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Amendment to the policy on country strategic plans

Background

The evaluation coverage norms for country strategic plans (CSPs) were established in the 2016 policy on CSPs and reflected accordingly in the 2022 evaluation policy. The 2023 evaluation of the policy on CSPs recommended that those norms be revised in order to achieve more strategic, timely and cost-effective evaluation coverage. Following extensive consultation with the Board in early 2024, the WFP Secretariat proposes to modify the evaluation coverage norms for CSPs by introducing the amendments to the policy on CSPs described in this document.

Draft decision*

The Board approves the amendments to the WFP policy on country strategic plans as set out in document WFP/EB.A/2024/5-F.

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Amendments to the policy on country strategic plans¹

WFP proposes to introduce the following modifications to paragraph 94 of the policy on CSPs.

Current text

94. Under the management of the Office of Evaluation, all CSPs, other than ICSPs, will undergo country portfolio evaluations towards the end of their implementation period, to assess progress and results against intended CSP outcomes and objectives, including towards gender equity and other cross-cutting corporate results; and to identify lessons for the design of subsequent country-level support. Without prejudice to the independent selection of Country Portfolio Evaluations by the Office of Evaluation in line with the Evaluation Policy, Interim CSPs will undergo decentralized reviews as appropriate.

Revised text

94. Under the management of the Office of Evaluation, a minimum of ten CSP evaluations will be conducted in any given year, covering at least 70 percent of all the CSPs and ICSPs that are in the penultimate year of implementation. The selection of CSPs and ICSPs for evaluation will be carried out as indicated in the amendment to the evaluation policy.²

¹ "Policy on Country Strategic Plans" (WFP/EB.2/2016/4-C/Rev.1).

² As described in the "Amendment to the WFP evaluation policy 2022" (WFP/EB.A/2024/5-E).