

World Food Programme Executive Board Event

Resilience Roundtable – Rome, 1 December 2023, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Roundtable on Resilience: Resilience Evidence Generation

Roundtable Context:

Resilience building has the potential to limit the toll of humanitarian crises and avert humanitarian food assistance needs by helping people, communities and systems better absorb, adapt and transform in the face of shocks. Generating evidence around resilience supports strategic decision-making, promoting effective resilience-building interventions for WFP partners. It serves as a cornerstone of accountability to donors, partner governments and the communities. This Roundtable on Resilience Evidence Generation is the third of the series of EB events organised in conjunction with the Resilience Policy evaluation and ahead of the planned policy update in 2024.

Session Objectives:

This roundtable discussion presents WFP's work on resilience evidence generation. Specifically, it provides an overview to WFP's approaches to resilience evidence generation and features the varied methodologies and example evidence pieces from WFP's country offices. The event also offers an opportunity for EB Members to engage with WFP colleagues and partners during question-and-answer sessions throughout the event.

Agenda:

- **Setting the Scene.** Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department.
- **Opening remarks.** Mr David Kaatrud, WFP Director, Programme and Policy Development Department.
- **Resilience evidence generation**
 - **Introduction to WFP's Resilience Evidence Approach** – Dr Arif Husain, WFP Chief Economist and Director of Research, Assessment and Monitoring Division.
 - **Partnerships in WFP's resilience evidence generation** – Mr Volli Carucci, WFP Director, Resilience and Food Systems Service (PROR).
 - **WFP's role in global priorities for resilience evidence** – Dr Greg Collins, Associate Vice President for Resilience and International Development and Research Professor at the University of Arizona.
- **Approaches and methodologies in resilience evidence generation**
 - **Generating resilience evidence through WFP's field monitoring** – Ms Zalyynn Peishi, Senior Resilience Evidence Advisor, Resilience, Asset Creation, and Livelihoods Unit.
 - **Generating evidence through the Climate and Resilience Impact Evaluation Window** – Dr Jonas Heirman, Senior Evaluation officer and Head of Impact Evaluation Unit, Office of Evaluation.
- **Q&A: Moderated discussion on resilience evidence generation**
- **Resilience evidence examples from the field**
 - **Lessons in resilience programming from recent evidence** – Mr Claudios Hakuna, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer, Resilience, Asset Creation, and Livelihoods Unit.
 - **Synthesis of evidence from Sahel resilience programme** – Mr Federico Doehnert, Regional RAM Advisor, WFP Regional Bureau for Western Africa in Dakar, Senegal (RBD)
 - **Synthesis of evidence from Malawi resilience programme** – Ms Nicole Carn, Head of Programme, Malawi Country Office.
- **Q&A: Moderated discussion on resilience evidence generation**
- **Reflections and closing remarks.** Ms Valerie Guarnieri, WFP Assistant Executive Director, Programme and Policy Development Department.