



Internal Audit of WFP Operations in the Republic of the Congo (AR/15/07)

Management Comments

WFP Management welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report on WFP operations in the Republic of Congo (ROC) for the period of 1st November 2013 to 31st October 2014. This audit was initiated at the request of the Country Director. The ROC office has already started implementation of the agreed actions.

WFP Management appreciates OIG's recognition of the positive practices and initiatives in the Country Office including, inter-alia, the internal environment, aligning the staff resources with the administrative and operational requirements and the improvement of the Country Office's visibility with the host government.

WFP Management acknowledges the overall conclusion of unsatisfactory and has been proactive in taking immediate actions to address the high-risk areas. Action is being taken with regard to the strengthening of processes in a number of areas, including procurement, oversight of sub-offices, segregation of duties, and internal controls. Management is addressing issues related to delays in recording of obligations, and has planned specific training sessions for the RoC Country Office with support from the Regional Bureau in Johannesburg and Headquarters.

The implementation of the remaining agreed actions is underway and Management expect to implement all the actions by the end of September 2015.

WFP Management appreciates the opportunities identified in the context of the Internal Audit Report to improve internal controls, governance systems and would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the meaningful collaboration and support.