Evaluation of the WFP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Policy

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Policy context

EXTERNAL
- SSTC as preferred approach for capacity strengthening and networking

INTERNAL
- Introduction of CSPs
- Greater emphasis on capacity strengthening and work across the triple nexus
Evaluation findings – Quality of the policy

FULLY MET QUALITY CRITERIA

• Context analysis
• Consultation during policy development
• Conceptual clarity

MAIN SHORTCOMINGS

• Implementation requirements
• Resourcing
• Roles, responsibilities and accountabilities
• Gender
Evaluation findings – Results

- Improvement in national capacities
- Strengthened regional and global partnerships
- Some examples of resource mobilization
- Potential for WFP to expand its reach to populations
- Potential for WFP to be better recognized for its dual mandate
Evaluation findings – Results

SSTC mainstreaming

Most advanced in nutrition, and climate and disaster risk reduction

Still nascent in the areas of smallholder support and market access, and emergency preparedness and response
Factors explaining results

ENABLING FACTORS

• Increased emphasis on Changing Lives agenda
• Role of SSTC Team in PRO
• Role of Centres of Excellence
• Championing from individual staff members

CONSTRAINING FACTORS

• Unclear division of roles and responsibilities
• Lack of clear expected results and guidance for SSTC mainstreaming
Conclusions

Evaluation results largely positive

WFP seen as respected SSTC broker in school feeding and, increasingly, in nutrition

Opportunities to expand WFP’s strategic use of SSTC

Risks derived from over-reliance on extra-budgetary resources
Recommendations

STRATEGIC
1. Revise the policy and develop related costed implementation plan
2. Reflect SSTC consideration in second-generation CSPs and in relevant new corporate frameworks and policies

OPERATIONAL
3. Strengthen evidence and learning generation approaches
4. Invest in guidance for staff on integrating SSTC in different areas
5. Continue to strengthen staff capacity for SSTC at different levels
6. Continue to contribute to system-wide SSTC engagement