



**Management comments to the internal audit report of WFP Operations in the
People's Republic of Bangladesh (AR/13/16)**

Management Comments

WFP management appreciates the observations and recommendations made by the Office of Internal Audit through this audit report on WFP operations in the People's Republic of Bangladesh covering the period from January 2012 to July 2013. The absence of high-risk observations is considered to be a significant achievement, given the highly challenging operating environment which WFP contends with on a daily basis in the country and the size and complexity of the WFP operation. WFP management is pleased to note that the implementation of prior audit recommendations contained in AR/10/27 has resulted in a satisfactory audit rating which is an improvement in comparison to the 2010 audit which assigned a partially satisfactory rating.

WFP management has taken immediate action to address areas of risk identified by the audit. These include the establishment of a mechanism for receiving confirmation from the Government of Bangladesh of the WFP stocks held and managed by them; establishing mechanisms to ensure that all vehicles are MOSS compliant before being used; and establishing a mechanism for tracking of all monitoring findings and related actions.

WFP management notes with appreciation the audit team's conclusion that there was strong engagement, alignment and coordination of programme activities with the Government of Bangladesh.

The audit highlighted positive practices in place such as risk management and existence of a resource management committee, comprising finance, logistics, operations and programme; this committee monitors all contributions, programming and utilization and oversees pipeline and supply chain actions.

WFP management considers two of the positive areas highlighted by the audit to potentially constitute best practice. The first is the regular staffing review exercise, which as noted by audit has created an adequate balance between Country Office needs and available resources. The second is an objective and indicator-based field monitoring system which provides a focused monitoring approach and best use of limited resources.

Overall, based on the results of this audit and following the corrective actions implemented, WFP management is reassured that its operations in the People's Republic of Bangladesh are being successfully implemented with adequate and appropriate controls and management of risk.