



**WFP EVALUATION**

# Evaluation of WFP's contributions to social protection 2019–2025

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# Relevance & quality of the Strategy

- Evidence based, clarity of intent, clear and consistent logic
- Broad menu of potential activities allow for adaptation to context – but can dilute focus





# WFP comparative advantages

- Responsiveness & problem-solving culture
- Skills & relationships in disaster risk management
- Analytical capacities, food security & nutrition expertise
- Field presence & operational capacities, particularly in fragile and conflict affected settings



## Main contributions to results

- Conducive policy environments – but limited role in overarching policy & strategies
- Stronger institutional capacities
- Enhanced coverage, though mostly temporary
- Limited effects on comprehensiveness & adequacy
- Inclusion can be more strategically addressed



## What has worked and why?

- Providing technical assistance with clear vision & pathways towards medium-term goals
- Providing on demand services to governments – where coupled with capacity strengthening
- Piloting innovation to inform policy debate & scaling up where clear objectives agreed with national counterparts
- Partnering with governments & international financial institutions (IFIs) where flexibility to tailor ways of working
- Retaining & strategically deploying talent – a major factor in success

# Recommendations

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**Redouble efforts to implement the Social Protection Strategy**, develop & communicate **clear criteria for prioritizing** social protection engagement

2

Further develop social protection **workforce skills**;  
facilitate **greater sharing of knowledge, experience and lessons**

3

Deepen **strategic partnerships** for social protection with international financial institutions & other United Nations entities at global & country levels

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Strengthen **results-based management** for support for social protection