Evaluation of Lao People's Democratic Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021

November 2021
The evaluation

- Scope (2017 - October 2020)
- Provides evidence and lessons to inform the new Country Strategic Plan.

In Lao PDR

- Food insecurity persistent
- Chronic undernutrition

Lao PDR CSP

- **Shift:** from provision of food assistance to policy engagement and intensification of capacity strengthening
Conclusions

Shift to technical assistance has strengthened **WFP/government partnerships**

Recognition of WFP’s traditional **strength and extensive reach**

**School meals** handover strategy proceeding well. More attention needed to the level of community ownership to ensure sustainable handover

Comprehensive approach to **country capacity strengthening** remaining a challenge

**Gender** widely mainstreamed

Comprehensive analytical framework, flexible funding and monitoring required for more **strategic engagement**
Recommendations

1. Deepen utilization of up to date evidence to support the shaping and implementation of a realistic scope and focus for the new CSP 2021-2025

2. Engage partners more strategically for stronger integration of partnerships within programming and with donors that support the needs of the CSP

3. Develop and integrate a country office approach to resilience strengthening and emergency preparedness and response

4. Strengthen the capacity of WFP staff to design and implement Country Capacity Strengthening

5. Reappraise and reinforce WFP’s approach to support the Government’s strategy to take over the school meal programme