

Annual Informal Consultation on Evaluation

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Accountability & Learning

Overview of Annual Consultation on Evaluation

- Results-Framework for Evaluation
- Work Programme for 2008-2009
- Annual Evaluation Report
- Peer Review of WFP's Evaluation Function

Results-Framework for Evaluation

Goal: WFP Continuously Improves
Performance to Fulfill its Mission Better

Recognized
"Center of
Excellence"
for Evaluation

Objective: Enhance the Effectiveness of Evaluation at WFP

Choosing Strategic Evaluations

Strategic Concerns

- UN Reform Process
- Latest Issues in Humanitarian Assistance and Food Assistance
- WFP Strategic Plan & Priorities
- Key Improvement Concerns

Representative Sampling

Criteria

Quality of Evaluations & Process

- Communication Process
- Quality Standards for Evaluations
- Quality Assurance Process for Evaluations
- Documenting Comments on Evaluation Reports
- Management Responses
- Tracking Systems for Responses

Feedback & Reporting

- Project Review Committee
- Programme Quality Assurance
- Internal Evaluation Committee
- EB Interaction
 - Evaluations
 - Consultation
- Annual Evaluation Report

Corporate Culture of Accountability & Learning

Independence of Centralized Evaluations

- Structural Reporting Lines
- Systemic Impartiality
- Individual Integrity

Decentralized Evaluation Capacity

- Responsibilities & Commitment
- Enabling Knowledge, Skill & Tools
- Accountability

OEDE Work Programme

Types of Evaluations

Thematic

Country-level Evaluations

Individual Operations, including Real-Time Evaluations

Joint Evaluations

Planned for 2008-2009

4 new + 2 from 2006-2007

2

10

To be determined

Thematic Evaluations

Continued from 2006-2007

- Gender
- Emergency Preparedness & Response

New in 2008-2009

- > IDPs and refugees
- School-feeding
- Social protection in Southern Africa
- Chronic food insecurity
- NGO Partnerships
- Food fortification

Evaluation Coverage

	Number of Operations	Value of Operations	
Cumulative Historic Total Evaluation Coverage (as percentage of operations that were operational January 2007)			
Large Operations	18.4%	37.6%	
Operations longer than 12 Months	12.9%	41.7%	
High Profile Operations	60%		
Number of Operations in 2006	5.3%		

Projected for 2008-2009 Biennium			
(based on 2007 projected beneficiary needs and planned evaluations)			
Single Operations Evaluations	6.3%	10.7%	
Single Operations & Country-Level Evaluations	9.4%	15.4%	
High Profile Operations	30%		

Annual Evaluation Report

Findings

> Similar Performance of Humanitarian & Development Assistance

Strengths

- ➤ High Degree of Relevance & Appropriateness
- > Strong Field Presence & Clear Operational Role
- > Logistics

Weaknesses

- > Pipeline Breaks & Uneven Resource Availability
- > M&E Generally Not Generating Outcome & Effectiveness Data
- > Quality of Decentralized Evaluations

Next Steps

- Increase Effectiveness of Evaluations
 - > Quality Standards & Quality Assurance Process for Evaluations
 - > Screening of Prioritizing Recommendations
 - Tracking Follow-up Actions and Lessons Learned

Peer Review of WFP's Evaluation Function

- Purpose: Determine Independence and Quality of Evaluation at WFP
- Panel Members: Sweden, Netherlands, OCHA, CARE, and 1 Independent
- > Timeline:
 - ➤ December 2006: Official Request
 - > April 26-27 2007: First Panel Meeting in Rome
 - ➤ June-July 2007: Preparatory Work
 - ➤ September 2007: Panel Interviews
 - ➤ October 2007: Internal Feedback
 - > February 2008: Report Presented to EB