

Evaluation of Dominican Republic WFP Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023

Summary Terms of Reference



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Country Strategic Plan Evaluations (CSPEs) encompass the entirety of WFP activities during a specific period. Their purpose is twofold: 1) to provide evaluation evidence and learning on WFP's performance for country-level strategic decisions, specifically for developing the next Country Strategic Plan and 2) to provide accountability for results to WFP stakeholders

Subject and focus of the evaluation

The WFP Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for Dominican Republic marks a strategic shift for WFP in the country introducing a new rights-based, gender-transformative, life cycle and whole-of-society approach in which WFP plays a strategic convener role. Through five Strategic Outcomes and five activities the CSP seeks to coordinate and strengthen public, private and civil society institutions on food security and nutrition issues, as well as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction; ensure that the most vulnerable population meets their basic needs during shocks and improve their nutrition status; provide logistics support to humanitarian and development partners.

The originally approved CSP budget amounted to USD 10,174,911 million for a total of 300,000 beneficiaries over five years. The most recent budget revision (August 2021) increased the overall estimated beneficiaries up to 510,400, with an increased budget of USD 45,149,802.

The evaluation will assess WFP contributions to CSP strategic outcomes, establishing plausible causal relations

views of, and be useful to, a range of WFP's internal and external stakeholders and presents an opportunity for national, regional and corporate learning. The primary users of the evaluation will be the WFP Country Office and its stakeholders to inform the design of the new Country Strategic Plan. The evaluation report will be presented at the Executive Board session in November 2023.

Key evaluation questions

The evaluation will address the following four key questions:

QUESTION 1: To what extent is the CSP evidence based and strategically focused to address the needs of the most vulnerable?

The evaluation will assess the extent to which the CSP was informed by existing evidence on hunger challenges, food security and nutrition issues to ensure its relevance at design stage; the extent to which the CSP is aligned to national policies and plans as well as the SDGs; and the extent to which the CSP is coherent and aligned with the wider UN and includes appropriate strategic partnerships based on the comparative advantage of WFP in the country. It will further assess the extent to which the CSP design is internally coherent and based on a clear theory of change and the extent to which WFP's strategic positioning has remained relevant throughout the implementation of the CSP in light of changing context, national capacities and needs.

QUESTION 2: What is the extent and quality of WFP's specific contribution to CSP strategic outcomes and

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