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## **ANNEX IX: IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 75/233 ON THE QUADRENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

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*This annex is provided in accordance with resolution 2013/5 of the Economic and Social Council, in which the council requested the United Nations funds and programmes to consolidate their current annual reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for the development of the United Nations system when reporting on the implementation of their strategic plans. This annex summarizes the progress made by WFP in implementing General Assembly resolution 75/223 on QCPR implementation in 2023. It follows the outline and wording of the QCPR monitoring and reporting framework adopted in 2021 and provides links to the relevant operative paragraphs of the resolution. For further details, Executive Board members may access a copy of the [2023 QCPR survey on the progress made at WFP headquarters in implementing United Nations General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the QCPR of operational activities for development of the United Nations system](#), available in English only.*

### **1. Tailored whole-of-system approaches with strong national ownership and leadership enable the United Nations development system (UNDS) to effectively address the full range of development challenges of our time, ensuring that no one is left behind and promoting human rights and gender equality**

WFP's country strategic plans (CSPs) are aligned with national priorities, United Nations sustainable development cooperation frameworks (UNSDCFs) and humanitarian response plans. In 2023, WFP revised its guidance on CSPs for country offices to integrate conflict sensitivity and articulate WFP's contributions to peace. Guidance was also updated in line with the monitoring, evaluation and reporting commitments related to the implementation of the WFP strategic plan and corporate results framework for 2022–2025. At the country level, WFP country directors are active members of United Nations country teams, contributing to common country analyses, UNSDCFs and humanitarian response plans. The strategic plan for 2022–2025 commits WFP to following the humanitarian–development–peace nexus approach when planning, implementing, monitoring and reporting on projects. Through its engagement in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee taskforce 4, WFP has also contributed to the development of cluster-specific guidance related to the humanitarian–development–peace nexus, focusing on the humanitarian aspects.

WFP has adopted a community engagement strategy for 2021–2026 aimed at strengthening the use of community engagement practices in WFP programmes. In November 2023, WFP adopted a new corporate [conflict sensitivity mainstreaming strategy](#), focusing on enhancing WFP's conflict analysis and work on conflict sensitivity. WFP's respect for human rights is reflected throughout its strategic plan and its normative and policy frameworks. In 2023, WFP continued to advance its protection and accountability agenda in accordance with the [WFP protection and accountability policy](#) of 2020, which is framed around the three foundational pillars of the United Nations: human rights, peace and security, and development. Also in 2023, as part of its commitment to the policy work of the Committee on World Food Security, WFP supported the development and adoption of [voluntary guidelines on gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition](#). Furthermore, WFP's approach to disability inclusion<sup>1</sup> supports the implementation of the [Secretary-General's United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy](#).

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<sup>1</sup> "WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021)" (WFP/EB.2/2020/4-B).

## **2. Coherent, integrated policy advice from the UNDS protects the planet, strengthens capacities and institutions and catalyses partnerships towards the acceleration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) achievement**

Through joint planning and partnerships, WFP contributes to the achievement of a broad range of SDGs. WFP is committed to protecting the environment and reducing the environmental impact of its operations by enhancing the use of its environmental management system. WFP currently has an operating environmental management system in 59<sup>2</sup> countries, with the Regional Bureau for Western Africa being the first regional bureau to fully scale up and launch a system in each of the 19 countries in its region. A new decarbonization fund and an expanded internal carbon tax have also been approved to support the scale-up of [WFP's energy efficiency programme](#). The organization regularly measures and offsets the emissions from its operations and executes decarbonization projects aimed at reducing overall carbon dioxide emissions by 45 percent by 2030.<sup>3</sup>

In addition to its climate adaptation and environmental protection efforts, in 2022 WFP enabled more than 15 million people to benefit from one or more climate risk management solutions. WFP supports host governments in meeting national goals and commitments related to disaster risk reduction for resilience and is promoting longer-term and integrated programmes that enable people to become economically self-sufficient and more resilient to sudden shocks. WFP is actively promoting joint programming and coordination with in-country partners in several key programme areas, including contributions to peace in hotspots of organized violence, area-based approaches that foster healthy nutrition and water supplies, the leveraging of national social protection systems to support a broader range of vulnerable population groups, and the building of resilient food systems through local procurement.

## **3. The UNDS moves progressively towards integrated action through the full support provided by all entities for the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, a new generation of United Nations country teams with tailored country presence based on the UNSDCF, harmonized instruments and common business operations**

In 2023, WFP transferred USD 2.44 million to the special purpose trust fund for the resident coordinator system.<sup>4</sup> Also in 2023, WFP was involved in two actions aimed at supporting the integrated work of resident coordinators and United Nations country teams at the field level by contributing to the output indicator framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group and advancing a pilot on the feasibility of achieving interoperability on the UN INFO platform. These tasks supported the development of common approaches and harmonized indicators, and the measurement of system-wide results.

WFP has also been advocating increased coherence in planning and reporting throughout the UNDS and suggests that UN INFO incorporate data on all the work of United Nations country teams, including work carried out in close coordination with other joint United Nations frameworks and plans (including humanitarian response plans). WFP actively participated in the inter-agency programme working group and liaises with the United Nations Development Coordination Office. This collaboration has resulted in the development of global guidance on a new generation of joint programmes, updated guidance on UNSDCFs in exceptional circumstances, and an updated policy on integrated assessments and planning, among other products. WFP also contributes to the framing of the regional architecture for the UNDS through

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<sup>2</sup> [WFP's EMS Implementation Map](#) dashboard for tracking progress (internal).

<sup>3</sup> Annual environmental performance metrics are presented as cross-cutting issues in the programme performance section of this annual performance report, in annual country reports, on WFP's internal environmental dashboard and on the United Nations Environment Programme's [Greening the Blue](#) platform.

<sup>4</sup> "[Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 \(repositioning the United Nations development system\)](#)" (WFP/EB.A/2023/5-D).

regional collaboration platforms and related mechanisms, and actively participates in the global shared services task team composed of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Office for Project Services, WFP and the World Health Organization (WHO). In 2023, the United Nations booking hub, the largest global shared service run by WFP, and the United Nations Fleet, a global shared service for the management and supply of light vehicles, achieved significant progress. For further details please see the annual performance report for 2023.

#### **4. Enhanced accountability, transparency and efficiencies and a focus on collective results incentivize more sustainable and better-quality funding, in line with the Funding Compact**

WFP is committed to taking measures at every stage of its operations in order to prevent fraud and diversion and identify and address wrongdoing. Most of WFP's assistance is delivered in areas where there is a high risk of fraud and corruption, which is exacerbated by political, security and access constraints. In April 2023, WFP launched a high-level task force for a global assurance project aimed at putting "end-to-end" assurance and internal control measures in place in all high-risk operations. The project aims to clarify accountabilities, strengthen systems, streamline processes and ensure that country offices get the necessary advice and support to address these issues.

The corporate result framework for 2022–2025 aligns WFP more closely with other United Nations entities through the formulation of corporate-level outputs, the selection and identification of common and complementary indicators and the integration of QCPR mandates and guidance. As the custodian of selected indicators in the [United Nations Sustainable Development Group's output indicator framework](#), WFP has also continued to participate in discussions on the framework coordinated by the Development Coordination Office. In addition, WFP continues to report on progress against the indicators for the UNDS Funding Compact.

Funding dialogues are managed primarily through the strategic plan approval process, while annual funding is addressed through the adoption of the WFP management plan, with progress and results reported in the annual performance report. Through its management plan, WFP reports annually to the Board on the implementation of its approved cost-recovery policies and rates.<sup>5</sup>

#### **5. System-wide coordination, coherence and effectiveness of operational activities for development, including on strategic planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation, are facilitated by improved UNDS governance and oversight**

WFP's internal guidance on the UNSDCF process stresses the importance for country offices of actively participating in working groups on results related to the UNSDCF and on the formulation and implementation of joint workplans, ensuring that WFP's development-oriented country-level programming objectives are reflected clearly. In 2023, WFP issued practical advice for country offices through internal guidance on joint programmes, in line with system-wide guidance and explicitly anchoring joint programmes in common country analyses, UNSDCFs and joint workplans. WFP's development portfolio across all of its second-generation CSPs is directly derived from the UNSDCFs, and 90 percent of second-generation CSPs are currently aligned with UNSDCF cycles.

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<sup>5</sup> ["Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 \(repositioning the United Nations development system\)"](#) (WFP/EB.A/2023/5-D).

In 2023, as part of its commitment to system-wide evaluations, WFP conducted joint evaluations in seven countries: Chad, Kenya, Lebanon, Mauritania, the Niger, Nigeria and the State of Palestine. In five of those evaluations, WFP led the evaluation process, while UNICEF was the lead agency in the remaining two. In terms of partnerships, the seven evaluations were co-managed with UNICEF, the United Nations Population Fund, the International Labour Organization, UNHCR, WHO, UNDP and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

All of the reports on WFP's centralized, decentralized and impact evaluations are published on WFP's website.<sup>6</sup> Nearly 80 percent of all WFP evaluations completed in 2023 received a timely management response to the recommendations made. Current delays may be attributed to increased consultations and consensus-building on some joint evaluations. WFP reports annually to the Board on its progress in implementing the UNDS repositioning initiatives and the QCPR commitments. It also publishes data on funding in accordance with the data standard of the International Aid Transparency Initiative.

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<sup>6</sup> WFP Independent evaluation.