

Agenda Items 5-D/3, 5-d/3/Add.1
Evaluation of the Chad CSP 2019-2023 and the related overarching
Management Response

Mister President

I am speaking on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

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We welcome the evaluation of the Country Strategic Plan for Chad 2019-2023 and the overarching Management response, and we invite WFP to build on the evaluation's recommendations to designing the next CSP.

We acknowledge that this first CSP has been implemented in a very challenging setting, with multiple humanitarian crises - including forgotten ones - leading to increasing vulnerability of the population and important emergency needs.

Given rising needs and challenges to obtain sufficient funding, we fully support recommendation 1 on enhancing dialogue to address the manifold needs. In particular, we encourage WFP to implement recommendation 1.1 on strengthening coherence with other actors, especially with other UN partners, to increase synergies and harmonize approaches. In a complex situation like Chad, a strong collective response and effective partnerships are crucial. To this end, we encourage more joint work with notably

UNICEF on nutrition and UNHCR, including via the Targeting Hub. We also encourage more joint programming as well as more joint advocacy and fundraising to help meet the needs of vulnerable populations in Chad. This might also help address recommendation 1.3 on more flexible funding.

Given the persistent gap between needs and funding, we support efforts for a more effective response as per recommendation 2. In this respect, we welcome recommendation 2.2 on clarifying WFP's positioning in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus, in line with its comparative advantage. We strongly encourage WFP to strengthen collaboration with other actors in the Development and Peace segments of the Nexus. We underline that the Nexus entails seeking complementarities between mandates and expertise of different actors. We also support recommendation 2.3 on improving communication with all stakeholders involved in beneficiary targeting and awareness raising in order to ensure the acceptance of results. This is particularly crucial in a setting like Chad, with a high level of vulnerability and the recurrent need to reduce assistance due to funding constraints.

We take note of recommendation 3 on more integrated approaches; and, linked to recommendation 3.2, we strongly encourage WFP to pursue nutrition-sensitive programming.

We are concerned by the evaluation finding about weaknesses regarding cross-cutting issues. Therefore, we strongly encourage WFP to implement recommendation 4, better articulating cross-cutting approaches and ensuring that they are based on solid analysis. In particular, more

emphasis should be put on mainstreaming protection and gender concerns, as for instance girls and women have received proportionally less of the planned assistance than men and boys, despite being priority targets. We also support strengthening Accountability to Affected Populations as per recommendation 4.3. We invite WFP to work with other aid organizations in the country towards an effective, joint feedback mechanism. In line with recommendation 5.4, we encourage WFP to restructure programming frameworks to better integrate gender, protection, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and Accountability to Affected Populations.

Moreover, in line with recommendation 5.5, we would appreciate information from Management on the steps taken to attract and maintain qualified national and international staff to ensure proper programme implementation and continuity.

Last but not least, we take note of the evaluation finding that the common service provided by WFP, UNHAS, was crucial for emergency response and access to hard-to-reach areas. As per the evaluation findings, we encourage WFP to strengthen its strategic positioning in this area through better communication and advocacy.

Thank you.