



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of Eswatini WFP Country Strategic Plan 2020-2025

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Country Strategic Plan overview

Challenges WFP aimed to address:

- **16%–29%** of population food insecure – **IPC Phase 3 & 4**
- **Chronic food insecurity** – El Niño, unemployment, food price spikes

CSP focused on:

- Crisis response
- Resilience building
- Shock-responsive social protection
- Needs-based plan USD 76.8 million



Summary of key insights from the evaluation



Insight 1: Strategic positioning

- Clear **links** between **food insecurity analysis & strategic outcomes**
- Lacking detail regarding: approaches to **resilience building, climate adaptation, social protection**
- WFP **responded well** to shocks – pivoting to **crisis response** when needed
- **Narrow approach to partnerships** hindered strategic positioning including in social protection



Insight 2: Results

- **Emergency response: food & cash assistance** improved food security of crisis-affected populations at scale (19%–46% of the population)
- **Livelihoods:** WFP helped improve Government design & implementation of livelihood activities
- **Capacity strengthening:** strong results in school meals & disaster management



Insight 3: Challenges

- Capacity strengthening – reliance on WFP internal funding constrains **predictability** & sustainability needed for **long-term progress**
- Overall **approach to resilience building** & livelihoods **fragmented**; lacking vision for bringing to scale
- Challenging to **measure capacity strengthening outcomes & capture evidence from pilots** to inform upstream policy work

Recommendations

1

Conduct an **assessment of potential resources** & calibrate the design of any future CSP against resource availability.

2

Continue to support **capacity strengthening of national authorities** to own & sustain school, and pre-school, feeding.

3

In partnership with Government of Eswatini, define a **value proposition** including for **climate adaptation & social protection**.