What guided us in this update?

- Enhancing the function in response to the independent Peer Review
- Incorporating updated evaluation norms, standards and criteria
- Responding to WFP policy updates and recent evaluation strategies
- Benchmarking against comparable multilateral agencies
What is different in the updated policy?

- An updated Theory of Change
- Greater clarity on institutional arrangements
- Funding targets based on robust analysis
WFP Evaluation Theory of Change

**OUTPUTS**

1. Evaluation practice is innovative and adaptive
2. Quality assurance system is functioning
3. Quality assessment system is functioning
4. Evaluations are planned and designed to meet priority learning and accountability needs
5. Coverage norms are met
6. Evaluation communication products are designed to appeal to and reach users
7. Clear processes are in place for the integration of evaluation evidence into WFP programmes and policies
8. Evaluation evidence is tailored to the needs of WFP and its partners
9. Resource allocation meets the needs of the function
10. Professional evaluation cadre is developed to sustain an evolving evaluation function and a strengthened evaluation culture
11. WFP contributes to global and regional communities of practice and to regional and National Evaluation Capacity Development
12. Partnerships are broadened and strengthened to enhance evaluation practice by humanitarian and development actors

**OUTCOMES**

1. Evaluations are independent, credible and useful
2. Evaluation coverage is balanced and relevant and serves both accountability and learning purposes
3. Evaluation evidence is systematically available and accessible to meet the needs of WFP and partners
4. WFP has enhanced capacity to commission, manage and use evaluations
5. Partnerships contribute to a strengthened environment for evaluation at global, regional and national levels, and to UN coherence

**GOALS**

1. Evaluation evidence consistently and comprehensively informs decisions on WFP policies, strategies, plans and programmes
2. The WFP evaluation function contributes to global knowledge and supports global decision-making and SDG achievement

**VISION 2030**

The WFP culture of accountability and learning is supported by evaluative thinking, behaviour and systems which strengthen its contribution to achieving zero hunger.

**ENABLERS**

- Normative Framework
- Evaluation governance mechanisms
- Sustainable and predictable financing
- Adequate evaluator (external) expertise

**PRINCIPLES**

- Strategic Plan principles and cross cutting priorities
- UNEG Norms and Standards

**ASSUMPTIONS**

- Effective results-based management systems
- Added value of agency evaluation functions in context of UN reform maintained
- Continued interest of partners in joint evaluations
- Continued development of national evaluation systems
- Continued internal and external stakeholder demand for evaluation
- WFP has adequate absorption capacity for evidence
- Effective corporate knowledge management systems
- Organizational leadership and incentives for evidence-informed policies, strategies, plans and programmes
Evaluation coverage projections: 2022 to 2030
Financial resources for the evaluation function

2023 floor will be approx. USD 33 m or 0.4% of contribution income

Indicative ceiling approx. USD 47 m or 0.6%

Costings for the evaluation function are based on:
- Meeting centralized coverage norms
- Progress towards decentralized coverage norms
- Balance across 4 impact evaluation windows
- Scalable cross function support

Expenditure will fluctuate within the floor and ceiling levels: to reflect varying levels of evaluation activity depending on programme cycles

The ceiling in percentage terms is lower than comparable organizations: to reflect the nature of WFP programming (high proportion of general food assistance and common service provision)
Implementation, oversight, reporting and review

- Corporate Evaluation Strategy
- Regional Evaluation Strategies
- The implementation plan and budget = evaluation function workplan (within the WFP Management Plan)
- Annual Consultation on Evaluation
- Annual Evaluation Report
- OECD-DAC/UNEG external peer review 2025/2026
Thank you!

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