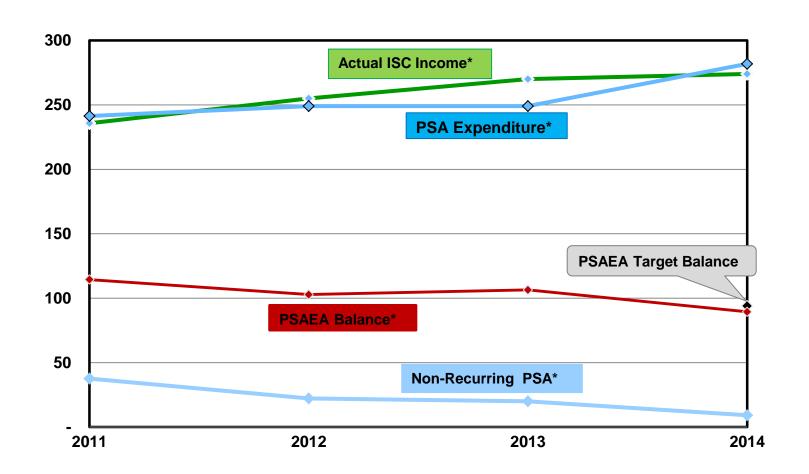


Proposed Reallocation of HQ Staff to Strategic Investment Activities

Total	Unit	Prof	
Rome Based Offices	Operations Management	1	
	Legal Office	1	
	Human Resources	3	
	Budget and Programming	2	
	Partnership and Governance Services	1	
	NGO Office	1	
Other WFP Offices	Dubai Office	1	
	Brussels Liaison Office	1	
	Washington DC Liaison Office	1	
	Reduction/Reallocation	(12)	
	Total Additional	0	

- Shift posts towards strategic priorities & new expertise
- Minimize long-term (staff) liability: maximize flexibility
- Dollar value maintained for transition, due to staff contracts

PSAEA Balances adjusted for 2013 increased income



^{*}actual for 2011 & 2012, revised estimate for 2013, MP estimate for 2014

Summary: 2014 PSA budget proposal

- Rigorous prioritisation & appraisal of recurring & non-recurring strategic investments, but more details to be provided in future Management Plans
- Framework established for better performance reporting through the new MRF
- 2014 PSA budget US\$282M (+9.8%) for non-discretionary costs & recurring strategic investments
- Proposing non-recurring investments of US\$9.2M (vs. US\$20M in 2013)
- Total 2014 PSA budget & non-recurring investments of US\$291M (+5.2%)
- Projected 31 December 2014 PSA Equalization Account balance is now US\$89.4M (up from the \$74.4 M in MP), almost at recommended 4 months PSA expenditure

Draft Decisions

Favourable Recommendations from Advisory Bodies

Finance Committee Overall Endorsement and Recommendation:

- Recommended endorsement of the regular and non-recurring PSA budget for 2014
- Recommended for endorsement the approval of the draft decisions contained in the document at the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board.

ACABQ Overall Conclusion & Recommendation:

Taking into account the observations and recommendation in the present report, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of WFP's proposals regarding the management plan for the period 2014-2016

Guidance for future improvements contained within their reports

Draft Decisions for 2014

- i. Takes note of the projected operational requirements of US\$5,857 million for 2014, excluding any provision for unforeseen emergencies and including direct support costs, as outlined in Section II
- **ii. Takes note** that the 2014 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation assumes a funding level of **US\$4,200 million** in 2014
- iii. Approves a 2014 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of US\$281.8 million (...by appropriation line)
- iv. Approves a supplementary Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of US\$9.2 million, as outlined in Section III
- v. Approves expenditures of up to US\$10.0 million funded from the General Fund for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security and for the WFP Security Emergency Fund
- vi. Approves an indirect support cost recovery rate of 7.0% for 2014
- **viii. Authorizes** the Executive Director to adjust the Programme Support and Administrative component of the budget in accordance with any variation in the volume of operational requirements of more than 10 percent from levels outlined in Section II.

Additional Decisions for 2014

vii. Approve an increase in the WCF fund level, from \$557 million to \$607 million, through increasing the Operational Reserve by \$8.3 million in order to be able to meet a sudden surge in supply chain capacity in any emergency

Context

- Advance financing tools have become a central part of WFP's response capability but are reaching their ceiling
- FPF successes seen with response in Pakistan, South Sudan, Sahel, Syria etc.
- Continually volatile situation in Syria and the Middle East makes it imperative to cater to unforeseen events leading to sudden escalation in demand

Proposed solution

- Enhance advance procurement capacity in the event of an unforeseen escalation of crises requiring immediate food supply response
- Facility to be funded by increasing the FPF by US\$50M from US\$300M to US\$350M
- Maintain existing risk mitigation principles and approach:
 - Keep current leverage ratio of 6:1
 - Increase the operational reserve by US\$8.3M

Secretariat initiatives and commitments for 2014

The Board can also take note of the Secretariat's various commitments mentioned in the MP, to be fulfilled in 2014

Section

Secretariat initiatives and commitments

Section I

 Determine appropriate level, timing, and structure of information for the next Management Plan, in consultation with EB

Section II

- Task force to review beneficiary metrics
- Proactively prioritize activities in anticipation of funding gaps
- Innovative financing

Section III

- Establish Capital Budgeting Facility (2014 ceiling US\$20M)
- Future PSA budget proposals to include information on long term financial and staffing implications of investments
- Increased specificity in measuring efficiency and effectiveness including a presentation of monetary and non-monetary savings
- Financial Framework and ISC rate reviews
- Earlier review of PSA details

Financial Framework and ISC Reviews

Financial Framework

- Key elements of financial architecture, including advance financing tools based on financial risk management
- Initial proposals to EB in February 2014 with outline of areas for further review

ISC Review

- Two stages process for the review
 - Identification of method for calculating a new ISC rate (February 2014)
 - Application of the ISC rate to calculate the projected rate for 2015-2016 Management Plan (June 2014)
- Determine strategies for what should be funded through PSA and the unearmarked portion of the General fund and reserves
- Articulate strategies for setting PSA ceiling

Thank you

APPENDIX

Supplementary presentation on investments provided to FAO Finance Committee (FC 150/3)

Strategic PSA investments are the result of a careful review of budget needs against top priorities

Identify organisational priorities

Develop criteria to appraise budget requests

Evaluate budget requests

The Secretariat identified organisational priorities based on:

- Strategic Plan 2014 2017
- Organisational strengthening needs to meet "Fit for Purpose" goals
- Views of Executive Board, as reflected in discussion at June 2013 session
- New Management Results Dimensions (MRDs)

Criteria ensured consistent and rigorous evaluation of budget requests. They include:

- Strategic and operational importance
- Corporate risks addressed
- Availability of alternative funding sources
- Potential to deliver efficiency gains
- Urgency of action in 2014
- Recurring vs. one-time nature

Budget requests reviewed against criteria by leadership group to finalise recommendations:

- Several days of meetings to review assumptions and proposals against organisational priorities and MRDs
- Executive Director challenged recommendations with leadership group
- Recommendations finalised

Every recommended investment is supported by a description of objective, savings and expected outcome



Analysis of recurring investments for economy, efficiency and effectiveness was carried out

Methodology

All owners of recurring investments were required to submit details of effectiveness/efficiency /economy gains of investment

The investments were analysed across four key dimensions:

- What will the activity deliver?
- Does the activity lead to cost / time savings?
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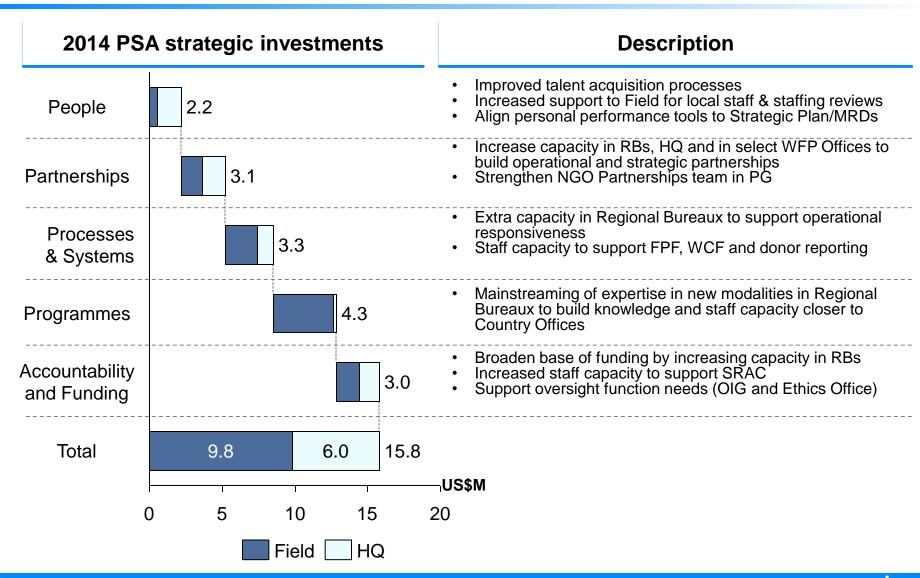
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Incremental recurring PSA investments of US\$15.8M are mostly for the Field and support the Fit for Purpose shift



Specific example 1/4: Support to Regional Bureaux (RBs)

2014 investments into 'Fit for Purpose' Regional Bureaux to provide support among several key areas to address specific structural gaps per RB—especially:

- Expertise in programmatic areas like market analysis, VAM, cash & voucher or emergency preparedness
- Improvement of functional management and support in areas like human resources or resource management

The investment in RBs will strengthen critical quality assurance and support from RBs to Country Offices.

Results Expected:

- Better quality of WFP operations in planning and implementation (e.g., project design, programmatic support)
- Increased efficiency of WFP's processes throughout the whole project cycle from planning to reporting
- Clarified accountability of WFP operations across all RBs ensuring the COs have the support required to better serve the beneficiaries

These PSA investments will be reflected in effectiveness and efficiency at project level

Specific example 1/4: Support to Regional Bureaux (RBs)

Overview of key investments in RBs

Key investments in RBs will strengthen critical quality assurance and support from RBs to COs in the following key areas:

OMB

- Nutrition
- Logistics
- Human Resources

Exp. results

E.g. more effective response to stunting; cost savings from optimized supply chains

OMJ

- Emergency Prep.
- Cash and Vouchers
- Resource Mgmt. Analyst

Exp. results

E.g. time savings through better emergency prep; Cost efficiencies in CO programmes

OMC

- Cash and Vouchers
- Safety nets
- Donor Relations

E.g. quality enhancements in CO programmes will maximise impact

OMN

- VAM
- Market analysis
- Regional Pipeline (FPF)

E.g. Reduced delivery timelines by increasing the use of the FPF by better coordinating the FPF stock

OMD

- Safety nets
- Market analysis
- Donor Relations

E.g. better and more cost effective programme results in COs

OMP

- Resource Mgmt. Analyst
- Cash & Voucher
- School feeding

E.g. Lower unspent balances, more efficient programming; improved programme quality

Specific example 2/4: Establish capacity to support Forward Purchase Facility (FPF)

US\$500K

FPF is transforming WFP's supply chain with introduction of demand forecasting, trend analysis, monitoring and resourcing projections as driver to forward purchase actions

 However, to date, capacities to design, launch and establish forward planning and purchasing process have been funded exclusively from extra budgetary funding

Without predictable PSA funding, WFP will not be able to mainstream this initiative and maintain FPF as an integral part of WFP's business processes

Implementation of FPF approach has generated lead time improvements of about 70% or 75 days, e.g.: South Sudan, Sahel and Syria emergencies

 Ability to maintain FPF capacity will allow for continued efficiency and effectiveness in supply chain

Timely provision of food assistance is critical to achieving WFP's objectives

FPF has proven benefits in improving operational performance

Specific example 3/4: Strengthened staff capacity, learning and development function

US\$1,426 K

This activity will allow for new capability development functions within HR with the aim to strengthen the professional skills required in all jobs across the organization

- Creation of a learning and development strategy, necessary to achieve WFP's strategic objectives
- Develop a global learning curriculum including a "learning passport" for individual staff
- Build-up Learning Management System (LMS) to deliver cost-efficient training through technology-enabled solution for global access

Results expected

- Industry research demonstrates that skills building has positive impact on employee engagement which is directly correlated to higher productivity and better results
- Having employees with the right skills and capabilities will also reduce the cost of short-term and longer-term recruitment
- Capability development is also an effective way to improve morale, job satisfaction for employees as well as to bring efficiency and innovation to business processes

Equipping employees with the right skills is critical to achieve sustainable performance



Specific example 4/4: Increase capacity of NGO Partnership Office

US\$200 K

The NGO Partnership Office will be able to increase WFP's engagement with and its support to stakeholders on CO, RB and HQ level as envisioned in WFP's strategy

- Increased focus on partnerships is a key feature of WFP's strategy
- It will allow to better engage NGO partners at regional level and thus to increase the role for our RBs in the partnership management processes
- Accurate and relevant information regarding NGO partnerships will be made available for internal decision-making in a timely manner and new guidelines will enable COs to better manage their NGO partners

WFP partners with over 2,000 NGOs each year—results expected:

- Improved relationships through improved guidance and staff capacity should result in corporate savings through better-formulated agreements
- The automatization of data collection and provision will lead to standard operating procedures at CO level and will save up to two working days per CO
- Better programme results through increased number of partnerships, deeper involvement of NGO expertise in WFP's programme design, intensified collaboration on a regional level, development of new partnership models



Analysis of non-recurring investments also followed economy, efficiency and effectiveness methodology

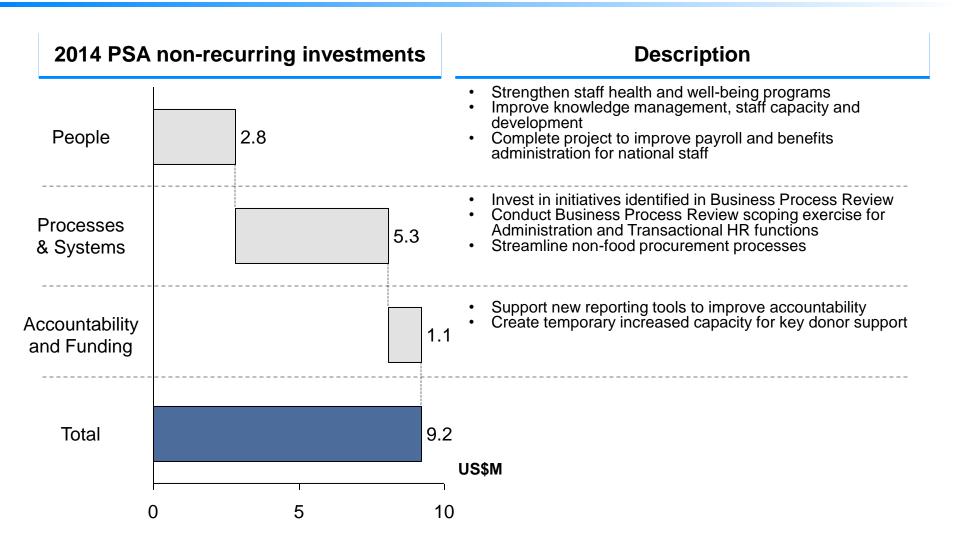
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US\$9.2M investment proposed for follow-on from Fit for Purpose workstreams



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PSA investments will be tracked to ensure delivery of efficiency and effectiveness gains

New Management Result Dimensions (MRDs)		Examples of existing and new indicators to track efficiency and effectiveness gains
People	•	Improvements in employee engagement Improvements in employee satisfaction on manager effectiveness, growth and development
Partnerships		Improvements in size and trend in funding from non- government partners Increase in percentage of partnership agreement objectives met
Programmes	•	Increase in percentage achievement of planned food assistance Increase in percentage of projects that reported project outcomes target as achieved
Processes & Systems	•	Improved percentage lead time reduction thanks to FPF Improved average response time for sudden onset emergencies
Accountability and Funding		Decrease in number of high risk oversight recommendations pending Increase in percentage of gross funding needs met

Results in the Annual Performance Report (APR) to be provided under new MRDs