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Management Comments on the inspection report of the Joint Inspection of the Biometrics Identification System for Food Distribution in Kenya (IR/02/2015)

Management Comments

WFP management appreciates and welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General of WFP and UNHCR through this joint inspection report on the biometrics system implemented in Kenya's refugee operation.

WFP management notes with appreciation that the joint inspection mission has classified the biometrics system as a "good practice", specifically, that it is "an effective protection tool that ... significantly enhances accountability". WFP Management further appreciates the recognition that the closer collaboration with UNHCR established through the process of designing and implementing biometrics, has yielded strong positive results for both agencies. WFP Management is pleased with the confirmation in the report that the biometrics project was financially and otherwise well managed, and that efficiencies were found by WFP and UNHCR during the implementation process that allowed the project to finish under budget. Finally, WFP Management particularly appreciates that the report elaborates clearly the many components of the biometrics project that contributed to its success, and thanks the joint inspection team for taking the time to understand and document this complex and sensitive project.

The actions proposed in the report were discussed with and agreed and those assigned to WFP Kenya Country Office will be carried out within the specified timeframe.

WFP Management appreciates the identified opportunities to document and build on the success of the biometrics project, and thanks the Office of the Inspector General of WFP and UNHCR for the meaningful collaboration and support.