Internal Audit of WFP Operations in Mali (AR/14/25)

Management Comments

WFP Management welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) through the audit report on WFP operations in Mali for the period 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014. WFP Management has already started implementing the agreed actions and is pleased to note that eight of the eleven of the agreed actions have already been implemented.

WFP Management appreciates OIG’s recognition of positive practices and initiatives in the Mali Country Office including, inter alia, the implementation of measures to improve internal controls, the ability to timely fill vacant positions through TDY, and visits made to transporters to assess their capacity.

WFP Management also notes the significant efforts made by the Mali Country Office to improve security management in order to protect the safety of WFP staff and assets.

WFP Management will closely monitor and assist the Country Office to ensure the full and timely implementation of the remaining agreed actions including, inter alia, the preparation of relevant documentation to support the provision of UNHAS operations, improvements of the staff recruitment process, and enhancement of the monitoring of the commodities delivered to Cooperating Partners.

WFP Management appreciates the opportunities identified in the context of the Internal Audit to improve internal controls, programme management, food and non-food procurement and resource management processes and would like to thank OIG for the meaningful collaboration and support.