

External Audit of the World Food Programme

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Outline

- $_{\circ}\,$ Why this report?
- $_{\circ}\,$ Field visits conducted
- $_{\circ}\,$ Recommendations followed-up and issued
- 。 Audit area "Cooperating Partner Management"
- 。 Global Assurance Project
- $_{\circ}$ Questions



Why this report?

- o WFP's mandate implemented at the Country Offices
- o 95 percent WFP-budget expensed at the Country Offices
- Up to nine regional bureaux and country offices visited each audit cycle (1 July to 30 June the following year)
- Executive Board's field visibility improved





2022-2024 Audit Visits



• Headquarters

- Regional Bureaux
- Country Offices

Panama

Colombia



Recommendations 2022 follow-up





106 new Recommendations 2023





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Cooperating Partner (CP) Management

- **。General Regulations Article III**
- $_{\circ}$ 2022 food distribution in 72 countries, 1,005 CPs
- 2023, food distribution in 74 countries, 1,070 CPs
- 2023 over 80 percent of WFP's programme by CPs



CP Management - Lack of spot checks

6 Agreements with spot checks in 2023





Global Assurance Project (GAP)

Aims to establish "end-to-end" assurance

- **o** Cooperating Partner Management
 - $_{\circ}~$ GAP focus area
 - Vital role end-to-end assurance
 - Eight 2022 recommendations of the external auditor not implemented yet
 - Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfer (HACT)



Thank you. Questions?