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Internal Audit of WFP Operations in Ethiopia (AR/15/06)

Management Comments

WFP management appreciates and welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report on WFP operations in Ethiopia (AR/15/06) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2014. Management has started implementing the agreed actions.

WFP management further welcomes the OIG's recognition of WFP Ethiopia's positive practices and initiatives, including the strong working relationship between the WFP Country Office and the Ethiopian government at the federal and regional levels; the alignment of the WFP Country Office programme with the national strategy of the Government of Ethiopia; the development of a Food Safety and Quality Management Strategy and the enhancement of the Information Technology network infrastructure.

WFP management recognizes the overall conclusion of a partially satisfactory audit. With reference to the High-risk observation, Management will work with the Government and the cooperating partners to trace the receipt confirmation of commodities dispatched and will take all the required actions to control such differences in the future.

WFP Management is fully committed to ensure the implementation of all of the agreed actions within the agreed timeline and appreciates the opportunities to improve Country Office internal controls. Management will also ensure that updates on the implementation status of the remaining outstanding agreed actions are provided to OIG on a regular basis. In addition, WFP management will ensure continued operational oversight and support for the Ethiopia Country Office to further strengthen internal control and risk management practices.

WFP Management would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General for the meaningful collaboration and support.