



**PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE**



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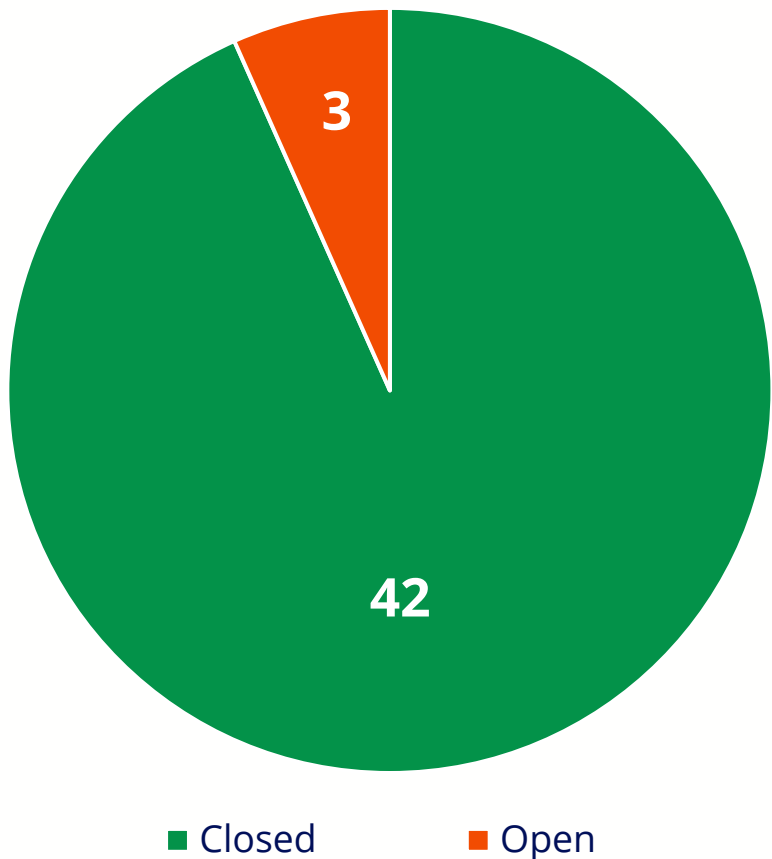
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Update on progress in implementing the recommendations from the strategic evaluation on WFP's work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

September 2026

Towards Closing the Evaluation's Recommendations

Overview of Actions



RECOMMENDATION	# OF ACTIONS	STATUS
1 (high priority)	8	Closed
2 (high priority)	10	Open
3 (high priority)	9	Open
4 (medium priority)	2	Closed
5 (medium priority)	12	Closed
6 (medium priority)	4	Closed
TOTAL	45	

→ 93 % Implementation rate

(from 86% reported in June)

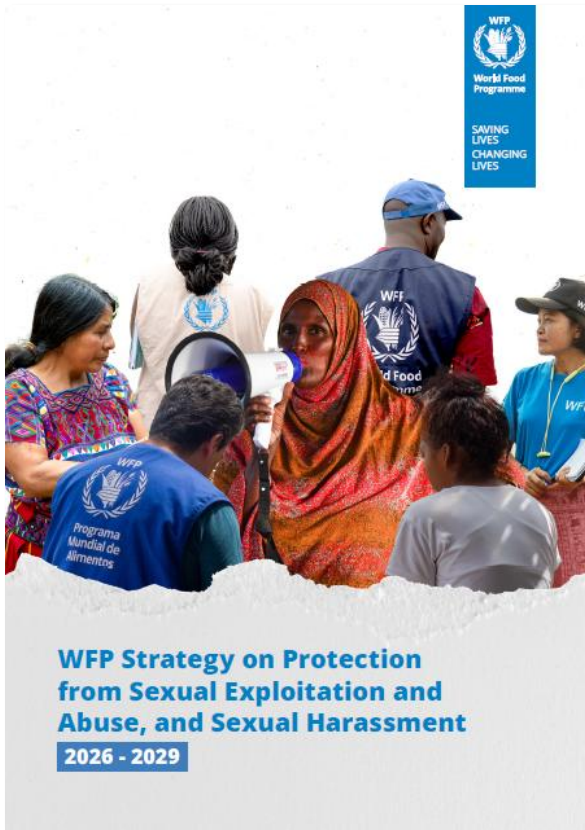
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OPEN ACTIONS

- **Action under Recommendation 2 & 3: Victim Assistance:** A comprehensive stand-alone guidance note for technical and alternate PSEA focal points on safe and confidential referral processes for victims/survivors of SEA is being finalized.
→ **Scheduled to be closed by the end of the year.**
- **Action under Recommendation 3: PSEA Sessions for Leaders:** Building on the opportunity provided by the IASC Championship, include a dedicated PSEA session during the global management meeting and, to the extent possible, at regional meetings of country directors.

PSEAH Strategy 2026-2029



VISION

A safe and accountable operational environment **zero tolerance** for all forms of sexual misconduct.

Systematic prevention & swift response to incidents through **accountability** mechanisms.

Victims/survivors first – their rights, wishes, safety, dignity and well-being are prioritized in all actions.

OBJECTIVES

- 1** Enhanced prevention & mitigation of SEAH risks esp. in high-risk contexts.
- 2** Better access to safe, victim/survivor-centered reporting.
- 3** Improved victim/survivor-centered response, focused on support & justice.
- 4** Leadership-driven progress on PSEAH across the sector.

Implementation Plan: 2026 Priority Actions by Objective

1 Enhanced prevention and mitigation of SEAH risks, particularly in high-risk contexts and operations.

PSEA Action Plan Template

- Developed and launched in June 2026 to help Country Offices translate PSEA commitments into clear, measurable actions.
- In **Chad** and **CAR**, the template has helped the offices identify and prioritize their highest PSEA risks, enabling targeted mitigation actions and more effective use of resources.
- In **Bangladesh** and **South Sudan**, identified gaps and recommendations are being incorporated into new PSEA Action Plans, strengthening accountability and follow-through.
- **Burkina Faso**, **Burundi** and **DRC** are using the template to bring PSEA activities under a single framework, improving visibility of priorities and resource needs.
- Roll-out ongoing through Q4 to strengthen the uptake and implementation.

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Leading by Example: Virtual Reality sessions

- Developed with Security and Staff Relations teams to strengthen accountability and foster a culture of prevention across the organization.
- Engages leaders in realistic scenarios to better understand PSEAH risks and leadership responsibilities.
- 15 EB members participated during June EB.
- Considered for expansion to Regional Management Meetings and EB engagements.



Implementation Plan: 2026 Priority Actions by Objective

2 Increased access to safe, trusted and victim/survivor-centered reporting channels for sexual misconduct concerns.

Launch of PSEA Awareness Campaign with UNHAS

- Joint initiative with the Office of the Special Coordinator on Improving the UN Response to SEA (OSCSEA).
- Virtual launch event engaged 200+ participants from WFP, UNHAS and other UN entities.
- Campaign rolled out across all 38 UNHAS and UN Aviation operations in June 2026.



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- All respective UNHAS & UN Aviation crews completed PSEA training delivered by their in-country PSEA focal points.
- Feedback collection began in September to inform improvements and potential expansion.



Implementation Plan: 2026 Priority Actions by Objective

3 Improved victim/survivor-centered response, encompassing investigations, support and accountability mechanisms.



Strengthened partner capacity and local PSEA systems

- Support to local NGOs, contracted entities and financial service providers to enhance SEA prevention & response.
- Some highlights of in-country support:
 - 📞 **Lebanon:** Continued engagement with NGOs & contracted entities to strengthen community-based reporting & access to survivor support services.
 - 🛡️ **Ethiopia:** Engaged Financial Service Providers to strengthen SEA risk mitigation & customer protection in cash-based programmes.
 - 🇧🇩 **Bangladesh:** Supported NGO partners with facilitating access to certified investigations training and building PSEA capacity of their local offices.

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Scaled PSEA learning & risk mitigation in partnerships

- Building on the successful PSEA and Partnerships e-learning that reached over **4,000 civil society learners globally**, OEDP is developing a course for employees.
- The aim is to enhance staff capacity on partner risk mitigation and survivor-centred approaches.

Strategic & technical support to country offices to meet and operationalize IFI PSEA requirements



Implementation Plan: 2026 Priority Actions by Objective

4 Enhanced, system-wide progress on PSEAH across the humanitarian sector driven by proactive and effective leadership.

PSEA unit continues to be in Office of the Executive Director

- Leadership commitment by elevating the PSEA function to a dedicated unit.
- Senior-level task force (chaired by Chief of Staff) strengthens the organizational policy framework and positions PSEA as a corporate priority.

Implementation of recommendations from JIU's system-wide PSEA review

- Following the review, inter-agency workstreams were established to drive coordinated implementation of priority recommendations across the UN system.
- WFP is co-leading the UN Accountability Workstream with UNHCR, advancing harmonized approaches on disciplinary measures, administrative leave, timely case management and victim-centred practices.

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Colombia: country-level leadership of PSEA activities

- WFP leads the inter-agency PSEA efforts in coordination with the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) and the PSEA Task Force.
- The aim is strengthened coordination and promoting a harmonized, survivor-centred approach to protection among humanitarian actors.
- This includes the provision of community awareness activities, survivor assistance through a joint fund, training humanitarian partners, safe reporting channels & technical support.

Watch one of the CO awareness activities:



Looking ahead: Building on Progress

- **Continued Board engagement and support** remain critical to complete the remaining actions.
- Progress to date has been enabled by **dedicated capacity, technical expertise** and **leadership support** in the organization.
- **Sustaining these foundations** will be essential to advance implementation and achieve the strategy's objectives.



Thank you!