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Management Comments on the Internal Audit of WFP Operations in Algeria (AR/25/21)

WFP Management acknowledges the findings of the Office of the Inspector General’s internal audit (AR/25/21) covering operations in Algeria from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2025. Management takes note of the overall conclusion that “some improvement needed” and have proactively initiated actions to address all observations.

WFP’s activities in Algeria are guided by the interim Country Strategic Plan (July 2019 – February 2026), which, after six budget revisions, totals USD 203 million. In 2024, WFP reached 133,672 beneficiaries through two main strategic outcomes. Key interventions included general food assistance for Sahrawi refugees, nutrition improvement programmes, school feeding, and resilience-building initiatives such as community gardens and livestock projects to enhance local food production and self-reliance.

WFP Management takes note of the two high-priority and four medium-priority observations and associated actions. Immediate action has been taken on the high-priority items, while the medium-priority actions will be completed within agreed deadlines. For the high-priority issues, targeted measures include (i) integrating risk management and mitigation strategies into donor reporting and enhancing process-level assurance, to be completed by 30 June 2026; and (ii) developing a context-appropriate monitoring model in consultation with headquarters and donors, to be completed by 31 December 2026. Progress against these actions will be reviewed regularly.

Management will address all medium-priority recommendations by updating legal agreements with partners, improving cash-based transfer processes and staff training, and strengthening oversight of cooperating partners by building internal capacity and through better tracking and digital tools to improve transparency and accountability. Finally, management will enhance commodity management with revised contracts and strengthened oversight. These actions are scheduled for completion between April and December 2026, and progress will be closely monitored to ensure timely implementation

WFP Management appreciates the constructive engagement and dialogue with the Office of the Inspector General throughout the process. The country office, with support from Global Headquarters, will ensure timely implementation of all agreed actions with tracking done through corporate monitoring tools, upholding accountability, strengthening internal controls, and ensuring operational excellence in delivering assistance.