*Online event:*

***Building bodies of impact evaluations evidence***

***5 June, 15:00 PM Rome time***

**Overview**

#### This virtual roundtable will examine how to build global bodies of impact evaluation evidence, while still respecting the context-specific understanding of development. The roundtable explores methods to identify the impact of programmes on key outcomes locally, while enabling a global agency to identify broader lessons on the relationship between their interventions and SDG2. It contributes to a wider discussion on methodologies for coordinating multiple rigorous impact evaluations to build bodies of evidence that inform programming and policy both at the organizational and global level.

The event will draw on recent and ongoing work from the WFP Office of Evaluation, World Bank Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) division, and German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEVAL), ODI, and WZB, Berlin:

* various approaches to answer questions that are tailored to the intricacies of each programme, while also designing evaluations that contribute to broader questions;
* how a multi-lateral organization can standardize impact evaluation designs and outcome measurement approaches while still allowing for flexibility in context;
* how focusing on women’s empowerment and resilience adds complexity;
* how evaluators might maintain communities’ own understandings as they ‘scale-up’ evidence to fit a more global perspective.

**Expected results:**

* Stronger awareness of the challenges associated with moving from local and country-specific evidence towards a global evidence base;
* Learning on the latest innovations in evaluation methodologies and approaches to coordinating portfolios of rigorous impact evaluation;

**Format**

After a short introduction, WFP will present its new impact evaluation windows on cash-based transfers and gender and climate change and resilience. Following presentations, the moderator will ask each discussant questions related to the topics listed. This will be followed by a questions and answer session with the audience. The event will last 60 minutes and will use the Zoom platform.

**Agenda**

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| Item | Speaker | Time |
| Introduction:  Welcome participants and presentation of the agenda | Renata Mirulla (EvalForward) | 5’ |
| Presentations:  WFP’s new impact evaluation strategy and ‘windows’ | * + Jonas Heirman, Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation), World Food Programme, Rome;   + Hanna Paulose, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer (Impact Evaluation), World Food Programme, Rome;   + Kristen McCollum, Evaluation Analyst (Impact Evaluation), World Food Programme, Rome; | 20’ |
| Roundtable:  Building bodies of evidence from coordinated impact evaluations | Moderator: Jonas Heirman  Discussants:   * + Macartan Humphreys, Director, WZB, Berlin, and Professor, Columbia University, New York;   + Florence Kondylis, Research Manager, Development Impact Evaluation, World Bank;   + Rebecca Holmes, Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute, London;   + Sven Harten, Head of Competence Centre for Evaluation Methodology / Deputy Director, DEVAL, Bonn; | 30’ |
| Questions and Answers: | Moderator: Jonas Heirman | 5’ |

**Target audience**

The event will be open to anyone interested and promoted in particular though the following channels:

* FAO, WFP and IFAD staff, in particular evaluation and M&E officers
* Members of the EvalForward Community of Practice
* Other evaluation communities
* Universities and training institutions with evaluation curricula: UNINT, Roma3, ENAC, IPDET, etc.