



Workshop on WFP Resilience Policy Update

28 March 2024, 9:30–11:30 at WFP headquarters

Policy context

At its 2015 annual session, the Board approved the policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition to guide the organization's work in strengthening the capacity of the most vulnerable people to absorb, adapt and transform in the face of shocks and stressors to achieve sustainable food security and nutrition.¹ The 2023 policy evaluation² by the Office of Evaluation recommended that WFP update the policy, to improve conceptual clarity and better position WFP in the evolving resilience landscape. The evaluation further recommended that the policy update include a costed implementation plan and accountability framework. Launched in July 2023, the policy update process has included a desk review and wide internal and external consultation, supported by an external team, led by Stephen Anderson (Food Economy Group). During three round tables on resilience preceding and informing the policy, Member States were briefed and could discuss examples of WFP's resilience work in various contexts; the extensive partnerships with governments and other actors such as FAO, IFAD and GIZ that characterize WFP's resilience programmes; and the work on measurement and evidence including some results to date.

Session objective

To facilitate an open and inclusive dialogue on the proposed policy, gather diverse perspectives and feedback from all relevant EB stakeholders, and to use this input to refine and enhance the policy for better alignment with EB stakeholder needs and expectations.

Approach

The session objective emphasizes the importance of stakeholder engagement and the value of their feedback in shaping an effective policy. It underscores the workshop's role as a platform for open discussion and collaboration. The process aims to break down formality through the use of participatory approaches that encourage constructive engagement.

¹ "Policy on building resilience for food security and nutrition" (WFP/EB.A/2015/5-C).

² WFP. 2023. *Evaluation of WFP's Policy on Building Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition*.

Agenda

1. Welcome & setting the scene:

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations

2. Moderated discussions on key elements framing the resilience policy design process:

Based on your perspectives, and considering earlier EB-WFP consultations on resilience as well as the resilience policy annotated outline:

- What is the main value-added of WFP engagement in resilience? What should WFP prioritize to build resilience?
- What can WFP do better or differently? What should WFP not engage in?
- What does success look like to maximize WFP's contribution to resilience?

- Mr Stephen Anderson, The Food Economy Group (FEG)

3. Strategic reflections and key take-aways from the moderated discussion

- Ms Edith Heines, Director, Programme Policy & Guidance
- Mr Gernot Laganda, Director, Climate & Resilience
- Mr Volli Carucci, Director

4. Closing remarks

- Ms Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, Programme Operations