

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

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Background

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

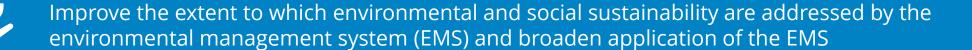
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Establish a stronger approach and governance structure to ensure that environmental and social sustainability issues are systematically addressed across the organization

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Strengthen the monitoring of environmental and social sustainability across WFP



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).



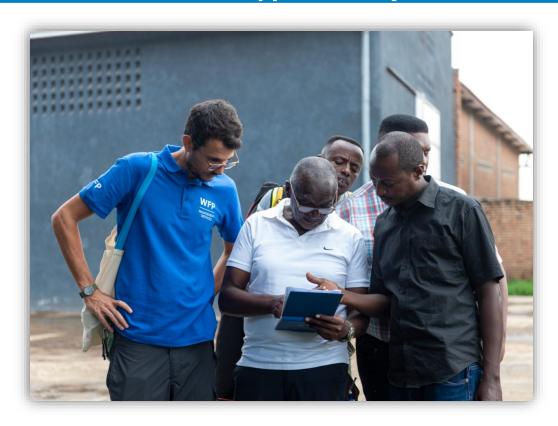
REC.2 - WFP leadership should ensure that safeguards are applied across all country strategic plan activities

- □ 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.





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.



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

31 March 2025

31 April 2025

30 June 2025 31 July 2025 30 November 2025 31 December 2025

30 March 2026

31 July 2026

- •Rec 1. Stocktacking of gaps & landscape.
- **Rec 1.** Present options paper.
- **Rec 3.** Entry points for GEDSI.
- •Rec 3. Identified entry points for WFP partners & vendors in EMS application.
- Rec 4. Stocktaking of interagency, intl. reporting requirements & standards.

- •Rec 1. Ensure stable resourcing.
- Rec 1. ESSF
 Modules for
 Standards and
 EMS updated and
 new tools for
 supply chain
 defined.
- **Rec 3.** Updated EMS guidance with social sustainability.

- •Rec 1. Strategic Plan consultations.
- Rec 4.
 Comprehensive monitoring framework developed.
- •Rec 3. Updated ESSF with social sustainability.
- Rec 3. New protocols for engaging WFP partners in EMS application and supply chain initiatives integrated in guidance.
- **Rec 4.** New CRF indicators for ESS (Nov. 2025) and EMS (Sept. 2025).

- **Rec 1.** Implement chosen structure option.
- •Rec 1. ESSF modules for safeguards updated. Joint Directive issued for ESSF update.
- Rec 2. Safeguards guidance available in CSP manual.
- **Rec 4.** Action plan for ESS screening improvement.

- Rec 2. HR accountability mechanisms for safeguards.
- Rec 2. Review of Safeguards screening.
- •Rec 1. Revised Environmental Policy developed.
- •Rec 2. Contextrelevant safeguarding

