



# Management response to the recommendations in the Summary Report on the Evaluation of WFP's Environmental Policy

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# Background

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*The evaluation of WFP's 2017 environmental policy assessed the quality and results of the policy and related approaches to environmental and social sustainability in the organization, along with the factors that enabled or hindered the achievement of those results.*

## Recommendations

-  1 Establish a stronger approach and governance structure to ensure that environmental and social sustainability issues are systematically addressed across the organization
-  2 Ensure that safeguards are applied across all Country Strategic Plan (CSP) activities
-  3 Improve the extent to which environmental and social sustainability are addressed by the environmental management system (EMS) and broaden application of the EMS
-  4 Strengthen the monitoring of environmental and social sustainability across WFP

## Main agreed actions

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### ***REC.1 - WFP should establish a stronger approach and governance structure to ensure that environmental and social sustainability issues are systematically addressed across the organization***

- Revise existing Environmental Policy and present to the Executive Board in November 2026.
- Present an options paper on strengthened sustainability governance and funding mechanisms to the Leadership Team and implement the selected option.
- Ensure stable resourcing for sustainability, as per the selected funding mechanism identified in the options paper and include in 2026 Management Plan.
- Review and update the WFP Environmental and Social Sustainability Framework (ESSF).
- Consider evaluation findings in the development of WFP's upcoming Strategic Plan (2026-2029).

# Main agreed actions

## REC.2 - WFP leadership should ensure that safeguards are applied across all country strategic plan activities

- ❑ Strengthen accountability mechanisms by including safeguards' responsibilities in generic *Terms of References (TORs)* and in *Performance and Capability Enhancement (PACEs)* of Country Director, Head of Programme and Activity Manager profiles.
- ❑ Ensure revised safeguards guidance is included in Country Strategic Plan (CSP) Manual. Review safeguards screening processes for complementarity with existing tools and expertise (e.g. gender).
- ❑ Consider the experience of other humanitarian actors to inform the adaptation of context-relevant safeguarding approaches to emergency settings.





# Main agreed actions

## REC.3 - *Improve the extent to which environmental and social sustainability is addressed by the EMS and broaden the application of the EMS*



- ❑ Determine entry points for gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in WFP's environmental management system (EMS) and update guidance in the environmental and social sustainability framework (ESSF).
- ❑ Identify entry points for EMS with WFP partners, government and vendors. Develop guidance to further integrate supply chain-specific initiatives into EMS and include in updated ESSF.

## Main agreed actions

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### **REC.4 - *Strengthen the monitoring of environmental and social sustainability across WFP***

- Develop additional cross-cutting indicators for environmental and social safeguards (ESS) and environmental management systems.
- Identify and address improvement opportunities vis-a-vis the technical quality of ESS screening through thematic reviews and Country Strategic Plan (CSP) evaluation.
- Take stock of interagency reporting requirements, international reporting standards, and international best practice.
- Develop comprehensive monitoring framework, aligned with WFP's Environmental Plan of Action.

# Action Roadmap

