

Updates on Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations, System-Wide Evaluations, Global Joint-Evaluations and Global Syntheses

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23 May 2025 – Round table on evaluation reports

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Evaluations (IAHEs)

Finalized IAHE: Somalia drought response

- Evaluation launched in 2023, following rise in people needing assistance to 8.3 million.
- Scope: Drought Response between scaleup activation in Aug 2022 – 2024 (Data collection: May–July 2024)
- WFP received more than half of scaleup funding (total 2.3 million)



Five key messages from Somalia IAHE

Humanitarian assistance helped prevent famine and saved many lives. Nevertheless, a fundamental review of humanitarian security management is recommended.

The assistance did not prevent the erosion of resilience and had significant unintended effects, including aid diversion and displacement dynamics. The Evaluation recommends to strengthen awareness of how aid influences the behaviours and to adopt the lessons from the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) reform on aid diversion.

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High-quality early warning information was available, but **additional funding took too long to come in**. It is recommended to expand efforts to provide an integrated response to urgent needs.

The response lacked accountability to affected populations. The evaluation calls for systematic follow up to recommendations, increase transparency and engagement with affected people.

Coordination and leadership have led to innovation, but **coordination structures are overly complex** and fall short of some basic practices. It is recommended to cut coordination forums and meetings in half.

Ongoing IAHEs

IAHE Türkiye-Syria earthquake response

IAHE synthesis report

IAHE on Eastern DRC

This IAHE is assessing the IASC response to the twin earthquakes of February 2023, affecting Türkiye and Syria.

The report is in draft stage and is expected to be finalized in the coming months. This synthesis evaluation is intended to deliver critical evidence in support of decision making as part of the humanitarian reset.

All common IAHE topics are covered, including relevance of the collective response, coordination, nexus, localization, leadership, humanitarian principles, etc.

Report is expected for June.

Evaluation on the IASC Scale-Up to Respond to the 2023 Influx of Displaced People in North and South Kivu and Ituri.

Due to the security situation related access constraints in Eastern DRC, this IAHE has been paused at the inception stage until further notice.

System-Wide Evaluations (SWEs) and Global Joint Evaluations (GJEs)

System-wide summaries of UN evaluative evidence

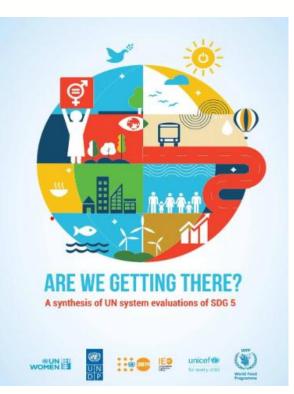
- Evaluation Management Group: Led by SWEO, with UNDP, UNFPA and WFP
- Objective: Inform 2024 Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) discussions using System-Wide evaluative evidence
- Evidence Base: 940 evaluations across the UN system (2021–mid-2024)
- **Outputs:** 5 summaries of evaluative evidence. WFP contributions:
 - **Towards sustainable food systems**, main insights:
 - Resilience, innovation, and sustainable financing key to transformation
 - UN collaboration needs strengthening
 - **Building a whole of system response to complex settings**, main insights:
 - Ensure multi-year, flexible funding and stronger partnerships
 - o Align goals with organizational capacities and apply risk-informed programming
 - Promote inclusive targeting, participation, and focus on gender and social inclusion
 - Integrate peacebuilding in development and humanitarian work

Ongoing joint global and system-wide evaluations

EVALUATION TYPE	TITLE	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE
SYSTEM- WIDE	 SWE of the UN Disability Inclusion SWE on Country Programme Derivation from and Alignment with UNSDCFs and United Nations Country Team (UNCT) Configuration 	Q4 2025 Q3 2025
JOINT	 Joint evaluation on food systems with Rome-based Agencies (RBA) Global Agriculture and Food Security Programme Evaluation Strategic Collective International Development and Humanitarian Assistance Response to COVID-19 	TBC Q2 2025 Q3 2025

Global Syntheses

Completed inter-agency syntheses



SDG 5 Synthesis (2024): Are we getting there? A synthesis of UN system evaluations of SDG 5 Gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Ongoing inter-agency syntheses



People Pillar Syntheses (2024-2025)



- Co-led by WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women and UNESCO.
- First synthesis for this Pillar focusing on the implementation and effectiveness of social protection for reaching the furthest behind.