



## Measuring Peace Performance

A Roundtable in the aftermath of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board  
9 April 2021, time 9h00-12h00 (Rome) Duration: 3 hours  
Virtual, ZOOM

You are kindly invited to a Round Table on Measuring Peace Performance to be held in the aftermath of the First Regular Session of the WFP Executive Board on 9 April 2021. Co-hosted by the Governments of Germany and Japan and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the World Food Programme (WFP), the event will bring together WFP's Executive Board Membership, United Nations agencies and the UN Secretariat, and academic researchers (senior policy advisors, research institutes, universities).

### Context

As part of its work on the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus, WFP aims to better identify and document its contribution to the 'improved prospects for peace'. Moreover, it aims, from this learning, to continue building and strengthening its contribution to peace, including through the Country Strategic Planning process. This requires better monitoring and evaluation systems to capture and measure contributions to peace.

In late 2020, with a view to understanding how partner institutions are approaching the measurement of their own contribution to peace, WFP convened a series of technical consultations with key members, experts, academics and UN bodies. These preliminary consultations helped both to share knowledge across the multilateral and bilateral system on this area of work while simultaneously informing the development of WFP's own approach. The following three considerations were unanimously agreed upon:

- Peace is highly complex and contingent upon the context – as such promoting peace requires strong awareness of evolving risks, and pragmatic action;
- Conflict sensitivity must be a minimum standard of all operations if peace contributions are to materialize; and
- A robust monitoring system is necessary to help measure and track contributions to peace.

The roundtable will take the form of a virtual, facilitated workshop. It is a convergence of the aforementioned consultations, convening global expertise to address the challenge of better peace measurement.

### Objective

The Roundtable will seek to bring the knowledge of the last months together in a manner that supports future thinking of how the measurement system could materialise within WFP. Similarly, learning from measurement efforts across the HDP system is a critical opportunity, not least in acknowledging that this learning would support Joint Programming efforts and the pursuance of Collective Outcomes. As such the Roundtable will seek to:

- Share findings from the reference groups and WFP country pilots which have heretofore met separately;
- Align findings with state of the art globally; and
- Explore next steps in the utilisation of these findings within WFP and beyond.

The conclusions drawn from the Roundtable will frame a pathway that will expand the pilot effort to date towards more systematic, context specific, measurement application at country level, while making critical linkages to WFP strategic processes and frameworks as well as its effort towards coordinated measurement on peace.

The discussion will be framed by a preparatory Room Document drafted by SIPRI and with inputs from the Reference Groups. This will also contribute to a publication on peace measurement which will include learning from contributing organisations over the past six months, thus serving as a public good for the broader global HDP system. The Room Document will be informed by and updated after the event.

## **Agenda**

**09h00 – 09h30:** Opening and Introductions by Ms Valerie Guarneri, Assistant Executive Director Programme & Policy, World Food Programme.

Opening Statements by Dr. Elke Löbel, Director for displacement and migration; crisis prevention and management, Commissioner for refugee policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Ms. Keiko Okada, Deputy Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

### **Session 1: Evidence on Peace Performance, chaired by Dan Smith (Director of SIPRI)**

**09h30 – 09h50:** **Emerging practices, areas of consensus and initial conclusions from the Reference Groups:** Emery Brusset, Senior Peace Measurement Adviser WFP, Gary Milante, Senior Researcher, SIPRI.

**09h50 10h20:** Questions and Discussion in plenary

**10h20 – 10h30** Summary of Discussion and Closing Remarks, Dan Smith, SIPRI

**10h30 - 10h45:** Break

### **Session 2: Operationalisation of Evidence, Chaired by David Kaatrud, Director, Programme – Humanitarian and Development Division (PRO)**

**10h45 - 10h50:** Session Opening by Jennifer Nyberg, Deputy Director for Planning and Performance

- 10h50 – 11h05** Presentation of the inclusion of Peace in the Strategic Plan – Arif Husain, Chief Economist, and Ronald Tranbahuy, Director Research, Assessment and Monitoring
- 11h05 - 11h15** Concept of Measurement System and Roll Out - Samir Wanmali, Deputy Director, Emergencies and Transitions and Rebecca Richards, Chief, HDP - Peace & Conflict
- 11h15 - 11h45** Questions and discussion in plenary
- 11h45 - 11h50** Summary of Discussion, David Kaatrud, Director PRO
- 11h50 – 12h00** Final considerations by Mr. Ryutaro Murotani, Senior Director, Head, Office for Peacebuilding, Governance and Peacebuilding Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and Mr Ralf Schröder, Director, Head of Division, Crisis management, Transitional Development Assistance, Reconstruction, German Ministry of Cooperation.