



**Management comments to the Field Verification of WFP Operations in Colombia  
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WFP management appreciates the observations and recommendations made by the Office of Internal Audit on the operations of the Colombia Country Office covering the period from 1 March 2012 to 28 February 2013. WFP management notes the positive achievements and the good business practices identified in the field verification report, particularly the very good relations with Government counterparts and the effective management and monitoring of trust funds.

WFP management notes that the implementation of the protracted relief and recovery operation to address food insecurity among highly vulnerable households affected by displacement and violence was delayed until the formal signing of the "Letter of Understanding" with the Government of Colombia on 11 May 2012. The implementation of relevant activities was further hampered by increased violence and resulting population displacements.

WFP management will ensure the full implementation of the 12 medium and low risk recommendations. Six of the 11 medium-risk recommendations had already been implemented by the time the field verification report was issued. Work is in progress to complete the implementation of the remaining five recommendations by June 2014 to ensure full compliance with WFP corporate standards, procedures and guidelines.

WFP management believes the observations of the field verification report will further contribute to improving internal controls and monitoring activities in the Country Office. Based on the corrective actions implemented and underway as well as the additional oversight provided by the Panama Regional Bureau, WFP management is assured of the adequacy of internal controls, governance and risk management in the Colombia Country Office.