



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of Mauritania WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023

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WFP'S CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC OUTCOMES



SO1: stabilization of **refugees'** food security; sustainable solutions not achieved. The **COVID-19 response** suffered funding and coordination challenges



SO2: lean season support: shift to cash transfers, improvements in food security outcomes. **School feeding:** enrolment increased; further increase in attendance and retention rates will require systemic enhancements to the education system



SO3: high performance rates of **MAM treatment**; challenges in mobilising caretakers and beneficiaries in urban areas

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SO4: Scale-up of **FFA**; positive outcomes on production, migration and social cohesion; limited anchoring within state institutions



SO5: Valued **institutional support** mainly on the adaptive social protection system; high turnover of public servants



SO6: **UNHAS services** ensured humanitarian access and logistical capacity, including during COVID-19 crisis

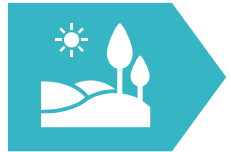
CONCLUSIONS



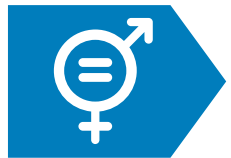
Strategic positioning: enhanced in specific sectors, room to improve visibility of its orientations at Government level;



Refugee assistance: triple nexus approach combining humanitarian efforts with sustainable solutions;



Integrated resilience package: opportunities to improve synergies and national ownership;



Cross-cutting issues: strong progress on gender mainstreaming but gender transformative effects not yet achieved; ongoing progress on protection, AAP and environment;



Evidence of WFP capacity in terms of **adaptation and flexibility;**



Success factors: internal reorganizations, resource mobilization, monitoring improvements yet with persisting challenges.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Strengthen the combined strategy of adaptive social protection and the integrated resilience package

2

Strengthen the consideration of the cross-cutting issues of gender, environment and accountability to affected populations

3

Review the strategy for refugees and host populations assistance based on stakeholders' comparative advantages, including local communities

4

Strengthen the effects of the integrated resilience package

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Enhance national policy support for school feeding and the management of acute malnutrition