



World Food
Programme

Evaluation of WFP Policies on Humanitarian Principles and Access in Humanitarian Contexts

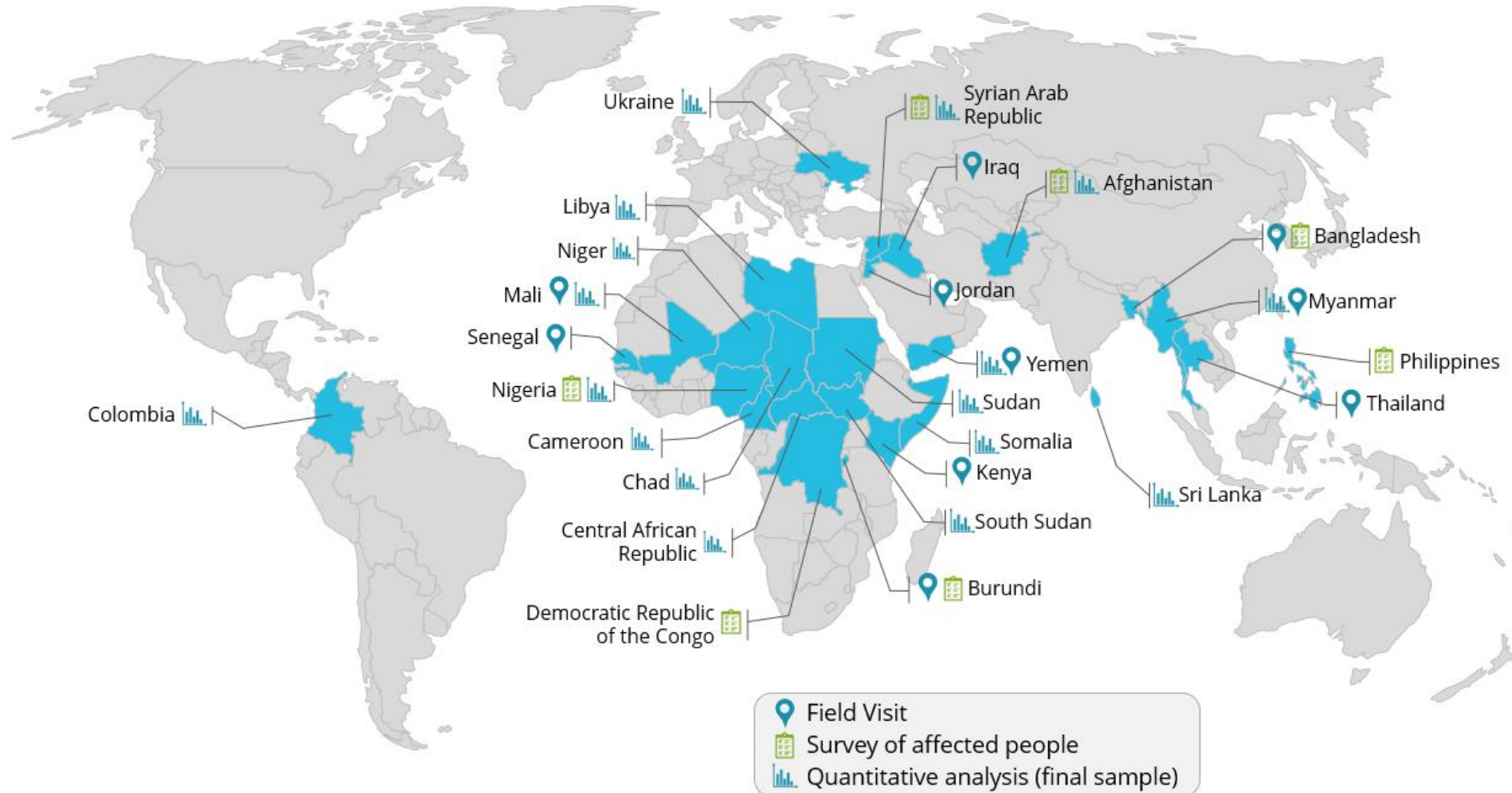
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Overview of Evaluation

- Focused on the period 2012–2017



Findings – Policy Quality



- Policies largely coherent and still relevant
- Fail to meet the standards of a fully-fledged policy
- Insufficient investment in dissemination and implementation
- Variable understanding of humanitarian principles
- Lack of clarity on WFP's approach to access

Findings – WFP Performance

ACCESS



- Strong performance in difficult operating environments
- Relatively strong access for delivering food assistance
- Restrictions on conduct of needs assessments and monitoring activities

Findings – WFP Performance

PRINCIPLES – UNEVEN PROGRESS



- Positive reputation for humanity
- Strong reputation for impartiality
- WFP's neutrality less positive
- Operational independence least understood

Findings: Factors affecting results



- WFP's mandate
- Organizational culture
- Relationships with partners
- Relationships with host governments
- Relationships with armed non-state actors
- Institutional processes and capacities

Conclusions and Lessons



Humanitarian principles and access highly relevant in today's context



Policies demand increased institutional attention and support



Strong access for delivery and related strong performance on humanity may imply compromises on other principles (impartiality, neutrality and operational independence)



Greater attention to a principled approach, and principled access for needs assessment and monitoring essential



Cross-functional approach required to successfully achieve policy aims

Recommendations



Strengthen policy dissemination



Prioritization of humanitarian principles



Strengthen staff competencies



Partnerships



Commercial partners



Needs assessment and data



Security capacity



Principled financing