

# WFP IMPACT EVALUATION FORUM

4-7 Dec 2023 | Rome, Italy

From **4-7 December 2023**, the United Nations World Food Programme will host the first **Impact Evaluation Forum** at its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Bringing together governments, donors, UN agencies, NGOs, academia and WFP colleagues, the WFP Impact Evaluation Forum will share new evidence, facilitate collaboration, and exchange experiences on WFP's innovative work in impact evaluation.

As the international community takes action to rescue the Sustainable Development Goals, funders and partners are increasingly calling for greater proof that programmes based on their investments are effective and value for money.

The **critical role that evidence plays in learning, accountability and decision-making** is recognised by WFP in its Strategic Plan (2022-2025) and exemplified in its commitment to impact evaluation.

Impact evaluation helps show the difference interventions make to people and demonstrate which interventions do – and do not – work. The rigorous evidence that impact evaluations deliver is both globally significant and operationally relevant to better design WFP programmes and policies, maximise cost efficiency, improve performance and support better decision-making.

**Today, through its Impact Evaluation Strategy (2019-2026), WFP is spearheading work to increase the use of impact evaluations in humanitarian as well as development settings.**

The Forum aims to bridge gaps in evidence generation, enhance practitioner capacity, and drive positive change by inspiring the next phase of impact evaluations supported by WFP and its partners.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

Organised within three streams, the event has three overarching objectives:



**EVIDENCE:** Showcase how evidence generated through implementation of WFP's Impact Evaluation Strategy could improve WFP programmes and policies, while feeding into the global evidence base for achieving the SDGs.



**PARTNERSHIP:** Provide open forums for discussions on collaborative opportunities to generate impact evaluation evidence within the United Nations and broader humanitarian and development sectors.



**LEARNING:** Offer capacity development opportunities for programme, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practitioners to share and learn from experts and from one another.

# AGENDA OUTLINE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
	Auditorium	Auditorium	Forum A&B	Auditorium	Forum A&B	Auditorium	Forum A&B
09:00		Challenges and opportunities in humanitarian impact evaluation	Building resilience	Building a Culture of evidence in your organisation	<b>Introduction to IE:</b> What is IE, and why is it useful for WFP?	TBD: Nutrition Literature Review	<b>Design clinics</b>
09:30	<b>HIGH-LEVEL OPENING EVENT</b>						
10:00							
10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		<b>Coffee break</b>		<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00	<b>Panel:</b> What Impact Evaluation Evidence offers WFP	Designing cash-based programmes	Social protection	<b>Lightning Talks:</b> Current state of IE activities across NGOs	<b>Introduction to IE Methods:</b> Experimental Design	Setting an impact evidence agenda in the humanitarian space	<b>Design clinics</b>
11:30							
12:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>	
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13:30	<b>Roundtable:</b> Towards a Common Evidence Agenda	Climate & anticipatory action	Evidence on school-based programmes	<b>Roundtable:</b> Partnering with NGOs for impact evaluation	<b>Introduction to IE Methods:</b> Quasi-experimental Design	<b>Presentation of designs</b>	
14:00							
14:30							
15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>		<b>Coffee break</b>		<b>Coffee break</b>	
15:30	<b>Panel:</b> Evidence for Humanitarian Action	Cost-effectiveness analysis in impact evaluation	Targeting	<b>Roundtable:</b> Collaborating on IE across the UN	<b>IE training:</b> Implementing an IE in your CO	<b>CLOSING EVENT</b>	
16:00							
16:30							
17:00	<b>APERITIVO</b>						
17:30							
18:30							

\* Day 1 will include interpretation in Arabic, English and French

\* Day 1 & 2 will be livestreamed