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## MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT 2013



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**This document is submitted to the Executive Board for consideration.**

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## BACKGROUND

1. This document presents the management response to the 2013 Annual Evaluation Report, whose recommendations are timely as WFP embarks on the Strategic Plan (2014–2017). WFP appreciates the high quality of the evaluations in 2013 and their contribution to maximizing the effectiveness of its programmes.
2. WFP is pleased that the evaluation affirmed the relevance and effectiveness of its emergency responses as described in the country portfolio evaluations, and that its contribution to long-term resilience through food-for-assets interventions has demonstrated significant results.
3. The shortcomings in the design and implementation of the gender policy are reflected in the evaluations of country portfolios and the gender policy: the findings will guide the formulation of a more robust and actionable policy.
4. WFP acknowledges the need for a shift at the country level from a project focus to a strategic focus. In this context, the country strategy approach will entail holistic responses to national priorities, with particular attention to the needs of small country offices.





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Recommendations	Action by	Management response and actions	Implementation
<p><b>Recommendation 3: Develop a country-portfolio level monitoring and evaluation plan as a component of WFP's performance management system.</b> Building on recent commitments to enhance the evidence base and accountability for results, there is need to plan and implement evidence requirements appropriate to each country portfolio.</p>	<p>Monitoring Branch (RMPPM)/OSZ</p>	<p>Partially agreed. Project monitoring plans specifying indicators to be tracked, frequencies and responsibilities are required by the monitoring and evaluation (M&amp;E) standard operating procedures issued in December 2013.  As the performance-management system is developed, attention will be given to M&amp;E requirements at the country level.</p>	<p>Ongoing, in line with the country framework approach</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 4: Ensure full implementation of the agreed gender policy evaluation recommendations, providing a clear vision, appropriate capacity and incentives aligned with the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN SWAP).</b> As effective work on gender issues supports the effectiveness of all WFP's work, attention should be paid to enhancing understanding of what gender means for each WFP function, developing practical guidance for gender-sensitive programming and ensuring access to gender expertise.</p>	<p>Gender Office</p>	<p>Agreed. WFP is addressing the recommendations of the gender policy evaluation and has allocated funds to support four priorities in 2014; these include a new gender policy and roll-out of the WFP Gender Mainstreaming Accountability Framework.  In accordance with the Board's request at EB.1/2014, WFP will report on progress in implementing the recommendations of the gender policy evaluation at EB.2/2014.</p>	<p>Ongoing; see management response to the gender policy evaluation November 2014</p>

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