

Mid-Term Review of WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

In November 2016, the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021) was approved by the WFP Executive Board. Designed with the goal to support countries to end hunger, it aligned WFP's work with Agenda 2030, prioritizing programmes and partnerships to ensure that people in greatest need are reached, leaving no one behind. In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on the repositioning of the United Nations Development System to align with the 2030 Agenda. WFP's Integrated Road Map was featured in the 2018 "*Financing the UN Development System*" report as a good approach in linking Strategic Plan and Corporate Results Framework to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Global trends have a direct impact on the strategic direction of WFP's programme of work. The recent evidence about the growing number of hungry people in the world, as a result of global conflicts, economic slowdown, with direct effects on migration, and extreme climate events underscores the challenge of achieving zero hunger by 2030 and calls for strengthened policy and operational coherence by humanitarian, development and peace actors.

Furthermore, the fourth industrial revolution is bringing changes and disruption across social, political, economic and cultural dimensions. The current unprecedented technological and digital transformation is shaping geopolitics and rapidly changing the way people create, distribute and exchange value.

The Mid-Term Review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021) will analyze the direction set by WFP considering these major global trends. It will offer high-level considerations and provide recommendations for the formulation of the next WFP Strategic Plan, and offers the opportunity to:

- (a) gather data and evidence from country offices on operationalizing the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021);
- (b) examine how country strategies are tackling the humanitarian, development nexus;
- (c) review strategic and operational partnerships contributing to the 2030 Agenda.

Further, the mid-term review will:

- enable contextualizing the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021) within the prevailing demographic, socio-economic and geopolitical environment;
- ensure alignment and coherence with the overarching goals of the United Nations reform, the strategic directions of the Rome-based agencies as well as other United Nations agencies to create cross-sectoral synergies delivering transformative results;
- facilitate an enhanced partnership with Member States including host governments;
- consolidate the country strategic planning approach;
- identify barriers that may have hindered progress in implementing the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021).

The Mid-Term Review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017-2021) is scheduled for consideration by the Board at its annual session in June 2020.

