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Internal Audit of Security and Controls in WFP's SCOPE System (AR/16/03)

Management Comments

WFP management welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General in this audit of the security and controls in WFP's SCOPE system. This provides a snapshot of security controls in place as the SCOPE system continues to be developed and implemented as WFP's corporate digital platform to support registration and management of beneficiary identity information and interfaces to cash-based services.

WFP Management appreciates the confirmation and recognition of critical security configurations generally in place for application, web and database services in line with IT security best practices.

The audit has flagged medium observations of a technical nature and WFP Management has already put in place an action plan to address these agreed actions as well as factoring these in technical plans as SCOPE continues to evolve. These actions focus on strengthening procedures of developer access to the production data, further enhancement of technology control settings and establishing a proactive event log monitoring mechanism.

WFP Management appreciates the opportunities identified in the context of the Internal Audit Report to improve internal controls through the strengthening of the application security frameworks for mission critical systems, and would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General for the substantive information security input, meaningful collaboration and support.