WFP EVALUATION

WFP Evaluation Policy 2022

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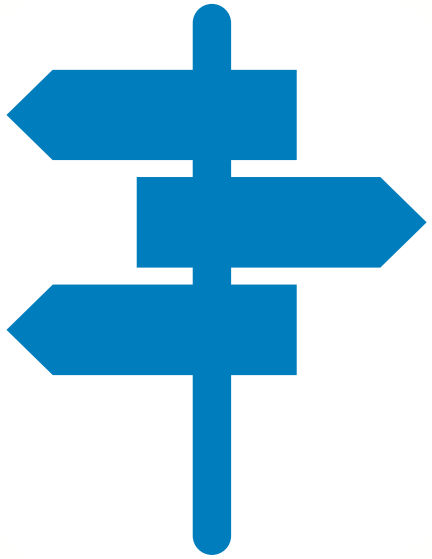
CHANGING LIVES

What guided us in this update?



- Enhancing the function in response to the independent Peer Review
- Incorporating updated evaluation norms, standards and criteria
- Responding to WFP policy updates and recent evaluation strategies
- Benchmarking against comparable multilateral agencies

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What is different in the updated policy?

- An updated Theory of Change
- Greater clarity on institutional arrangements
- Funding targets based on robust analysis

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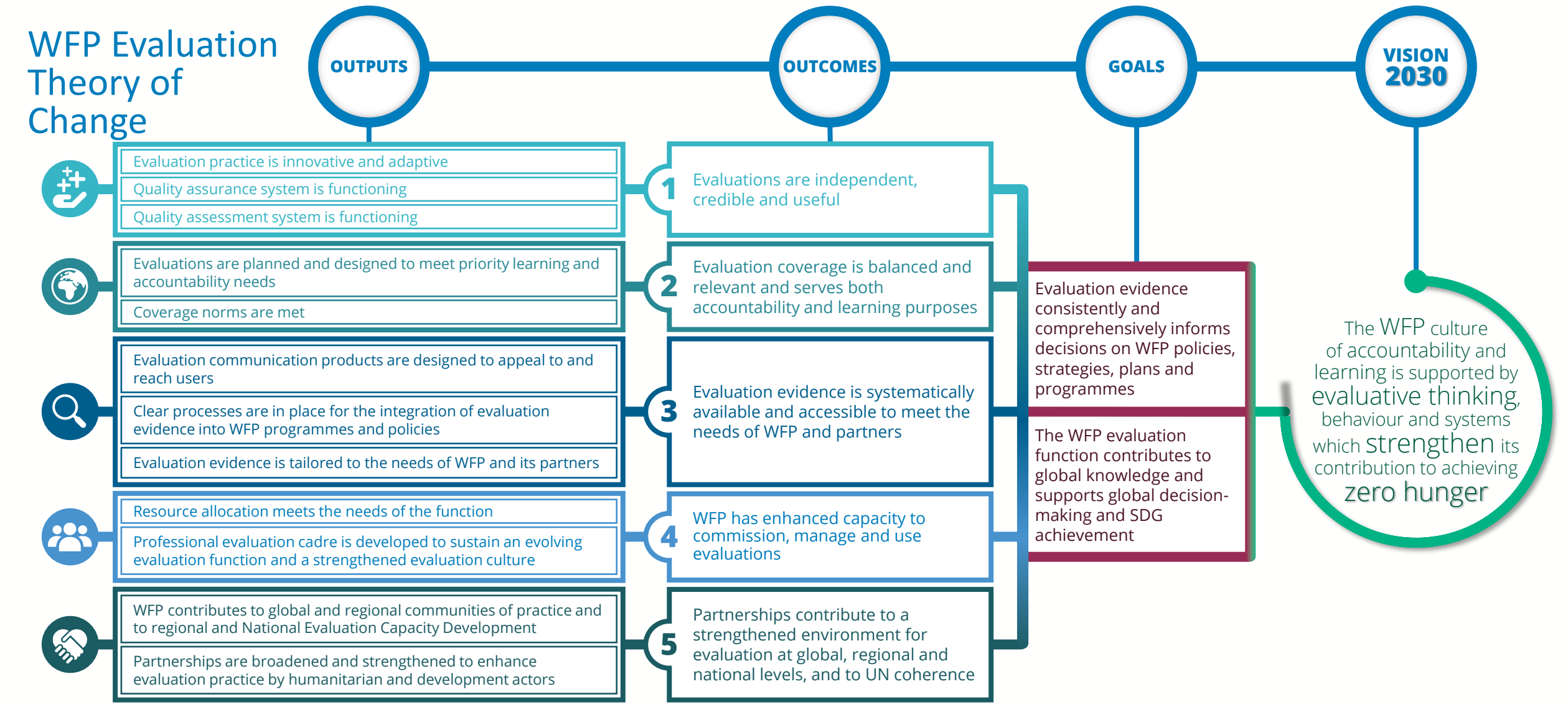
WFP Evaluation Theory of Change



ENABLERS

- Normative Framework
- Evaluation governance mechanisms
- Sustainable and predictable financing
- Adequate evaluator (external) expertise

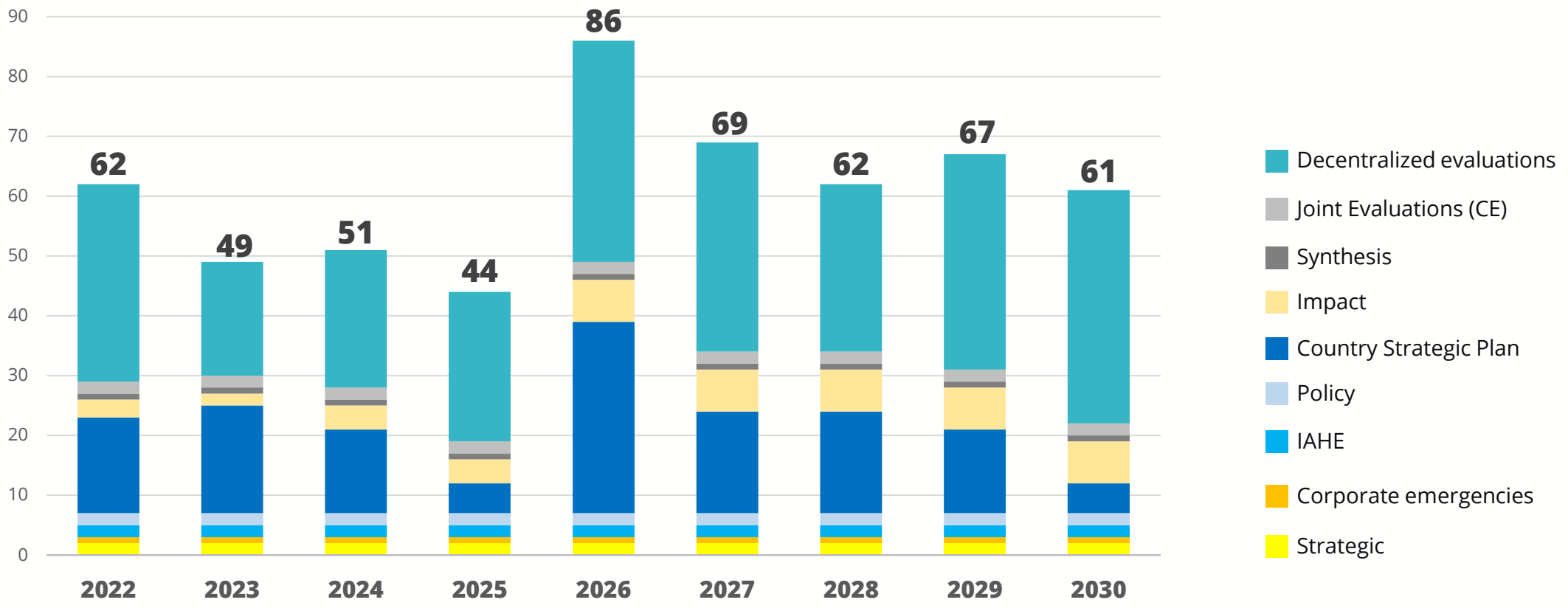
PRINCIPLES

- UNEG Norms and Standards
- Strategic Plan principles and cross cutting priorities

ASSUMPTIONS

- Effective results-based management systems
- Added value of agency evaluation functions in context of UN reform maintained
- Continued interest of partners in joint evaluations
- Continued development of national evaluation systems
- Continued internal and external stakeholder demand for evaluation
- WFP has adequate absorption capacity for evidence
- Effective corporate knowledge management systems
- Organizational leadership and incentives for evidence-informed policies, strategies, plans and programmes

Evaluation coverage projections: 2022 to 2030



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FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE EVALUATION FUNCTION

2023 floor will be approx.

USD 33 m or **0.4%**

of contribution income

Indicative ceiling approx.

USD 47 m or **0.6%**

Costings for the evaluation function are based on:

- Meeting centralized coverage norms
- Progress towards decentralized coverage norms
- Balance across 4 impact evaluation windows
- Scalable cross function support

- Expenditure will fluctuate within the floor and ceiling levels: to reflect varying levels of evaluation activity depending on programme cycles
- The ceiling in percentage terms is lower than comparable organizations: to reflect the nature of WFP programming (high proportion of general food assistance and common service provision)

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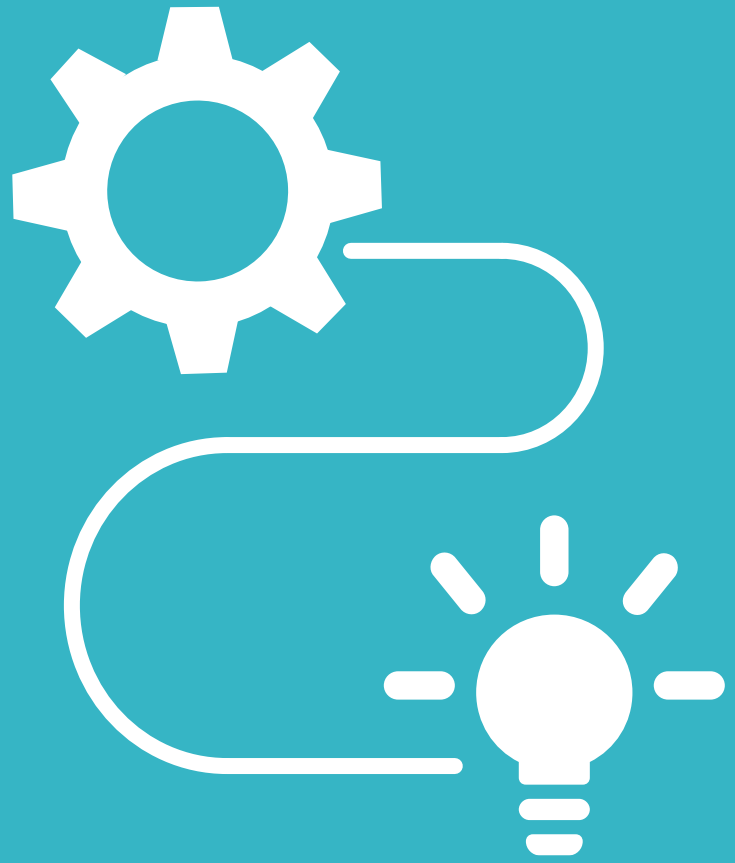
Implementation, oversight, reporting and review



- Corporate Evaluation Strategy
- Regional Evaluation Strategies

- The implementation plan and budget = evaluation function workplan (within the WFP Management Plan)
- Annual Consultation on Evaluation

- Annual Evaluation Report
- OECD-DAC/UNEG external peer review 2025/2026

Thank you!

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