



**WFP EVALUATION**

# Corporate emergency evaluation of WFP's response to the Sudan regional crisis (2023–2025)

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# The Sudan regional response

## Challenges WFP aimed to address:

- **Severe humanitarian crisis** – 30.4 million people needing food assistance
- The **world's largest displacement crisis**

## Focus of the CSPs:

- **Sudan** – shift to urgent crisis response
- **Neighbouring countries** – integrate Sudanese refugees into crisis response programmes



# Summary of key insights



## Insight 1: Strategic positioning

- WFP demonstrated **capacity to deliver large-scale humanitarian assistance to millions** in Sudan & neighbouring countries.
- **A critical role in leading clusters & providing common services.**
- **Ability to deliver both life-saving emergency assistance & resilience-building activities** = a unique actor in Sudan.
- A **trusted source of evidence** to support WFP operations & broader humanitarian system.



## Insight 2: Results

### Food security – mixed outcomes

- ✓ Improved dietary diversity scores
- ✓ Reduced coping strategies
- ⚠ Food consumption declined in Sudan, particularly for women

### Nutrition – mixed outcomes

- ✓ Zero MAM mortality
- ⚠ Declining MAM recovery rates
- ⚠ Higher MAM default rates

### Education – outcomes

- ✓ Reduced school dropouts
- Where schools reopened



## Insight 3: Challenges

- **Insufficient early warning and contingency planning** hindered swift scale-up.
- **External factors and internal logistics bottlenecks** hindered timely delivery of in-kind assistance.
- **Lack of clarity on corporate risk appetite** left the Sudan CO uncertain.
- **Highly politicized aid environment in Sudan** hampered adherence to humanitarian principles.

# Recommendations

1

Enhance WFP's understanding of the effects of the Sudan crisis & its **agility to prepare for and respond to the ongoing emergency** as well as other large-scale emergencies.

2

Strengthen the way in which **WFP manages the inherent dilemmas** of delivering a **principled humanitarian response** in the Sudan context.

3

Strengthen **approaches to protection, conflict sensitivity, inclusivity & AAP** within WFP's response to the emergency.

4

Support more meaningful **localization** of WFP's assistance in Sudan and neighbouring countries.

5

Adapt **programming & planning** for **scale-down & shift** towards durable solutions and resilience.