

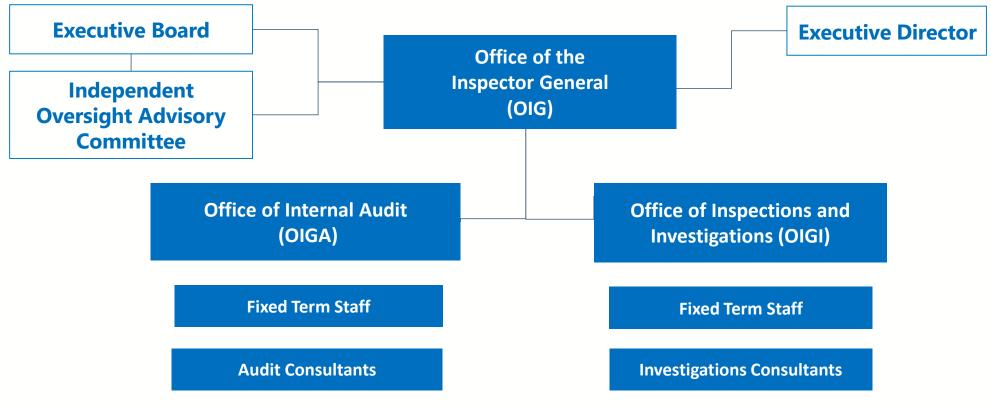
### **Independent Oversight** The Office of the Inspector General

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Office of the Inspector General

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# An independent function, operating free of management influence or interference





### The OIG Charter describes our function and responsibilities

- Is approved by the Board
- Describes the mission, responsibilities, reporting structure, authority, independence and objectivity of OIG.
- OIG's mission is
  - To provide WFP's stakeholders assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of WFP's governance, risk management, and control processes aimed to detect and deter fraud, waste and abuse through the conduct of independent and objective oversight activities;
  - To conduct inspections and investigations into allegations of wrongdoing and misconduct; and
  - To facilitate the adoption and implementation of United Nations, humanitarian agency and private-sector best practices related to assurance and oversight.
- The Charter provides that OIG has full, free and unrestricted access to any and all WFP records, physical properties and personnel and access to vendors, cooperating partners and other third parties in a contractual agreement.



### **Internal Audit Services and Products**

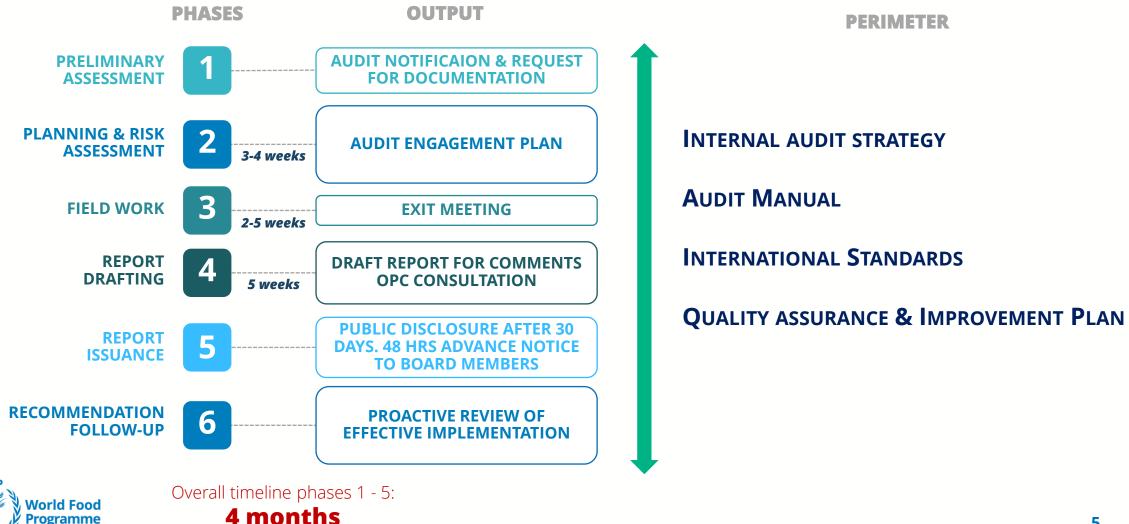
#### **OIGA delivers different assurance and advisory products**

- **Internal Audits**: A systematic, disciplined, risk-based approach to assessing the effectiveness, adequacy and application of WFP's governance, risk management, and control processes as well as the quality of performance with respect to the achievement of WFP's stated goals and objectives.
- **Consolidated Insights:** Analyses of common themes identified across previously issued internal audit reports
- Proactive Integrity Reviews (PIRs):
  - Formal reviews of anti-fraud controls based on fraud risk assessments.
  - Matters identified for follow-up resulting from a PIR are referred to the Hotline for possible investigation.
- Advisory Services: Aimed at improving the management of risks, adding value and strengthening WFP's operations.

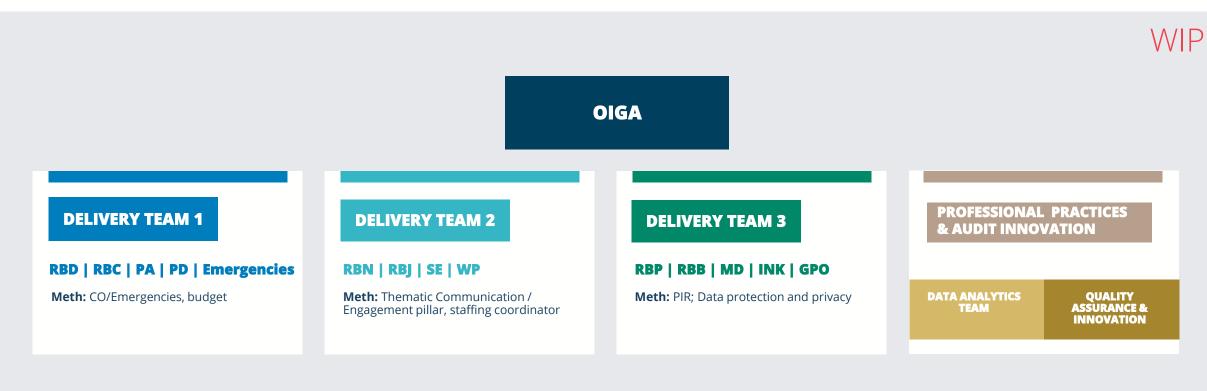




### The six steps of the internal audit process



### **OIGA** - Organizational Structure to deliver on internal audit



AUDIT SUPPORT TEAM



# **Inspections and Investigations Services and Products**

### OIGI

- Receives complaints & manages the Complaint Reporting Mechanism
- Conducts administrative investigations into
  - allegations of misconduct, including alleged fraud and corruption, against WFP and its programmes
  - reported violations of Staff Rules and Regulations, policies, procedures, and other administrative matters
- Scope of Investigations cover:
  - Internal investigations: All types of staff misconduct
  - **External investigations**: Wrongdoing by vendors, cooperating partners and contractors
- Performs Inspections
  - An inquiry as a means of proactive investigation in areas of perceived risks absent a specific reported allegation
  - Findings are referred to the Investigations Line for review, and possible investigation, when appropriate



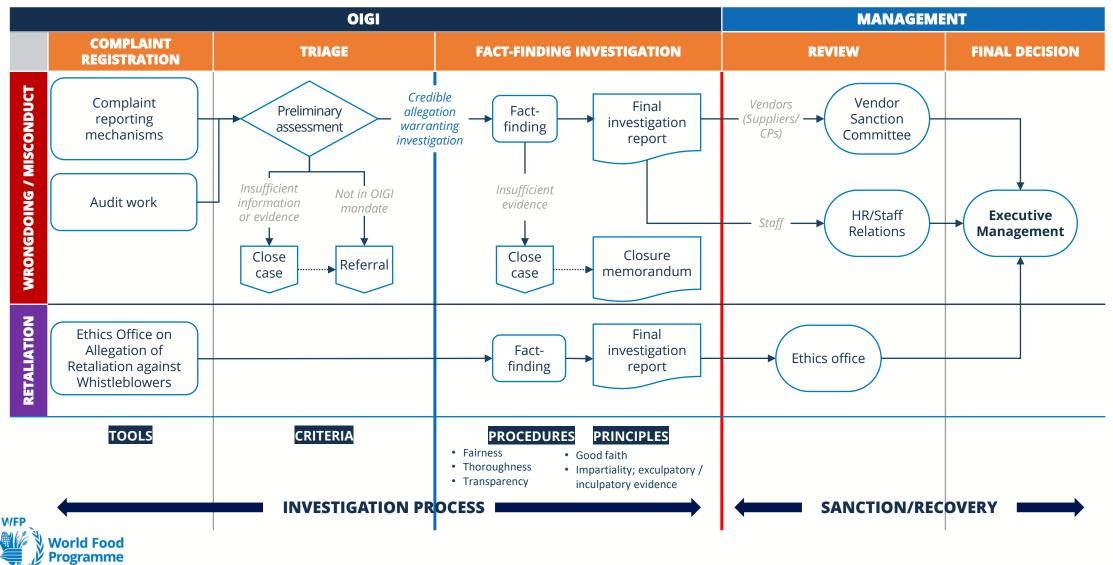
Intake and assessment of complaints – resulting in either investigations, closure, or referral to others for informal resolution (conduct) or action (fraud)

> Determine whether specific allegations of fraud or abusive conduct can be substantiated

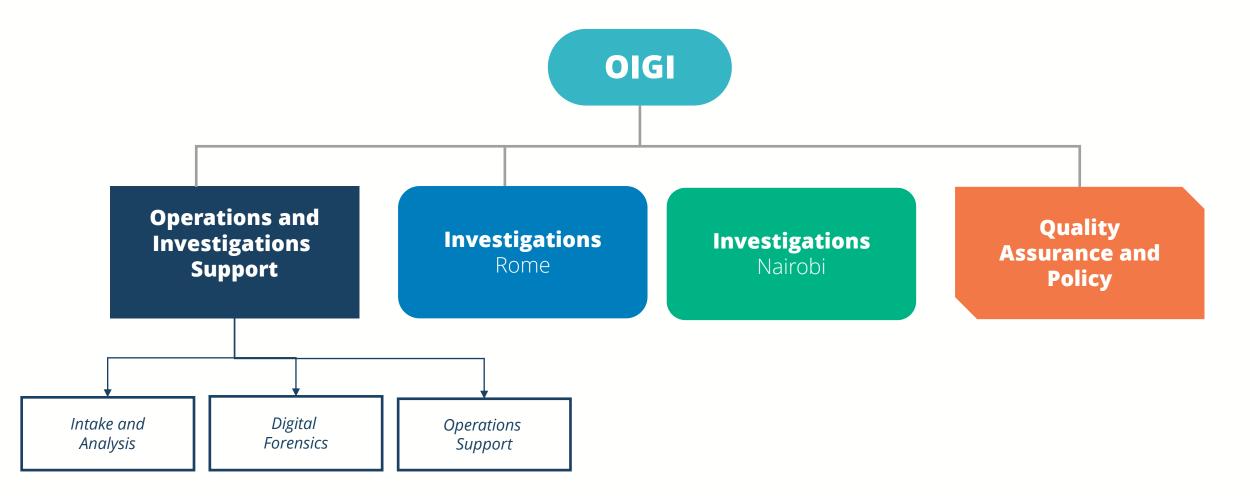
Inquiries that can be undertaken in an area of perceived risk absent any specific, reported allegation



### **Simplified Overview of the Investigation Process**



### **OIGI** - Organizational Structure to deliver on investigations and inspections





# **Reporting Obligations**

ED Circular on Protection from SEA OED2023/001	• The Bulletin <b>obliges all employees to report concerns or suspicions of SEA</b> and places the responsibility on managers at all levels to support and develop systems that maintain an environment that prevents SEA
ED Circular on Abusive Conduct OED2022/004	The Bulletin <b>obliges all employees to report concerns or suspicions of abusive conduct (</b> abuse of authority, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual harassment) and places the responsibility on managers at all levels to support and develop systems that maintain an environment that prevents Abusive Conduct
WFP AFAC Policy OED2021/012	<ul> <li>WFP employees [] will [] promptly report any reasonably suspected case of fraud and corruption, or any attempts thereof, to the Office of the Inspector General, which may be done anonymously. WFP employees are <i>strongly encouraged</i> also to report to their Office/Division Director as appropriate.</li> <li>In cases where the WFP Office/Division Director receives a report [] the WFP Office/Division Director must: a)Firstly, ensure the matter has been duly reported to the Office of the Inspector General as required [].</li> <li>If allegations have been reported to OIGI and not to the Office/Division Director, OIGI will, at the earliest reasonable time after completion of its preliminary assessment, inform the Office/Division Director(s) affected [] of allegations of fraud and corruption deemed credible enough to warrant investigation</li> </ul>



### **OIG Complaint Reporting Mechanism**

Our Investigations Line provides anonymous reporting of fraud,wrongdoing and misconduct on a 24/7 basis. It is available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese:

#### EthicsPoint - United Nations World Food Programme



**Live Operators** most users can reach the in-house operators, free of charge, from almost any location and in the language of the country of location you choose.



Voice Message users can talk with external Operators, or leave a voice message detailing their concerns.



**Online Reporting** using a customized web portal. The portal is secure, multilingual and compatible with most devices and browsers.



**Email Reporting** for situations where technology limitations or network connectivity demand greater flexibility.

investigationsline@wfp.org



### **Disclosure of Reports - Overview**

	Public Website	EB Restricted Portal	Request through Note Verbale	Internal to WFP Not publicly available
Office of the Inspector General (OIG)	• OIG Annual Report	<ul><li>OIG Quarterly Report</li><li>EB Consultations</li></ul>		
Office of Internal Audit (OIGA)	• Internal Audit Reports	<ul> <li>Annual Assurance Plan</li> <li>Consolidated Insights</li> <li>Proactive Integrity Review (PIR) Reports</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Advisory Reports</li> <li>Information Notes</li> </ul>
Office of Inspections and Investigations (OIGI)		• Inspection Reports	<ul> <li>Anti-Fraud Anti- Corruption Violation [Fraud] Reports - Substantiated</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Abuse of Authority, Discrimination (HSHAAD) and SEA Investigation Reports (all)</li> <li>AFAC Violation [Fraud] Reports – unsubstantiated</li> </ul>
UN Secretary General	<ul> <li>Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) Reporting</li> </ul>			Management memos



### How to request Reports by Note Verbale







#### **Anti-Fraud /Anti-Corruption Violation [Fraud] Investigations – substantiated)**

EB Secretary announces list of completed reports to the EB Bureau after notification from OIGI that reports are available to request

#### **Prepare Note Verbale to request reports**

Send request listing report title and number to the Inspector General (<u>wfp.inspectorgeneral@wfp.org</u>) with copy to the Executive Director <u>edcorrespondence@wfp.org</u>

#### **Reviews request**

Determines if report can be issued as is, issued redacted, or must be withheld due to confidentiality or security concerns (rare)



#### **Responds to Request**

Sends report to member state (as is or redacted) or notifies member state of the reasons the report is being withheld (rare). OIG notifies the Regional Director, Country Director, Chief of Staff and ED that the report has been issued (or withheld)



### **The Note Verbale**

All Permanent Representatives accredited to WFP may request copies

of Substantiated Fraud Investigations Reports

through Note Verbale.

The following is an example of this request:

#### **NOTE VERBALE**

The Permanent Mission of (Country) to the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations presents its compliments to the World Food Programme (WFP) and would like to inform that, in accordance with the revised Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy approved by the Board at its Annual Session of 2021 and the revised Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports approved by the Executive Board at its Annual Session of 2021, the Government of (Country) requests the disclosure of the following report:

#### • **Provide Name(s) of Report(s) requested and Reference Number**

The Permanent Mission of (Country) to the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Food Programme the assurances of its highest consideration.



### **Helpful References**

- How to access an audit report online: <u>https://www.wfp.org/audit-inspection-reports</u>
- How to make a Hotline Report online: <u>http://www.wfphotline.ethicspoint.com</u>
- How to make a Hotline Report by email: <u>investigationsline@wfp.org</u>
- Contacting the Office of Inspector General: <u>wfp.inspectorgeneral@wfp.org</u>
- Contacting the Inspector General (secure email): <u>Fabienne.lambert@wfp.org</u>
- How to Request substantiated Anti-Fraud Anti-Corruption Violation [Fraud] Investigation Reports: <u>wfp.inspectorgeneral@wfp.org</u>



# Thank you for your attention

