



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of Iraq WFP Transitional Interim and Country Strategic Plans 2018–2024

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Summary of key insights from the evaluation



Insight 1: Strategic positioning

- CSP aligned with national and regional priorities & UNCT strategy.
- Comparative advantage in emergency response, food security & digitization; less in livelihoods & rural development.
- CSP provided a flexible framework to adapt to contextual changes & shocks.
- Appropriate coverage; targeting focused on areas with high Internally Displaced People (IDP) presence & vulnerability to climate risks.



Insight 2: Results

- Food assistance improved vulnerable IDPs' and refugees' conditions, but achievements were partially offset by shocks & reduced funding.
- Livelihoods & climate adaptation activities supported IDP returns and social cohesion but faced programmatic and contextual limitations.
- School feeding handover was effective despite delays.
Handover of the humanitarian coordination managed with some challenges.
- Positive capacity strengthening support provided to the public distribution system & the social safety net reform.



Insight 3: Challenges

- Reliance on few donors, limited funding for development interventions, lack of funding from government.
- WFP's comparative advantage in a transitioning context.
- Lack of internal expertise on development-oriented programming.
- Pilots enabled establishment of new partnerships but require continued support for sustainability.

Recommendations

1

Focus on areas where WFP has clear comparative advantage, with clear transition milestones.

2

Strengthen government capacities by supporting integrated approaches.

3

Right size operations for a low funding profile, development focused future.

4

Diversify funding & ensure multi-year funding for sustainable change.

5

Leverage partnerships for coherent roll-out of development interventions & access to specialist expertise.

6

Ensure that women's empowerment and disability considerations are included where relevant.