Internal Audit of WFP’s Procurement of Goods and Services (AR/16/06)

Management Comments

WFP Management welcomes the observations and conclusions of a partially satisfactory audit by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of WFP’s procurement of goods and services (G&S) function at WFP Headquarters covering the period of 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015.

WFP Management notes the audit report’s recognition of positive G&S procurement practices across the organization as well as at the process level. This includes the function’s recent in-depth analysis of major categories of expenditure that led to the establishment of new processes and development of tools as well as strategies that have the potential to generate significant value savings.

WFP Management has already initiated the process of addressing several of the agreed actions such as a review of the level of procurement authority among the different WFP procuring entities as well as the approval process for the Purchase Contracts Committee by 31 December 2016. In order to ensure the full implementation of all the agreed actions, the Supply Chain Division will prioritize the audit recommendations and work with relevant divisions within respective target implementation dates.

WFP Management appreciates the opportunities identified in the context of the Internal Audit Report such as the review of the current G&S Procurement Manual/rules and is fully committed to ensure the continuous strengthening of the goods and services procurement process corporately.

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