



**RMD**Risk Management Division

SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES

## Risk Management at WFP

**Our mission** is to enable risk management leadership throughout WFP supported by integrated tools, guidance, insightful analysis and continuous learning.

- We aim to establish a systematic and disciplined approach to identifying and managing risks throughout WFP, including fraud risks.
- Key risk management areas across WFP include risk analysis, reporting and triangulation of oversight findings, management assurance on internal controls, coordination of donor reviews, organizational resilience/business continuity management and an integrated corporate digital solution for governance, risk and compliance (Risk and Recommendation Tracking tool - R2).
- Global network of Regional Bureau- and field-based Risk Officers, Risk Focal Points, and Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Officers help bring the risk management process to life closest to our operations and the people we serve.



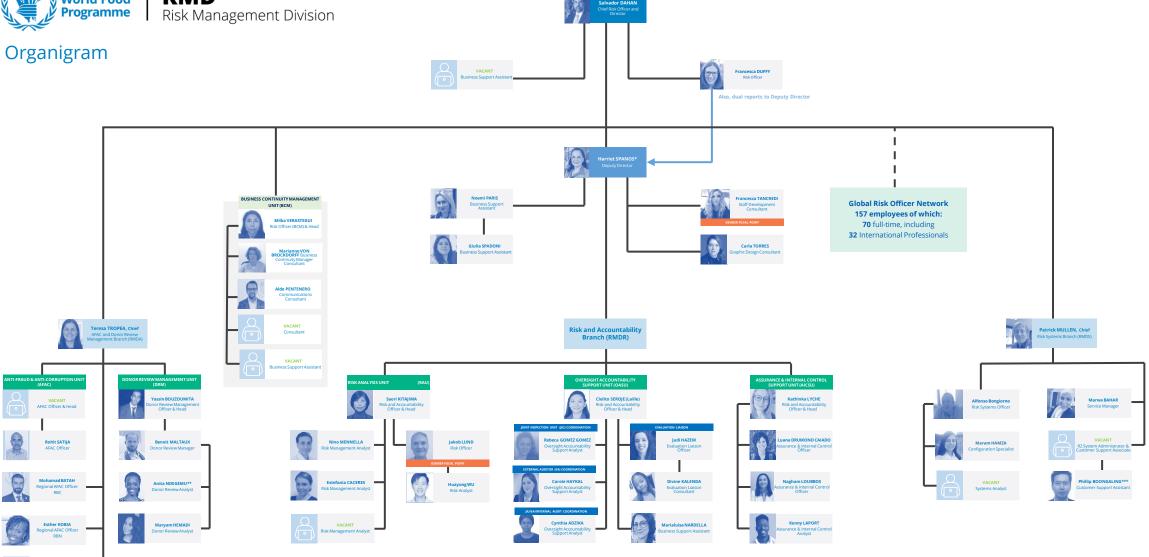
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VACANT Regional AFAC Officer



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<sup>\*\*</sup> On TDY with OASU from 25 June to 31 October 2024

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Supporting Front Office 25%

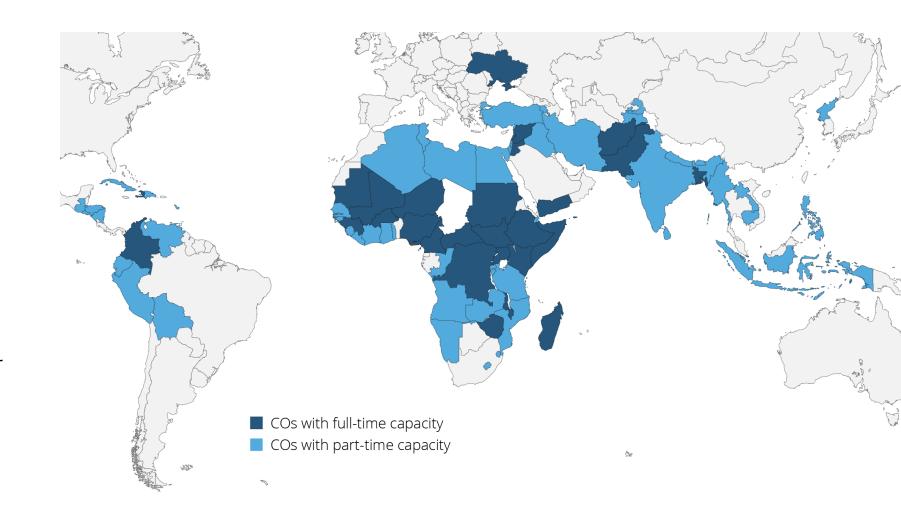
## Risk Management Expanding Global Network and Engagement

#### **Risk Network:**

- 32 Country Offices and 6 Regional Bureaux with full-time risk capacity
- 50 Country Offices with part-time capacity

#### **Mobile Risk Officers:**

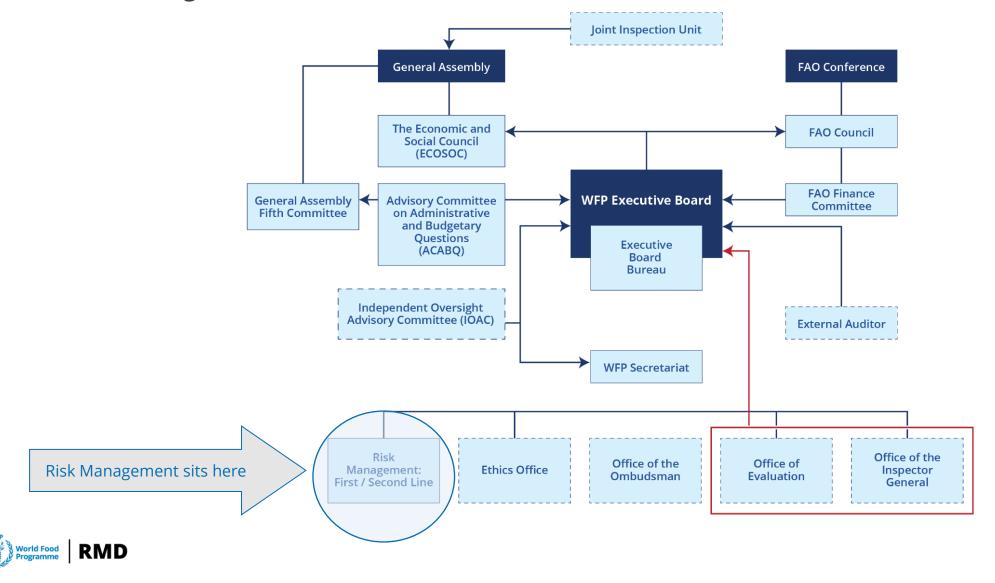
- Since March 2022, RMD coordinated 30+ temporary duty deployments, in line with 2022 risk management maturity review and External Auditor recommendations
- Continuous and ongoing regional support





## WFP's Overall Governance and Oversight Architecture:

Where risk management sits

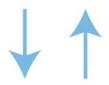


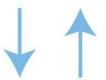
### **Three Lines Model**

#### **GOVERNING BODY**

Accountability to stakeholders for organizational oversight

Governing body roles: Integrity, leadership, and transparency





#### **MANAGEMENT**

Actions (including managing risk) to achieve organizational objectives

#### **FIRST** line roles:

Provision of products / services to clients; managing risk

#### **SECOND** line roles:

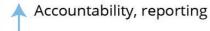
Expertise, support, monitoring and challenge on risk-related matters

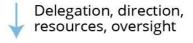
## INTERNAL AUDIT & EVALUATION Independent assurance

#### **THIRD** line roles:

Independent and objective assurance and advice on all matters related to the achievement of objectives **EXTERNAL ASSURANCE PROVIDERS** 

KEY:







Alignment, communication, coordination, collaboration



## Overview of Risk Management at WFP and EB Oversight Role

#### **Board documents institutionally led by RMD:**

- Internal Control Framework (OED 2015/016)<sup>1</sup>; and
- <u>Board-approved 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy</u><sup>2</sup>, <u>2018 Oversight Framework</u><sup>3</sup>, and <u>2021 Revised Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy</u><sup>4</sup>.

#### **Processes requiring annual updates to the Executive Board:**

- Annual Executive Director Assurance Exercise which forms the Executive Director's Statement
   on Internal Control (published in the <u>Audited Annual Accounts</u>) and related <u>Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues</u> (Annual Session);
- Coordination and follow-up related to a) reviews conducted by the <u>Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System (JIU)</u> (First Regular Session) and b) corporate performance audits conducted by the <u>External Auditor</u> (Annual Session); and
- <u>Management response to the Annual Evaluation Report</u> and <u>Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations Report</u> (Annual Session).

## Processes requiring regular updates to the internal Risk Committee (new), WFP Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) and Executive Director:

- Corporate Risk Register (updated twice annually and presented to Risk Committee) for endorsement and IOAC thereafter)<sup>5</sup>; and
- Implementation status of Evaluation, JIU, External Auditor and Internal Audit oversight recommendations (quarterly updates to IOAC, updates to the Executive Director for relaying progress during pre-Board List meetings).

## Key organizational governance process in place since 2011 – WFP first to implement in UN system

The Executive Director provides assurance to the Executive Board on the effectiveness of internal controls in WFP as required by <u>Financial Rule 112.11, under Financial Regulation 12.1 (OED2021/019)</u>

Findings summarized in following reports, giving a voice to WFP management on risk and control matters:

Executive Director's Statement on Internal Control (SIC) Management Review (MR) of Significant Risk and Control Issues

Bottom-up feedback from WFP management triangulated with oversight and other evidence to assess WFP's overall control system

WFP management provides assurance to the Executive Director on the effectiveness internal controls in their office

<sup>1</sup> Framework established in September 2011 and updated via Executive Director Circular in 2015 upon United Nations adoption of Three Lines in 2014.

<sup>2</sup> First policy approved by the EB in 2005 and the second in 2015. NEW POLICY expected 2025 onward, after evaluation is conducted.

<sup>3</sup> First policy approved by the EB in 2011 and previously owned by the Inspector General. NEW FRAMEWORK expected 2025 onward, taking into account the 2023 JIU Accountability Frameworks Review and the EB Governance Review findings. 4 First policy approved by the EB in 2010 and the second in 2015, both previously owned by the Inspector General.

<sup>5</sup> Established in September 2011 to mainstream risk management, it considers risks that occur globally, focuses executive management attention to ensure accountability for addressing these risks, and facilitates priority decision-making around these risks.

## Induction Background: External assurance and internal oversight

Governance and functional structure and reporting

#### External Audit (EA)

#### **EB** reporting:

- RMD designated institutional focal point for corporate performance and field audits, monitoring / tracking recommendations
- RMD prepares annual EA recommendations implementation status report [embedded annex in Audited Annual Accounts (from EB.A/2024)]
- Where applicable, findings/synergies summarized in RMD's Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues (EB.A)
- From EB.2/2024: Separate summary field report on EA Management Letters

#### **Management reporting:**

- Risk Committee/<u>IOAC</u>/ED Briefs
- EA recommendations monitoring, validation & closure

#### Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)\*

#### **EB** reporting:

- RMD designated institutional focal point for JIU reviews and UN System Chief Executives Board (CEB) coordination
- RMD prepares JIU annual report for EB.1
- Regular email updates via EBS on JIU reports issued throughout year (effective Jun 2023)
- Where applicable, findings/synergies summarized in RMD's Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues (EB.A)

#### Management reporting:

- Occasional surveys to field (e.g., racism, discrimination, insurance, PSEA)
- External Oversight dashboard (to be made available to EB on restricted site – in progress)
- Risk Committee/<u>IOAC</u>/ED Briefs

\*Established by General Assembly Resolution 31/192 (22 December 1976), the JIU is the only independent external oversight body of the United Nations system mandated to conduct evaluations, inspections, and investigations system-wide

## Office of Internal Audit (OIGA), Office of Inspector General (OIG)

#### **EB** reporting:

- OIGA issues recommendations (a.k.a. as "agreed actions") from internal audit, inspection and proactive integrity review (PIR) reports. With the exception of PIRs, which are unrated, recommendations are classified in terms of "Medium" or "High" priority. Summarized in Annual Report of the Inspector General (EB.A).
- Internal audit reports and accompanying management comments posted on WFP's public website since 2013, in accordance with the Revised policy for disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General (4th iteration since 2010) which allows Permanent Representations accredited to WFP to request various OIG reports
- Where applicable, findings/synergies summarized in RMD's Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues (EB.A)

#### **Management reporting:**

- RMD reports on Corporate Results Framework Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in Annual Performance Report (EB.A)
- Risk Committee/IOAC/ED Briefs

#### Office of Evaluation (OEV)

#### **EB** reporting:

- OEV issues impartial, systematic assessments of WFP activities, operations, strategies and policies via: i) Centralized evaluations commissioned and managed by OEV and presented to EB for consideration; ii) Decentralized evaluations commissioned and managed by management; and iii) Impact evaluations managed by OEV at the request of country offices.
- Management responses to centralized evaluations are presented to EB at each session, preceded by roundtable
- Management responses to the Annual Evaluation Report and Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations Report presented at EB.A (at EB.A/2024, a qualitative analysis was included by management for 1st time in latter)
- Where applicable, findings/synergies summarized in RMD's Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues (EB.A)

#### **Management reporting:**

- RMD report Corporate Results Framework Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in Annual Performance Report (EB.A)
- Risk Committee/<u>IOAC</u>/ED Briefs/Informal sessions and roundtables



## Risk Management at WFP

**Risk Framework Roles and Responsibilities Risk Appetite REGIONAL / COUNTRY DIRECTORS** To achieve common understanding **STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL** of those risks with which WFP is Risk Hungry Risk Averse FIRST LINE comfortable and those it is not among Assign Risk Owners internal and external stakeholders **RISK OWNERSHIP** • Define/Monitor Risk Identification Risk appetite Risk Assessment Risk Appetite Statements and **FIDUCIARY** metrics **FINANCIAL** Risk Mitigation Highly Risk **Risk Monitoring** mechanisms to embed them Risk Averse Chair regular risk Averse discussion throughout the organization with risk metrics for tracking **SECOND LINE**  Strengthen Focus on potential accountability **RISK APPETITE** Risk Risk mechanisms events/incidents which might have Policies and Escalation Assessment Standards • Advise, Guide & RISK the largest impact on WFP today and Challenge in each **APPETITE** in the future risk specialism Decisions and **FUNCTIONAL HEADS** resources



## **Risk Management** Lifecycle



#### SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM RISKS

HIGHLY RISK AVERSE

3.1 Employee, Health,

Safety & Security

3.3 Fraud & Corruption

**FIDUCIARY** 

#### **RISK HUNGRY**

#### STRATEGIC 1.1 Programme

1.2 External Relationship 1.3 Context

#### RISK AVERSE

- **OPERATIONAL** 2.1 Beneficiary Health, Safety & Security
- 2.2 Partners & Vendors 3.2 Breach of Obligations 2.3 Assets
- 1.4 Business Model 2.4 IT & Communications
  - 2.5 Business Process
  - 2.6 Governance & Oversight

#### RISK AVERSE

- **FINANCIAL** 4.1 Price Volatility
- 4.2 Assets & Investments

## **ASSESS**

#### WHICH RISKS UNDERMINE WFP'S PROGRAMMES AND OPERATIONS?

How serious are the risks? Seriousness = Likelihood x Impact

Which risks is the office NOT willing to take?



Consider Country Context

Work with stakeholders on seriousness

### **MONITOR**

#### **ESTABLISH PRIORITY RISKS**

[Greatest impact on objectives]

Develop Key Risk Indicators (KRIs) to reflect the risk thresholds of the office

Identify points at which we determine risk response as parameters to trigger escalation

Pro-actively monitor KRIs and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and review risk reporting at least every quarter

## **MITIGATE**

#### RISK RESPONSE

**AVOID ACCEPT** REDUCE No No mitigation Mitigate to

bring within appetite

**SHARE PURSUE** Mitigate to bring within mitigation appetite

Risk escalation to appropriate level of management

(Risk within

appetite)

mitigation

Can't mitigate? Avoid or Escalate

**HEAD OF OFFICE:** accountable

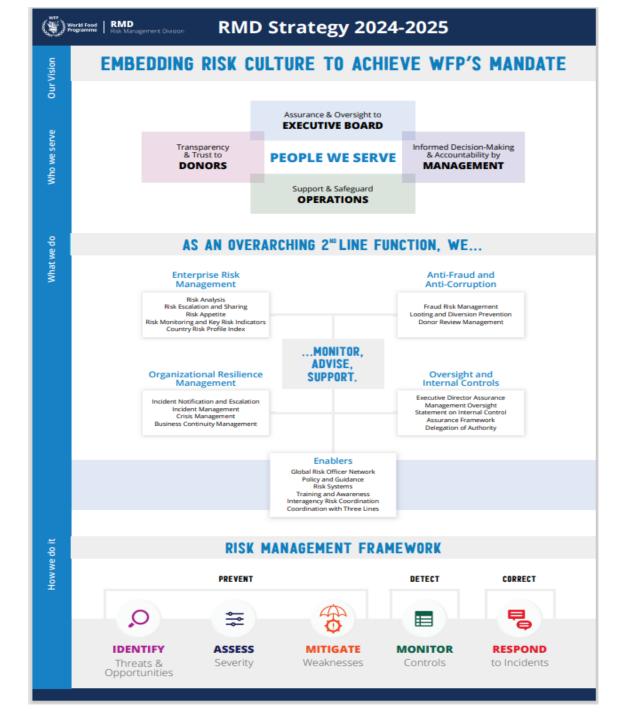
MANAGE RISKS

**RISK OWNERS:** responsible





## **RMD Strategy 2024-2025**





## **Progress on Risk Monitoring and Embedding Risk since last Policy approval**



- Roles of field managers in risk monitoring defined
- Rollout of ERM Policy through field visits and training / workshops

Riskinformed operational adjustments

- Global Country Office risk register analysis
- Risk reporting, KRI template, KRI Library
- Refined Risk Catalogue



- 26 COs & 2 RB quarterly report on key risk behaviors: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen, Zimbabwe, and Western Africa Regional Bureau (RBD) and Southern Africa Bureau (RBJ). 8 COs in process of identifying KRIs.
- 23 CO & 4 RB Risk Committees established in: Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Yemen, Middle East-North Africa-Eastern Europe Regional Bureau (RBC), Eastern Africa Regional Bureau (RBD), Western Africa Regional Bureau (RBN), Southern Africa Regional Bureau (RBI).



3 COs

started

reporting

**KRIs** 

15 COs reporting KRIs

Dec 2023 21 COs & 2 RBx reporting KRIs

As of 31 Jul 2024 26 COs & 2 RBx reporting KRIs

2023

2024



## **Risk Community of Practice Continued Engagement and Achievements**

#### **TRAINING & GUIDANCE**



- Risk Management Learning Path launched in Oct 2022
- Country Director (CD)/Deputy CD Induction
- Risk Webinar for Senior Managers
- ERM Manual
- RMD Collection (Knowledge Management on WFPgo)
- RMD Onboarding for Risk Professionals
- Risk Monitoring Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- SOP on Fraud Allegation Management for Division Directors, staff & AFAC Focal Points
- Loss Reporting Protocol
- External facing Key Risk Information Sharing Template
- Overarching Incident Escalation Guideline

#### e-learning Stats (since launch)

- Three Lines 7,599 (Sep 2019)\*
- Minimum Control Standards for Managing 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties in Emergencies – 1,168 (Jun 2021)
- Intro to Risk Mgmt. 3,528 (Nov 2021)
- Internal Control in Action 4,897 (May 2022) \*\*
- Risk Mgmt. for Senior Decision-Makers 2,204 (Jun 2022)
- Revamped with ETO corporate mandatory PSEA/AFAC
   WeLearn training launched 5 Sep: 94% completion rate as of 23 Sep 2024 21,233 out of 22,422 eligible staff
- \* broke 1st non-mandatory training record
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#### **ENGAGEMENT**



- Risk Network
  - 157 members (70 Full-Time & 87 Part-Time)
  - Global Risk Officers Retreat (24-27 Jan 2023): 52 Risk
     Officers participated
- Monthly calls with updates from regions and country offices on exchange of views/risk management practices, supported by HQ functional leads invited as guest speakers (e.g., Ethics on Organizational Conflicts of Interest, etc.)
- o First Regional Bureau Risk Officer Retreat (18-20 Jul 2023)
- Risk management updates to HQ Governance
   Committee: Positive CRR engagement and Framework for Management Oversight
- RMD Year in Review
- External Engagement:
  - HLCM Risk Forum:
  - Other UN: FAO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WIPO
  - Grand Bargain/ICRC Risk Sharing Platform including participation in a tabletop exercise
  - Internal Control in Action, Risk Management Life-Cycle & AFAC Awareness for CPs training materials uploaded to UN Partner Portal

#### **SECOND LINE**



- Framework for Management Oversight at WFP (OED2023/007)
- Missions / TDYs including to conduct Fraud Risk Self-Assessments
- Performance Planning and Risk Registers coordination: webinar
- Risk monitoring implementation / support
- · CO risk profile and thematic analysis:
  - Dissemination of <u>Country Office Risk Register Thematic Analysis</u> to Country, Regional and Functional Directors, and Global Risk Officer Network annually
- Annual Executive Director Assurance Exercise triangulation and analysis reporting to COs, RBx and functions:
  - o Global and regional webinars on results
- Second Line risk implementation (selected):
  - o Anti-Fraud Anti-Corruption guidance and training
  - o BCM implementation working group
  - Cash-Based Transfers fraud risks catalogue, assurance framework
  - o Corporate travel standards memorandum
  - o Environment and Social Sustainability framework
  - Emergency protocols
  - o Food Safety & Quality guidance and risk appetite statement
  - o Global Assurance Project
  - Guidance on direct assistance provision through government entities
- Insurance policy / strategy
- Localization policy
- o Personal Data Privacy Task Force
- Risk management workshops
- o Thematic risk register guidance

## **Risk Management Division Learning Channel**

#### **Learning Essentials**

#### Introduction to risk management -

• provides structured approach to integrating risk management in WFP work plans and activities through risk identification, risk assessment, risk response & mitigation and risk monitoring.

#### Three Lines -

- provides an introduction to WFP risk management model and internal controls outlined in 2018
   WFP Oversight Framework
- most popular non-mandatory course in 2020

#### **Internal Control in Action –**

- accompanied by complementary field guide
- provides practical advice on how to implement better and smarter controls using WFP specific real-life examples
- most popular non-mandatory course in 2022 and to date

#### **For Risk Professionals**

#### Minimum Control Standards for Managing Third Party Risks in Emergencies -

- launched during COVID-19 pandemic
- · designed to support colleagues in reducing likelihood of fraud and wrongdoing during emergencies
- focused on work with third parties (NGOs, vendors, Financial Service Providers)

#### **Risk Management for Decision-Makers -**

- builds on Intro to Risk Management course
- targets more senior staff, however, other levels have taken

## Risk Management Learning path 4-course certification –

- •Three Lines launched Sep 2019, 7,928 learners to date
- Introduction to Risk Management launched Nov 2021, 3,224 learners to date
- Internal Control in Action launched May 2022, 4,753 learners to date
- Risk Management for Senior Decision-Makers launched Jun 2022, 2,021 learners to date







## **July 2024 Corporate Risk Register**

| Corporate risk           | Lead                      | Trend         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Fraud & corruption       | Deputy Executive Director | <b>→</b>      |
| Beneficiary protection   | Programme Operations      | <b>→</b>      |
| Operational partnerships | Programme Operations      | <b>→</b>      |
| Funding gap              | Partnerships & Innovation | NEW           |
| Employee duty of care    | Workplace & Management    | $\rightarrow$ |
| Digital transformation   | Workplace & Management    | <b>→</b>      |
| Programme focus          | Programme Operations      | <b>→</b>      |
| Workforce alignment      | Workplace & Management    | $\rightarrow$ |
| Next review in           | late early December 2024  |               |



## **2024 CRR Example Dashboard**

## 1. Fraud & Corruption

Fiduciary

C. SKAU DED & COO



| RISK CAUSE   | RISK EVENT   | RISK EFFECT   |
|--|--|---|
| <ul> <li>Complex operating environments</li> <li>Limited monitoring capabilities</li> <li>Insufficient mechanisms to identify, prevent or detect fraud and corruption</li> <li>Insufficient capacity at RB and CO-level for the management and oversight of CPs</li> <li>Insufficient coverage and frequency of monitoring activities</li> </ul> | Employees/Vendors/CPs/Host Communities engaging in and/or facilitating fraud and corruption, including:  • Misappropriation of assets  • Misrepresentation of information  • Offering or accepting bribes  • Colluding for an improper purpose | <ul> <li>Loss of WFP resources</li> <li>Funding withdrawal/suspension</li> <li>Low employee morale and decreased productivity</li> <li>Compromised relationships with host governments, CPs and vendors</li> <li>Under-achievement of objectives</li> <li>Loss of trust / reputational risks</li> </ul> |

| NE | W MITIGATION ACTIONS  | OWNER<br>(SUPPORT)      | STATUS      | DUE<br>DATE |
|----|---|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1  | Ensure focused fraud risk assessments carried out in all high-risk COs at least once every three years  | RMD                     | 94%         | Q4 24       |
| 2  | Augment RB Management Services' capacities to systematically conduct risk-based oversight missions to COs & improve performance management dashboards | MSD                     | Complete    | Q4 23       |
| 3  | In the Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) area, review and publish guidance on handling fraud allegations coming through the CFM                      | PPG (RMD)               | In progress | Q3 24       |
| 4  | Update the existing guidance on mandatory compliance of spot-checks   | Operational<br>Partners | In progress | Q4 24       |

|            | KEY RISK INDICATOR   | Owner        | 2021 | 2022     | 2023      | 2024<br>May        | Threshold        |
|------------|--|--------------|------|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|
|            | % completion of mandatory  |              |      |          |           |                    | >80%             |
|            | training on prevention of  | RMD          | 90%  | 94%      | 49%       | 94%                | 65-80%           |
|            | fraud and SEA  |              |      |          |           |                    | <65%             |
|            | % completion of Appual   |              |      |          |           |                    | >99%             |
|            | % completion of Annual<br>Conflict of Interest & Financial<br>Disclosure Programme | ETO          | 100% | 100% 99% | 99% 99.9% | <b>87.5%</b> (Jun) | 90-99%           |
| ΝE         |  |              |      |          |           |                    | <90%             |
| PREVENTIVE | % of food procurement waivers  |              | 13%  | 13%      | 19%       |                    | <10%             |
| E          |  | sco          |      |          |           | 22%                | 10-20%           |
| R          |  |              |      |          |           |                    | >20%             |
|            | % of goods and service procurement waivers   |              |      | 25%      | 25%       | 25%                | <10%             |
|            |  | sco          | 27%  |          |           |                    | 10-20%           |
|            | ,  |              |      |          |           |                    | >20%             |
|            |  |              |      | 385      | 335       |                    | <100             |
|            | # of officers with high-risk role<br>combinations in WINGS                         | FIN /<br>SCO | 377  |          |           | 167                | 100-200          |
|            |  |              |      |          |           |                    | >200             |
| VE         |  |              |      |          |           |                    | 80-100           |
| DETECTIVE  | # of fraud and corruption<br>cases reported to OIGI                                | OIG          | 443  | 491      | 825       | 418                | 60-80<br>100-200 |
| ä          |  |              |      |          |           |                    | <60 / >200       |

<sup>\*</sup> Most material fraud incidents have a moderate financial impact, but the reputational impact may be severe leading to suspension or withdrawal of donor funding.

## **WFP Risk Categorization**

Four risk categories, 15 risk areas and 41 risk types

| Risk hungry  |                           |       | Risk averse                |       |                          |       | Highly risk averse                  | Risk averse |                          |  |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Strategic |                           |       | 2. Operational             |       |                          |       | 3. Fiduciary                        |             | 4. Financial             |  |
| 1.1          | Programme                 | 2.1   | Beneficiary Health, Safety | 2.5   | <b>Business Process</b>  | 3.1   | Employee Health, Safety             | 4.1         | Price Volatility         |  |
| 1.1.1        | Intervention misaligned   |       | and Security               | 2.5.1 | Supply chain disruption  |       | and Security                        |             |                          |  |
|              | with outcome              | 2.1.1 | Poor assistance quality    | 2.5.2 | Mistimed scale-up/down   | 3.1.1 | Inadequate occupational             | 4.2         | Assets and               |  |
| 1.1.2        | Skills shortage/          | 2.1.2 | Lack of protection         | 2.5.3 | Disruption from change   |       | health or psychosocial well-        |             | Investments              |  |
| 4.4.0        | mismatch                  |       |                            |       | programmes               | 212   | being                               | 4.2.1       | Misutilization of assets |  |
| 1.1.3        | Funding insufficient      | 2.2   | Partners and Vendors       |       | _                        | 3.1.2 | Poor safety                         | 4.2.2       | Investment loss          |  |
|              |                           | 2.2.1 | Inadequate availability or | 2.6   | Governance and           | 3.1.3 | Insufficient security               |             |                          |  |
| 1.2          | External relationship     |       | capacity                   |       | Oversight                |       | B 1 50111 11                        |             |                          |  |
| 1.2.1        | Restrictive donor funding | 2.2.2 | Poor/inconsistent quality  | 2.6.1 | Poor decision-making     | 3.2   | Breach of Obligations               |             |                          |  |
| 1.2.2        | Misalignment with UN      | 2.2.3 | Inability to safeguard own |       | processes/quality        | 3.2.1 | Policies and standards              |             |                          |  |
|              | system, governments,      |       | security                   | 2.6.2 | Inadequate monitoring,   | 3.2.2 | Regulations or laws                 |             |                          |  |
|              | partners and non-state    |       |                            |       | reporting and escalation | 3.2.3 | Third party contracts               |             |                          |  |
|              | groups                    | 2.3   | Assets                     | 2.6.3 | Lack of accountability   | 3.2.4 | Donor agreements                    |             |                          |  |
| 1.2.3        | Disinformation            | 2.3.1 | Deliberate damage          |       |                          |       |                                     |             |                          |  |
|              |                           | 2.3.2 | Accident                   |       |                          | 3.3   | Fraud and Corruption                |             |                          |  |
| 1.3          | Context                   |       |                            |       |                          | 3.3.1 | Corruption                          |             |                          |  |
| 1.3.1        | Conflict                  | 2.4   | IT and Communications      |       |                          | 3.3.2 | Misappropriation-Cash               |             |                          |  |
| 1.3.2        | Natural disaster          | 2.4.1 | Utility outage/            |       |                          | 3.3.3 | Misappropriation-Other              |             |                          |  |
| 1.3.3        | Economic crisis           |       | disruption                 |       |                          |       | Assets                              |             |                          |  |
|              |                           | 2.4.2 | System failure             |       |                          | 3.3.4 | Fraudulent reports                  |             |                          |  |
| 1.4          | <b>Business model</b>     | 2.4.3 | Cyber incidents            |       |                          |       | ·                                   |             |                          |  |
| 1.4.1        | Failure to innovate       |       | -                          |       |                          | 11.   | so it as a <b>spot shoeklist</b> tr | a idant     | ificariority rials       |  |



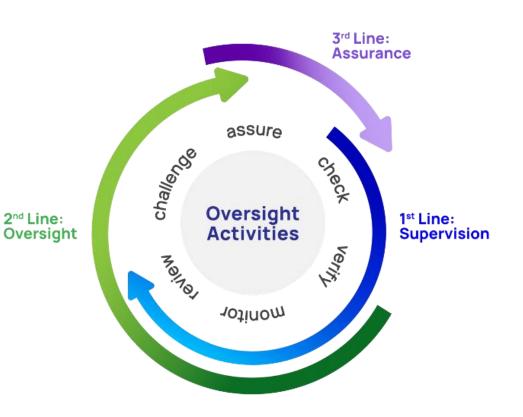
1.4.2 Weak/poor execution

Use it as a **spot checklist** to identify priority risks and some other risks one might have missed

## Framework for Management Oversight at WFP

## Practical tips for Management Oversight

- **1.** Conduct continuous oversight with performance lenses
- 2. Plan at least two months ahead
- **3.** Ensure adequate senior technical expertise
- 4. Collaborate with concerned units
- **5.** Document findings & define action plan
- **6.** Escalate & follow-up high priority recommendations
- 7. Constructively challenge the first line
- **8.** Provide support to address issues





## **Management Review of Significant Risk and Control Issues, 2023**

The Executive Director's
Assurance Exercise
concluded in January 2024
with **94% submission**rate by the deadline.

Enhancements to the 2023 Executive Director's Assurance Exercise included:

- Incorporating WFP's Reassurance Action Plan elements by sharpening questions across all control areas and adding a new section on targeting;
- **Streamlining while addressing gaps** by reducing duplicative questions and adding new topics such as supply chain; and
- Extensive sharing of findings, tailored analyses and results webinar.

## Risk and control challenges prioritized in the Management Review for further attention:

**Carry-over issues** 

Talent management and workforce planning

Workplace culture and conduct

NGO management

Identity management and IT solutions

**Emerging issues** 

Monitoring and assessment

Resource mobilization and donor relations

Programmatic partnerships and host government engagement

Supply chain and procurement (reemerging)

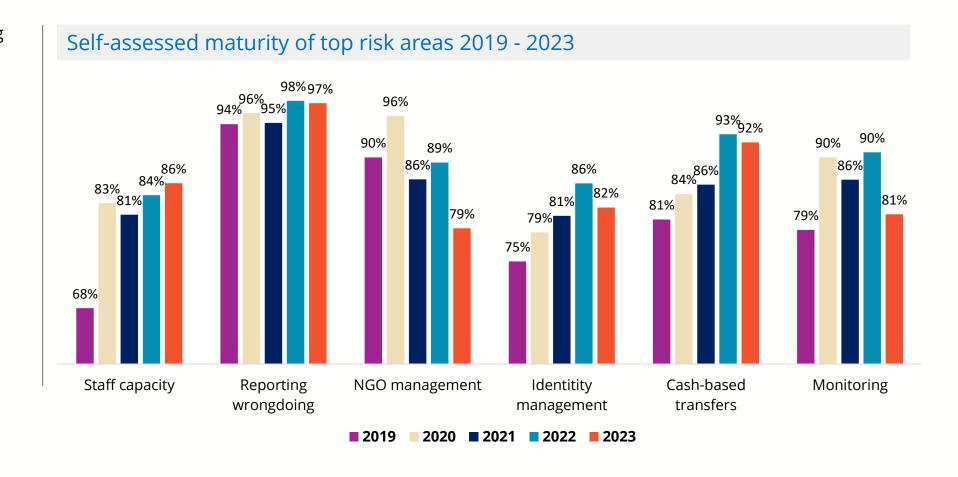


## **2023 Management Review:** Quinquennium analysis

Marking the 5-year anniversary of the revised Executive Assurance Exercise process, the document includes quinquennium analysis covering 2019 to 2023.

Between 2019 and 2023, among the current **top six risk areas**, **NGO management** (-11 percent), and **monitoring** (-9 percent) experienced the **most notable drop**.

Of the four other risk areas, the most significant improvements were noted in staff capacity (+18 percent), cash-based transfers (+11 percent) and identity management (+7 percent), while reporting wrongdoing remained steady.





## **2024 Country Risk Profile Index**

|                |                    | High  | (=>50)  |                 |       | Med     | dium (38 - 50 | ))    |         |               | Low ( | < 38)   |                |       |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|---------------|-------|---------|---------------|-------|---------|----------------|-------|
| Rank           | СО                 | Score | Rank    | СО              | Score | Rank    | СО            | Score | Rank    | СО            | Score | Rank    | СО             | Score |
| 1 (12)         | Chad               | 85.3  | 21 (30) | Malawi          | 60.1  | 32 (37) | Burundi       | 49.9  | 46 (43) | El Salvador   | 37.9  | 66 (76) | São Tomé and   | 28.2  |
| 2 (3)          | Somalia            | 84.0  | 22 (23) | Uganda          | 60.1  | 33 (22) | Cameroon      | 48.6  | 47 (58) | Djibouti      | 37.8  | 67 (65) | Tajikistan     | 28.1  |
| 3 (2)          | <b>South Sudan</b> | 83.4  | 23 (17) | Mozambique      | 59.4  | 34 (27) | Iraq          | 48.1  | 48 (69) | Philippines   | 37.1  | 68 (75) | Cuba           | 27.7  |
| 4 (4)          | <b>Afghanistan</b> | 81.0  | 24 (33) | Colombia        | 58.5  | 35 (35) | Bangladesh    | 46.7  | 49 (36) | Angola        | 35.8  | 69 (51) | Liberia        | 27.0  |
| 5 (1)          | Yemen              | 80.8  | 25 (10) | Pakistan        | 57.5  | 36 (41) | Guatemala     | 46.7  | 50 (56) | Guinea        | 35.7  | 70 (68) | Moldova        | 26.8  |
| 6 (15)         | Sudan              | 77.1  | 26 (29) | Egypt           | 54.1  | 37 (66) | Ecuador       | 44.6  | 51 (52) | Senegal       | 35.5  | 71 (50) | Peru           | 26.5  |
| 7 (7)          | Haiti              | 76.2  | 27 (25) | Venezuela       | 53.8  | 38 (62) | Nicaragua     | 44.1  | 52 (60) | Algeria       | 35.1  | 72 (78) | Cambodia       | 26.3  |
| 8 (5)          | Syria              | 74.0  | 28 (24) | <b>Zimbabwe</b> | 53.2  | 39 (44) | Jordan        | 42.2  | 53 (47) | Rwanda        | 34.4  | 73 (61) | Kyrgyzstan     | 25.3  |
| 9 (6)          | DRC                | 73.6  | 29 (21) | Ukraine         | 52.1  | 40 (38) | Tanzania      | 41.5  | 54 (32) | Lesotho       | 33.4  | 74 (73) | Togo           | 25.3  |
| 10 (20)        | Niger              | 71.8  | 30 (28) | Honduras        | 50.5  | 41 (42) | DPRK          | 40.9  | 55 (72) | Côte d'Ivoire | 32.5  | 75 (67) | Nepal          | 25.1  |
| 11 (11)        | Kenya              | 68.5  | 31 (34) | Mauritania      | 50.2  | 42 (39) | Libya         | 40.0  | 56 (49) | Ghana         | 32.3  | 76 (54) | Lao PDR        | 24.2  |
| 12 (14)        | Nigeria            | 66.7  |         |                 |       | 43 (48) | Benin         | 39.8  | 57 (63) | Iran          | 32.0  | 77 (57) | Sri Lanka      | 23.8  |
| 13 (8)         | Ethiopia           | 66.6  |         |                 |       | 44 (45) | Congo         | 39.7  | 58 (55) | Turkey        | 31.1  | 78 (74) | Dominican Rep. | 23.2  |
| 14 (9)         | Mali               | 66.3  |         |                 |       | 45 (40) | Guinea-Bissau | 39.4  | 59 (71) | Eswatini      | 30.4  | 79 (81) | Caribbean MCO  | 22.1  |
| <b>15 (26)</b> | Myanmar            | 65.4  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 60 (64) | Gambia        | 29.5  | 80 (77) | Tunisia        | 21.5  |
| 16 (19)        | Lebanon            | 64.8  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 61 (59) | Armenia       | 28.9  | 81 (79) | Bolivia        | 21.3  |
| 17 (31)        | <b>Palestine</b>   | 64.1  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 62 (53) | Zambia        | 28.9  | 82 (84) | Pacific MCO    | 19.4  |
| 18 (16)        | Burkina Faso       | 62.9  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 63 (46) | Sierra Leone  | 28.8  | 83 (85) | Bhutan         | 18.4  |
| 19 (18)        | CAR                | 61.2  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 64 (70) | Namibia       | 28.8  | 84 (82) | India          | 15.4  |
| 20 (13)        | Madagascar         | 60.1  |         |                 |       |         |               |       | 65 (80) | Timor-Leste   | 28.5  | 85 (83) | Indonesia      | 13.4  |

Notes: countries in bold are the 31 high-risk operations identified by the Global Reassurance Project launched in mid-2023 in response to Ethiopia diversions. Previous year ranking is shown in brackets for comparison; Shortened Country names: DRC – Democratic Republic of the Congo, CAR - Central African Republic, São Tomé & Prin. - São Tomé and Príncipe, Dominican Rep. - Dominican Republic, DPRK = Democratic People's Republic of Korea, MCO = Multi-Country Office



## **Country Risk Profile transition matrix: 2023 → 2024**

|         |   | <b>2023 CO risk</b>   |   |  |  |
|---------|---|---|---|--|--|
| risk    | Low → High  | Medium → High<br>Mauritania, Colombia   | High Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe |  |  |
|         | Low → Medium  | Medium  | High → Medium   |  |  |
| 2024 CO | Benin, Ecuador, Nicaragua   | Bangladesh, Burundi, DPRK, Guatemala,<br>Guinea-Bissau, Jordan, Libya, Republic of<br>Congo, Tanzania | Cameroon, Iraq  |  |  |
| 20      | Low   | Medium → Low  | High → Low  |  |  |
|         | Algeria, Armenia, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Caribbean<br>MCO, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic,<br>Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran,<br>Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Liberia, Moldova, Namibia, Nepal, | Angola, El Salvador, Lesotho  |   |  |  |
|         | Pacific MCO, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Zambia   | between 2023 and  | ntries remained in same risk categories (shaded boxes)<br>024. This high degree of persistence reflects<br>logy and updated data set.   |  |  |



## Most high-risk countries already have full-time Risk Officers, and most full-time Risk Officers are in high-risk countries

| High   | Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Haiti, Lebanon, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Ukraine, Yemen, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, Sudan, Central African Republic, Colombia, Pakistan, Madagascar, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Malawi | <b>Myanmar, Egypt, Mozambique</b> , Honduras, Mauritania, Venezuela  |                 |
|--------|---|--|-----------------|
| Medium | Cameroon, Jordan  | Bangladesh*, Ecuador, Guatemala, Libya,<br>Burundi, DPRK, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Nicaragua,<br>Republic of Congo, Tanzania   | Benin           |
| Low    | Guinea, Namibia   | Algeria, Bolivia, Armenia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Caribbean MCO, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eswatini, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Moldova, Nepal, Pacific MCO, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Zambia | Angola, Lao PDR |

Part-time Risk Focal Points



**Full-time Risk Officers** 

No Risk Officer/Risk Focal Point

## **2021 Revised AFAC Policy – Fraud Management Cycle**

#### 1. **Identify** and assess fraud risks

- · Be aware of potential fraud in your functional area
- Assess the risks and prioritise those which require WFP to focus its resources for prevention and mitigation

#### 2. **Prevent**, deter, and detect fraud

- Live the WFP values
- · Follow the WFP rules and regulations
- · Maintain a strong system of controls
- · Complete the mandatory training on WeLearn

#### 3. Respond to fraud incidents

- If you see something, say something!
   Report to OIG: InvestigationsLine@wfp.org
- You are also strongly encouraged to report to your Office or Division Directo
- · Address control gaps found to have con





#### **IDENTIFY**

#### CONDUCT AN ANNUAL FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT:

Enables you to identify the top fraud risks and focuses your attention in mitigating them.

Identify

**Assurance** 

on AFAC



#### PREVENT, DETECT AND DETER

SET THE TONE: The best defence against fraud is to live the WFP values and promote a culture of integrity, honesty and accountability.

#### **ENFORCE INTERNAL**

CONTROLS: Promote adherence to the existing system of internal controls for preventing and detecting fraud. Carefully consider the impacts of temporarily waiving a control and document the rationale for doing so.

#### **RAISE AFAC AWARENESS:**

Empower staff with knowledge on fraud management – ensure your staff are up to date with the AFAC/PSEA mandatory WeLearn course.

#### EMBED AFAC IN CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS: Ensure

contractual arrangements with cooperating partners, vendors and other third parties include appropriate provisions for countering and recovering losses due to fraud.



#### RESPOND

#### PROMPTLY REPORT:

- OIGI: Encourage your staff to promptly report any reasonably suspected case of fraud.
   INVESTIGATIONSLINE@wfp.org
- MANAGEMENT: Escalate any material case of fraud to your Regional Director, the Director of Enterprise Risk Management Division and the Inspector General.
- DONOR: Comply with fraud reporting requirements in applicable donor agreements.
- Ensure that a feedback mechanism is in place for beneficiary and external reporting.



#### COUNTRY DIRECTOR AFAC CHECKLIST: BEST PRACTICES EVERY LEADER SHOULD ACT ON TO PREVENT FRAUD

It take huge pride in our work. But we also know that WFP's fantastic work can be indermined by the dishonesty of a small number of people. There are some basic steps Country Directors can take to **identify** and risks, **prevent** them from happening, and **respond** to them if they happen.





## **2021 Revised AFAC Policy – What are prohibited practices?**

- 1. Fraud
- 2. Corruption
- 3. Theft
- **4. Collusive Practice**
- **5. Coercive Practice**
- 6. Obstructive Practice
- 7. Financing of Terrorism
- 8. Money Laundering

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## **General Principles**

Risk Appetite: "WFP is highly risk averse"

WFP will take action: **zero tolerance for inaction** 



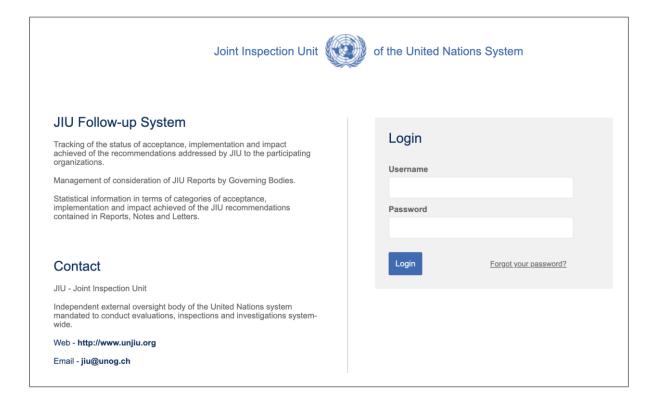
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## JIU Web-Based Tracking System (WBTS)

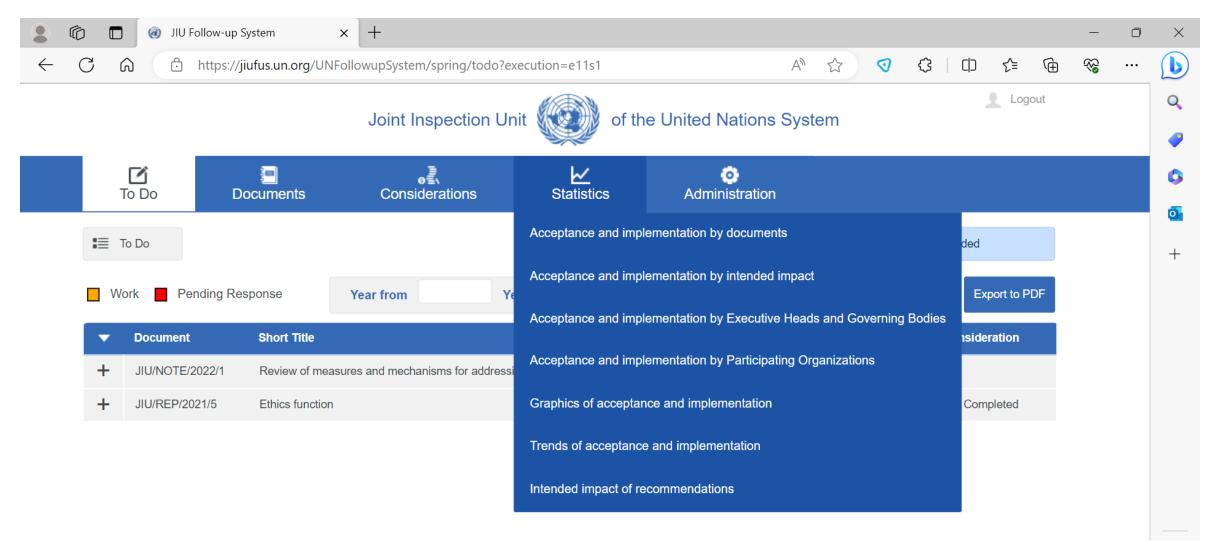
- Online tool to maintain, monitor and report status of JIU recommendation acceptance and implementation.
- Tracks consideration of JIU reports by the participating organizations' governing bodies.
- Provides statistical data and reports on JIU recommendations for use by the participating organizations, oversight entities, governing bodies and Member States



<u>United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/246</u> requested the JIU to study the feasibility of using a web-based system to monitor the status of recommendations and receive updates from organizations. With the support of participating organizations, the WBTS was designed, developed, and implemented between 2010 and 2012.

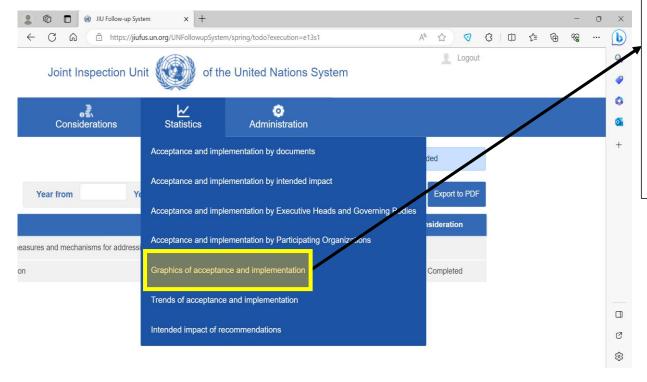


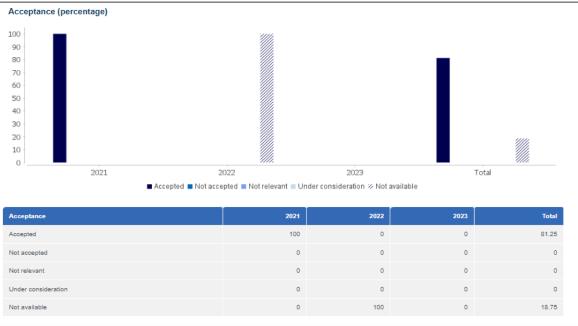
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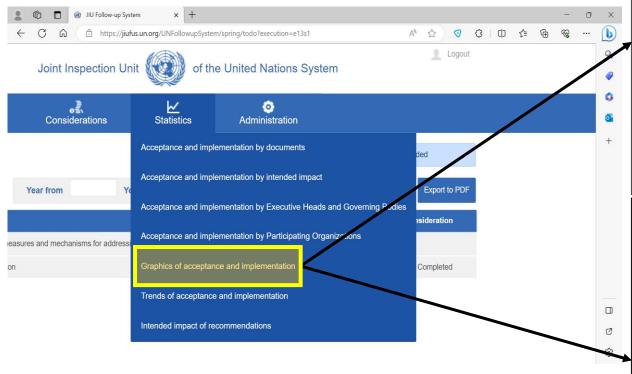
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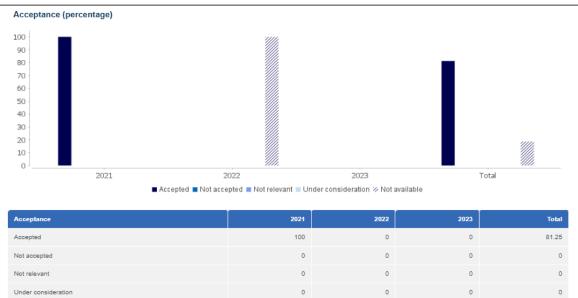




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