WFP EVALUATION & INTERNAL AUDIT

# **Independent Oversight**

Joint briefing on internal audit and evaluation

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World Food Programme

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### WFP's Three Lines Model



### **GOVERNING BODY**

Accountability to stakeholders for organizational oversight

**Governing body roles:** integrity, leadership, and transparency

#### MANAGEMENT

Actions (including managing risk) to achieve organizational objectives

### First line roles:

Key: Accountability, reporting

Provision of products/services to clients; managing risk

Second line roles: Expertise, support, monitoring and challenge on riskrelated matters

resources, oversight

### **INTERNAL AUDIT & EVALUATION**

Independent assurance

Third line roles: Independent and objective assurance and advice on all matters related to the achievement of objectives

Delegation, direction, Alignment, communication, coordination, collaboration

## **Evaluation vision**

## **Internal Audit vision**

The WFP culture of accountability and learning is supported by evaluative thinking, behaviour and systems that strengthen its contribution to achieving zero hunger

To be a trusted and valued partner that helps WFP achieve its goals through **independent** and **objective assurance** and **advisory activities** that address the **main risks** to WFP operations



### **Evaluation framework**

### **Internal Audit framework**



Annexed to WFP Management Plan

Mandatory requirements as defined by an international professional standard setting body, that provide a **framework** for internal auditing



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## Internal Audit Strategy 2021-2023

• The 2016-2020 internal audit strategy remains broadly relevant...

Auditing what	Dynamic risk	Cost-effective	Value for
matters	assessment	assurance	money
Shift the audit focus and coverage from cyclical to risk- based audit	Aligning better audit risk assessment with WFP risk management	Providing better assurance by promoting the Three Lines model	Continue to deliver audit services that are economic, efficient and effective

- ... but needs to be adapted to the current context and in some areas to enhance OIGA's visibility and value.
- The relevance of OIGA's **work** and quality of **insights** requires s**tronger communication** efforts for further dissemination of lessons-learned, conclusions and advice.



The new strategy is articulated around three key concepts and deliverables of OIGA: **Assure, Advise and Engage**. It also reaffirms OIGA's core values: **Independence, Transparency, Trust, Innovation, Accountability, Multi-disciplinarity, Analytical**.





### ASSURE

With the 2016-2020 Internal Audit strategy, OIGA has reached an **optimized level of maturit**y, confirmed by stakeholders: adequate **coverage of current and emerging risks**, product mix, **credibility and trust** of management and other stakeholders, strategic positioning on corporate themes and risks, **professionalism, quality and skills**.

Aim of the internal Audit strategy 2021 onwards is to **solidify the existing foundation** and finetune current approaches and processes.

#### Advise

Recognizing the increased insights and analytical capacity of OIGA, the expectation is for OIGA to **enhance strategic engagement**, to evolve WFP's business requirements, workforce development needs, risk assessment strategies, and processes to meet the potential future needs and accompany the growth and changes of the organization.

#### ENGAGE

Insights from OIGA's work are disseminated effectively beyond the audit report format through **consolidation of insights, knowledge sharing** with management and staff, and risk, control-based conversations with various stakeholders.

# **Evaluation Approach**

# **Internal Audit Approach**

A risk-based

cycle

To Country Stategic Plan Evaluations



- Risk-based workplan building on quantitative data analysis and qualitative stakeholders' input
- Assurance mapping for complementarity and synergies (and avoiding overlap)
- Consultation with Executive Board and approval by the ED
- **Dynamic reassessment** and amendments to the assurance plan (with ED approval)
- Quarterly reporting to senior management, the Audit Committee and the Executive Board on the assurance plan's implementation

### **Evaluation process**

## **Internal Audit process**



9 months

4 months

# **Coordination efforts between evaluation and audit**

### 1 Coordination on timing

AUDIT

INCEPTION

DATA COLLECTION

#### **Audits and Evaluations**

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Link to an online dashboard:

January 2022

https://analytics.wfp.org/views/AuditsEvaluations/AuditsEvaluations?:embed=y#1

2 Coordination on content / coverage

(multi-year as annexed in OIGA's workplan)



Link to OIGA's 2022 Assurance Workplan: https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000135821/download/





Preparation of e-libraries is ongoing

### Evaluation and Internal Audit – complementary yet different oversight functions





→ See: WFP Evaluation and Internal Audit Independent Oversight Infographic

### **Evaluation and Audit Complementarity**



Consolidated monitoring and follow-up of recommendations



Continuous improvement tools for WFP



Knowledge generation



Coordinated audit and evaluation coverage





Use of external technical expertise



Evaluations inform audits and vice versa

# **Distinguishing Features**

### **Evaluation**

### **Internal Audit**

Ø	Focus	Results: Impact, outcome and outputs	Governance and corporate culture Processes, internal controls and risk mitigation (testing)
	Staffing	Evaluations done by outside consultants; Regional evaluation officers support RBs and COs	HQ based audit staff perform most audits (knowledge of context, culture and processes is key)
	Timeline	Can last up to a year	Generally, 3 months of intense involvement, communications, requests, reporting
	Disclosure process	Board interaction on every report/public disclosure	Board discussion on key/critical risk/public disclosure

