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MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT SUDAN EMERGENCY OPERATION 107600

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BACKGROUND

1. This document presents the Secretariat's response to the recommendations of the evaluation of WFP's general food distribution under Sudan emergency operation (EMOP) 107600.
2. The Secretariat appreciates the evaluation findings and acknowledgement of WFP's achievements. WFP will continue to increase its assistance for the most vulnerable people on the basis of food security information. Direct distribution is being handed over and partners' capacity is being enhanced.
3. The management responses and actions to implement the recommendations are presented in the matrix.

**MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE SUMMARY EVALUATION REPORT SUDAN EMERGENCY OPERATION 107600**

Recommendations	Action by	Management response and action taken	Implementation deadline
1. WFP Sudan should continue with general food distribution (GFD) in Darfur for 2010.	Country office	Agreed. General food distribution will be WFP's main food assistance modality in Darfur until 2011. WFP will continue to exploit opportunities as they arise. The 2010–2011 Darfur strategy aims to increase opportunities for communities to work for food rather than receive it free and to create community assets.	Ongoing
2. Given the inability to target GFD effectively within communities, WFP Sudan should continue to reduce the GFD ration so that all food modalities combined match each community's overall need for external food assistance.	Country office	Agreed. In addition to the reduction of the GFD ration levels, the Darfur strategy will phase in safety-net programmes in camps such as milling vouchers and mother-and-child health and nutrition, and will continue activities such as supplementary feeding to reach the most vulnerable people. The target for the milling voucher activity is 800,000 beneficiaries in 2010.	March 2011
3. WFP Sudan should extend the Darfur Food Security Monitoring System (DFSMS) to provide managers with good information on the impact of ration changes in different locations.	Country office	Agreed. The country office is exploring the expansion of FSMS sites. Thematic studies are also planned on internally displaced persons (IDPs) camp livelihoods, returns and nutrition causality studies as a basis for moving to targeted food assistance.	December 2010
4. WFP Sudan should move away from a single ration level for all the beneficiaries in a category to a range of rations to be allocated to that category at a single location, based on food security information.	Country office	The country office will review this recommendation and discuss it with partners to determine its feasibility.	December 2010
5. WFP Sudan should consider introducing a targeted ration for vulnerable cases.	Country office	Agreed. The Darfur strategy for 2010–2011 is exploring this option as a complement to GFD.	December 2010
6. WFP Sudan should continue working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to rationalize distribution lists, and should suspend distribution at sites where the community refuses to accept re-registration.	Country office	Agreed.	July 2011



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7. WFP should avoid direct distribution when possible. This may involve developing cooperating partners' capacities for sites where no acceptable distribution partners are available.	Country office	Agreed in principle. The country office is handing over direct distributions to partners. One of the objectives of the special operation was to enable NGOs to take over GFD. WFP will, however, have to continue with direct distributions until partners' capacity is built or if no other option is available.	February 2011
8. WFP needs to develop its mechanisms for negotiating costs with partners, to make them more appropriate to the concept of partnership.	Headquarters/ Logistics Division (ODL), Programme Division (ODX) and Multilateral and NGO Relations Division (ERM)	This recommendation involves areas covered by ODL, ODX and ERM, which agree that the existing field-level agreement (FLA) and its guidance are adequate to enable WFP offices and cooperating partners to negotiate costs on the basis of partnership and cost-sharing principles, bearing in mind the need to differentiate time-bound and tonnage-bound costs. Consultations that took place on FLA implementation in 2005/06 included discussion with NGO partners in Rome: the issues discussed were addressed in a reinforcement memorandum in January 2007. A mechanism for NGOs to provide feedback exists in the annual WFP/NGO consultation. Where disputes between WFP and NGOs cannot be resolved at the country office or regional bureau level, support is available from ERM.	Not applicable

