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Management response to the recommendations in the summary report of the synthesis on evaluations of WFP's engagement in middle-income countries (2019–2024)





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Background

The evaluation synthesis covered activities implemented between 2019 and 2024 in 25 middle-income countries across all WFP regions. Taking a utilization-focused, consultative approach, the synthesis served the dual purposes of accountability and learning.

Recommendations

-  Set out a clearer rationale for WFP's presence, positioning and resourcing in middle-income countries and, in particular, in upper-middle-income countries.
-  Clarify and strengthen the development and use of partnership strategies in middle-income countries
-  Strengthen planning for programme handover and transition, where relevant and the path to WFP's exit from the country, where appropriate.
-  Enhance the generation of evidence from pilot activities to inform decisions regarding potential scale-up.

Main agreed actions

REC.1 - Set out a clearer rationale for WFP's presence, positioning and resourcing in middle-income countries and, in particular, in upper-middle-income countries

- ☐ Within CSP frameworks and building on WFP's comparative advantages, clearly articulate the strategic rationale for WFP's engagement in middle-income countries.
- ☐ Assess and articulate the rationale for WFP maintaining its presence and response capacity in middle-income countries so that it can pivot swiftly to crisis response if needed.
- ☐ State a clear intention to seek funding from diverse sources including global funding mechanisms, host governments and private sector partners.

Main agreed actions

REC.2 - Clarify and strengthen the development and use of partnership strategies in middle-income countries

- ❑ Revise existing or prepare new guidance for country offices on strengthening the development and use of strategic and operational partnership strategies for WFP's engagement in middle-income countries.



Main agreed actions

REC.3 - Strengthen planning for programme handover and transition, where relevant and the path to WFP's exit from the country, where appropriate



- ❑ Set clear guidance for programme handover and transition, and/or country exit, as appropriate, including by providing relevant guidance to country offices.

Main agreed actions

REC.4 - *Enhance the generation of evidence from pilot activities to inform decisions regarding potential scale-up*

- ❑ Provide clear guidance on the assessment of results from pilot initiatives.



Action Roadmap

