



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of Lao People's Democratic Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan 2017-2021

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Context

❑ The evaluation

- Scope (2017 - October 2020)
- Provides evidence and lessons to inform the new Country Strategic Plan.

❑ In Lao PDR

- Food insecurity persistent
- Chronic undernutrition

❑ Lao PDR CSP

- **Shift:** from provision of food assistance to policy engagement and intensification of capacity strengthening



Conclusions



Shift to technical assistance has strengthened **WFP/government partnerships**



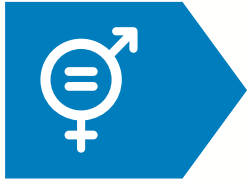
Recognition of WFP's traditional **strength and extensive reach**



School meals handover strategy proceeding well. More attention needed to the level of community ownership to ensure sustainable handover



Comprehensive approach to **country capacity strengthening** remaining a challenge



Gender widely mainstreamed



Comprehensive analytical framework, flexible funding and monitoring required for more **strategic engagement**

Recommendations

- 1** Deepen utilization of up to date evidence to support the shaping and implementation of a realistic scope and focus for the new CSP 2021-2025
- 2** Engage partners more strategically for stronger integration of partnerships within programming and with donors that support the needs of the CSP
- 3** Develop and integrate a country office approach to resilience strengthening and emergency preparedness and response
- 4** Strengthen the capacity of WFP staff to design and implement Country Capacity Strengthening
- 5** Reappraise and reinforce WFP's approach to support the Government's strategy to take over the school meal programme