Evaluation of Philippines WFP Country Strategic Plan 2018-2023

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Strategic positioning and alignment

- Relevant to government priorities and population needs, but missed opportunities for social protection.
- Adaptable to change in context although direct response was delayed in the case of Typhoon Rai.
- Strategically positioned across the nexus, particularly in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).
- Well aligned with the UN framework to achieve SDGs 1 and 2; also 17.
- Based on WFPs comparative advantages - e.g. subnational presence (BARMM); expertise in logistics, assessments, emergency response, supply chain.
Key contribution to change

- Improved food security and nutrition in WFP assisted areas
- Government’s emergency response capacity was improved by introducing data collection methodologies, mapping and direct logistical support
- Strengthened capacity of the BARMM administration in the areas of policymaking and institutional effectiveness for food security and nutrition
- Strengthened collaboration and coordination among food security actors resulted in improved social cohesion in BARMM
Specific areas for CSP improvement

- Develop a strategic approach to country capacity strengthening
- Maintain internal readiness to scale up for emergency response
- Ensure coherent strategy in social protection
- Explore expansion of subnational engagement in country capacity strengthening
- Diversify financial & human resources for the 'saving lives & changing lives' agenda
- Invest in knowledge management to support decision-making and strengthen institutional memory
Systemic issues for consideration

1. Need for strategic approach to country capacity strengthening applying WFP frameworks and tools

2. Need to explore how to maintain emergency response capacity in country offices where the work focus is mostly country capacity strengthening

3. Integrated, intersectoral approaches at subnational level can deliver valuable results within country capacity strengthening

4. Need to align financial and human resources to expected outcomes

5. Need to invest in knowledge management to ensure continuation in partner engagement