FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

DATA COLLECTION FRAMEWORK
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Food Security and Nutrition in Programme Objectives and Indicators

Key Area A. Programme Objectives and Indicators

Objective: food security and nutrition (FSN) concerns are reflected in both the objectives and indicators of the social protection programme, which are based on existing situational FSN assessments.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

i. FSN Situation Analysis

1. Was a FSN situation analysis conducted and used to inform the design of the programme? If so, please provide detailed information regarding the source, the year of implementation and the scale (national/regional etc.) of the situation analysis.

ii. Explicit Objectives

2. What are the main programme objectives?

3. What are the secondary objectives?

4. What are the explicit objectives related to FSN?

5. What are the core components of the programme?

iii. FSN Indicators

6. Have FSN indicators been included in the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the programme? If so, please answer the following question.

7. Which specific FSN indicators have been included in the M&E?
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Key Area B. Inclusiveness

Objective: the programme is designed and implemented to reach food insecure and nutritionally vulnerable groups, taking into account their needs and constraints.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

i. Inclusive Targeting Methods

1. Does the programme have an explicitly defined target population and eligibility criteria in its objectives and programme targeting approach?

2. Which targeting methods are used? Please select one or more of the following options:
   a. Demographic/categorical (e.g. children, elderly, youth, pregnant women)
   b. Community-based (e.g. specific communities, pastoralists, landless people, homeless people)
   c. Geographic (e.g. specific communities, areas prone to natural disasters, etc.)
   d. Means test (e.g. based on the medium income of the household)
   e. Proxy means test (e.g. approximation of one or more indicators e.g. food security level)
   f. Self-selection
   g. Administrative (e.g. schools)
   h. Other (e.g. teacher assessments)

3. Is the targeting mechanism based on the food security and nutrition (FSN) population profile/needs? Are FSN indicators used in any way during targeting? If so, please expand upon the above.

4. Are the food insecure and nutritionally vulnerable groups of the population being covered by the programme?
5. How often is the eligibility/targeting exercise conducted?

6. How often is the enrollment conducted?

**ii. Due Consideration to the First 1000 Days**

7. Does the programme target the first 1000 days?

**iii. Accessibility**

8. Are potential beneficiaries aware of the programme, how to apply or register for it and what the qualifying conditions are?

9. Are there any other costs involved in applying and registering for/receiving the benefits?

10. Is there an outreach strategy on the eligibility and availability of benefits to reach the most food insecure and nutritionally vulnerable (e.g. children, youth, women, elderly)? If so, please describe which strategies are utilized to reach each group.

11. Can the beneficiaries easily obtain relevant information about the programme?

12. Please describe the application and registration/enrolment process in place to access the benefits?

13. Is there a system in place for individuals to contest the eligibility determination? If so, please describe the system.

14. What means of verification (e.g. identity document, birth certification) are needed as proof of eligibility?

15. Can the beneficiaries easily receive their benefits, without having to face barriers to actually access them?

16. Do the beneficiaries receive the benefits in a timely and regular manner?

17. Are there risks for the beneficiaries tied to claiming or losing their benefits?

18. How long after eligibility has been determined are the benefits paid?
iv. Gender Considerations

19. Are women’s needs and constraints in accessing and participating in the programmes taken into consideration?

Exit Strategy

20. Are the exit rules for ending the programme benefits clearly described? If so, please elaborate upon the above.

21. When do the beneficiaries stop receiving the programme benefits? Please select one or more of the following options:
   a. Individual/household no longer meets the eligibility criteria
   b. Automatic ending (e.g. beneficiaries’ death or old age)
   c. Fixed programme duration
   d. Achievement of specific benchmarks associated with programme goals
   e. Reception of other social protection benefits
   f. Failure to reapply/show up
   g. Other

Discrepancies between Programme Design and Implementation

22. Have there been any major discrepancies between the design of the programme and its actual implementation. If so, please describe the specific areas in which the above discrepancies can be found?

Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments

23. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.

Key Area C. Adequacy

Objective: the programme provides benefits that fulfil the food security and nutrition (FSN) needs of the targeted beneficiaries, and takes action to avoid unintended harmful impacts.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers.
The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

i. Adequate Transfer (Cash or In-Kind) to Meet the FSN Needs of the Targeted Beneficiaries

1. Which type of benefit/transfer is provided and what volume? Please select one or more of the following options:
   
a. Cash. If so, please specify the amount per household per month/quarter/semester.
   
b. Food. If so, please specify the: type of food; unit or amount of meals per person per month; nutritional value; quality of the food; and the estimated monetary value.
   
c. Other, including combination of benefits. If so, please specify which types and the estimated monetary value.

2. At what interval are the benefits (food/or cash) transferred?

3. Does the programme take into account the beneficiaries’ preferences in terms of the type of benefit (e.g. cash/food/meals/vouchers/inputs etc.)? If so, please explain how.

4. Has a recent assessment of the cost of a nutritious diet been conducted? (e.g. Save the Children Cost of the Diet assessment etc.)

5. Is the size of the benefit defined in proportion to the overall household consumption (at least 20-30%) or does it cover the cost of the food basket for a nutritious diet (per week/month)? Please indicate how the size was calculated.

6. Does the size of the benefit/transfer adapt to any of the options below? Please select one or more of the following options.
   
a. Number of household dependants. If so, please specify if there is a cap (e.g. 5+ children).
   
b. Gender (e.g. bonuses for pregnant women)
   
c. Age of household members (e.g. infants, working age or elderly)
   
d. Behaviour (e.g. use of bonuses or conditionalities)
   
e. Seasonality (e.g. linked to agricultural calendar or seeding period)
f. External circumstances (e.g. inflation, food prices, crises). If so, please specify which circumstances.

7. Does the size of the programme benefit/transfer differ between programme locations? If so, please specify the amount(s) and reason(s).

8. Does the interval between/level of benefits reflect FSN objectives? If so, please specify if it addresses: immediate needs or long-term needs, agricultural production, resilience, diversification of livelihoods, etc.

9. Are the benefits/transfers delivered on time? If not, please specify the typical delay and indicate details in the section dedicated to discrepancies below.

10. Does the duration of the benefits reflect the actual FSN needs and conditions? If not, please answer the following question.

11. What are the criteria to continue to receive the benefits?

12. Is the programme calendar aligned with the respective seasonal agriculture calendar to avoid competing demands on the households’ FSN priorities?

13. Are there any mechanisms to adjust benefit levels? If so, please answer the following question.

14. How do the mechanisms to adjust benefit levels work? Please select one or more of the following options:
   a. Discretionary. If so, please specify the rules
   b. Automatic. If so, please specify the indexation reference value
   c. According to inflation
   d. According to wages. If so, please specify whether relevant to the public sector, private sector or minimum wages
   e. According to the availability of resources

15. What is the frequency of indexation?

16. When was the last benefit increase and by how much? Please specify the percentage.
17. Are the indexation arrangements determined by international laws and regulations?

18. Are the benefit levels reviewed through a consultation process with relevant stakeholders?

**Complementing Questions for Public Works Programmes (if applicable)**

19. How are decisions taken regarding the selection of public infrastructure or services to be invested in through public works programmes?

20. What is the prevailing market wage for casual unskilled labour? Please specify the rates by area, type of activity, seasonal variations (if any).

21. Does the country enforce a minimum wage for casual unskilled labor? If so, please specify the rate and type of activity.

22. What is the relationship between the programme rate and the prevailing wage for casual unskilled labor? Please expand upon the above.

23. Does the programme collect information on prevailing market wages regularly? If so, how often?

24. Do programme rates adjust accordingly? If so, please explain how.

25. Has the programme caused changes in local wages? If so, please describe how.

26. Does the programme include training and skills development activities? If so, please specify which ones.

**Complementing Questions for School Feeding/Food Transfers (if applicable)**

27. How was the food content and quality determined? Please explain the type of assessment utilized.

28. What are the main objectives underlying the provision of food? Please select one or more of the following options:

   a. Increase healthy food consumption
   b. Specific micronutrient intervention(s)
   c. High or volatile food prices
d. Poorly functioning food markets
e. Improve educational outcomes
f. Others. If so, please describe which objectives.

29. How are cooks and/or caterers identified/contracted/paid and how are meals being served (e.g. by whom and where)?

30. Is the food procured locally? If so, from small or large farmers? If not, please answer the following question.

31. Is the food procured nationally, regionally or globally?

32. Are there mechanisms in place to encourage the procurement of food from small farmers? If so, please describe the above mechanisms.

33. Is the food fortified? If so, please specify if this is mandatory by law.

34. Does the food distribution take place locally including, for example, an option for school children to take the food home? If so, please specify where (e.g. community centers, etc.) and describe the process.

35. Are there mechanisms in place to ensure food quality? If so, please describe the above mechanisms.

36. What is the total amount spent/volume of food transfers (i.e. tonnes distributed per annum)?

**Complementing Questions for Cash Transfers or Food Transfers (if applicable)**

37. Are there conditionalities or co-responsibilities to receive the benefits? If so, please explain which of the above and specify if they directly promote FSN objectives.

38. Are there mechanisms in place to monitor the compliance of the conditionalities, if any? If so, please describe the sanctions that are applied in case of non-compliance.

39. Are there mechanisms in place to monitor the quality and coverage of the service provided by the conditionalities? If so, please describe the above mechanisms.

40. Does the programme utilize a single delivery mechanism or, depending on the location, different methods for the delivery of the transfers?
41. Is there an impact on the local food and agricultural markets, production, and prices? If so, please describe the impact.

**Complementing Questions for Food or Inputs Subsidies (if applicable)**

42. What type of subsidy is provided (food or inputs)?

43. What percentage is subsidized compared to the total cost?

44. What type of products are subsidised?

45. What mechanisms are in place to provide the subsidy (e.g. accredited markets, vouchers etc.)?

46. When is the subsidy given (e.g. once a year, every three months, according to food prices hikes etc.)?

47. For how long are the subsidies provided (e.g. number of years)?

48. Is the subsidy targeted to the most vulnerable populations?

**ii. Appropriate Delivery Modalities of the Benefit**

49. How is the benefit delivered (e.g. electronic vouchers, mobile payments, local banks, cash etc.)?

50. Is the delivery of the benefits processed or verified electronically?

51. What information is captured at the point of delivery? Please provide a description.

52. Is the delivery mechanism implemented as planned? If not, please indicate details in the section dedicated to discrepancies below.

53. Are the distances of the beneficiaries’ residence and the requirements of the programme being taken into consideration for payments, services, and programme modalities (e.g. work assignments, flexible hours, creche etc.)? If so, please specify how.

54. Who receives the benefits, women or men?

55. Are women’s constraints and care responsibilities taken into consideration?
56. Are there measures in place to facilitate female and/or working, underage or elderly caretakers’ access to the transfer and to the services (e.g. easy access to the application documentation, flexible delivery dates, service proximity etc.)? If so, please describe the above measures.

iii. Integration of Nutrition Education and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC)

57. Has there been an assessment of the participants’ key practices and outlooks that hinder or support improved FSN?

58. Is there a nutrition education and/or BCC component/intervention for the participants included in the programme? If so, please describe the above component and answer the remaining following questions.

59. Does this component/intervention aim at improving practices and behaviours? If so, please describe which of the above.

60. Does this component/intervention incorporate specific behaviour change indicators? If so, please specify which ones.

61. Who is targeted through the nutrition education and/or BCC component (e.g. beneficiaries, communities, etc. and how are they involved?

62. Who are the front-line educators or facilitators? Have they received specific training in nutrition education and/or BCC?

63. What are the methods and strategies used to operationalize the component/intervention? Are they compatible with behaviour change?

64. How frequent are education/BCC activities and how long do they last?

Discrepancies between Programme Design and Implementation

65. Have there been any major discrepancies regarding benefits between the design of the programme and its actual implementation. If so, please describe the specific areas in which the above discrepancies can be found?

Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments

66. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.
Key Area D. Responsiveness

Objective: the programme includes a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) mechanism that monitors food security and nutrition (FSN) indicators for changes. The programme is flexible to respond to sudden changes detected and adapt its scale.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

i. Existence of a M&E System That Is Able to Capture Changes in the FSN Situation

1. Was a M&E plan built into the programme? If so, is it being implemented?

2. Are any forms of qualitative inquiry included?

3. What key indicators are used by the programme’s M&E framework?

4. Is the data compiled disaggregated? If so, please specify according to which characteristics (e.g. gender, age, geographic areas, income, etc.).

5. Does the programme monitor FSN indicators? If so, please specify if they are monitored and evaluated periodically, and indicate the regularity.

6. Is the data required to measure FSN indicators and the baseline data that includes FSN information easily available? If so, please specify which data and from what year.

7. Which of the following tools (if any) are used in the programme? Please select one or more of the following options:

   a. Management information system. If so, please specify whether it includes information on the FSN status and, if the case, which type of information.

   b. Process reports and evaluations. If so, please specify: their periodicity; if they include FSN indicators; whether they are produced in a timely manner and made publicly available; and indicate the date of the latest report available.

   c. Impact Evaluation(s) (using mixed methods). If so, please specify whether the impact of the benefit is on food consumption or nutrition.

   d. Cost-Benefit-Analysis. If so, please describe it.
e. Community/stakeholder feedback. If so, please specify which type (e.g. social audits, score cards, teacher/parent observations).

f. Other (e.g. impact of FSN on school performance)

8. Is there a mechanism to review and utilize the results of the M&E and impact evaluations to improve the effectiveness of the programme’s performance? If so, please specify if the programme implementation manual is being updated regularly (e.g. bi-annually, annually) taking into consideration lessons learnt?

**ii. Ability of the Programme to Respond to Different Types of Shocks**

9. Do the targeting and/or implementation modalities include a mechanism to adapt to changes and shocks, in both income and/or FSN (e.g. crises, shocks food price changes, etc.), that adjusts the options listed below? Please select one or more of the following:

a. Number of recipients/demographic coverage

b. Geographic coverage

c. Benefit/transfer level

d. Benefit/transfer type

e. Time (i.e. timing, duration of the benefit and/or interventions)

f. Scale up resources (financial and human). If so, please explain how (e.g. contingency fund).

  g. Linkages to other services (e.g. health, sanitation, medicine, emergency relief, etc.).

  h. Other (e.g. first come, first serve; ranking and prioritization; lottery etc.) If so, please elaborate upon it.

10. If the programme has previously been scaled up in response to changing needs or circumstances has it been possible to scale back down to the previous coverage, if intended?

**Evaluations**

Please list evaluations and main findings:
Discrepancies between Programme Design and Implementation

11. Have there been any major discrepancies between the design of the programme and its actual implementation. If so, please describe the specific areas in which the above discrepancies can be found?

Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments

12. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.

Enabling Environment

Key Area E. Coherence, Integration and Governance

Objective: The programme has established clear linkages across sectors, such as health, sanitation and agriculture, to respond to the multidimensional causes of malnutrition.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

i. Existence of Complementary Services

1. Which types of services are provided directly by the programme to the beneficiaries to improve their food security and nutrition (FSN)?

   a. Clean water and sanitation
   b. Health and community services (e.g. home-based care workers, assistants to primary health care providers, growth monitoring etc.)
   c. Food and nutrition education/promotion (e.g. early breastfeeding and childhood care, training for development workers etc.)
   d. Agricultural extension services/livelihood support (e.g. farmer field schools, seed/tool distribution, home/kitchen gardening etc.)
   e. Social services (e.g. insurance, labour market protection etc.)
   f. Infrastructure to facilitate access to quality food and water (e.g. food banks, community gardens, local cafeterias, etc.)
   g. Micro-finance access
2. Which types of services are provided by other programmes (linkages) to the beneficiaries to improve their FSN?

a. Clean water and sanitation
b. Health and community services (e.g. home-based care workers, assistants to primary health care providers, growth monitoring etc.)
c. Food and nutrition education/promotion (e.g. early breastfeeding and childhood care, training for development workers etc.)
d. Agricultural extension services/livelihood support (e.g. farmer field schools, seed/tool distribution, home/kitchen gardening etc.)
e. Social services (e.g. insurance, labour market protection etc.)
f. Infrastructure to facilitate access to quality food and water (e.g. food banks, community gardens, local cafeterias, etc.)
g. Micro-finance access
h. Other. If, so please specify the type of service.

3. Is there an institutionalized system of referrals (relating to both social protection and non-social protection programmes/schemes)? If so, please select one of the following:

a. Among different social protection schemes and programmes
b. Between services or programmes from other sectors and the social protection system.

4. Are the benefits of the linked programmes coordinated in the timing of their delivery?

5. Are any complementary services being provided/linked as part of/in connection with the programme? If so, please answer the following question.

6. Is there a mechanism to ensure that the quality and access of the above services are monitored?

ii. Intersectoral Functions That Are Operational

7. Are there mechanisms in place to ensure functional inter-sectoral linkages? If so, please describe these mechanisms and include, if possible, the: number of staff
dedicated to inter-sectoral functions, budget, specific procedures, and regularity of intersectoral meetings.

iii. Cross-Sectoral Information Sharing

8. Is the programme complemented/linked with other programmes?

9. If so, please describe how the targeting between the linked programmes is being conducted.

10. Is there a single registry available? If so, please answer the following question.

11. Is this programme utilizing the registry? If so, please describe how the programme is using it.

12. Do the programmes share delivery mechanisms? If so, please describe which mechanisms they are utilizing.

13. Is there a common management information system?

iv. Coordination Mechanisms That Are in Place

14. Are there formal cooperation mechanisms in place (e.g. a joint committee, working group etc.) that include both social protection and FSN-relevant sector bodies (i.e. ministries/agencies)?

15. Are there coordination mechanisms in place between the government and other stakeholders (e.g. the community, interest groups etc.), from both the social protection and FSN sectors (including health, education, sanitation, agriculture etc.), that are involved in the implementation and/or monitoring and evaluation of the programme, at national and local levels?

16. If so, please elaborate on their role, responsibilities and functioning of the above mechanisms and include, if possible: a list of areas that are covered by the coordination mechanism; the number of staff dedicated to intersectoral functions; the estimated time dedicated to intersectoral functions, per month; the budget; overall procedures; and the regularity of coordination meetings.

17. Is there a government/coordinating body and/or donors to harmonize the different social protection programmes, relevant to FSN, that are involved in the implementation and/or monitoring and evaluation of the programme?
v. Clarity on Roles and Responsibilities

18. Are the roles and responsibilities of the actors involved in the social protection and FSN sectors (including health, education, sanitation and agriculture etc.) defined? If so, please answer the following question.

19. Are the mandates of the different actors involved linked in any way?

20. Are the roles and responsibilities of the social protection and FSN bodies/actors specified and coordinated to some degree in this programme’s operating procedures (e.g. is there a manual)?

21. Do the social protection and FSN bodies/actors involved operate accordingly, in practice?

22. Are implicated staff/officers aware of the “multiple” functions of the programme (i.e social protection and FSN)?

23. Are the functions of the programme clearly specified in all the other existing internal rules, and regulating and reporting mechanisms (e.g. is there an operation manual)?

24. Is the programme inserted/integrated into existing institutional bodies promoting both social protection and FSN?

25. Are there institutional mechanisms in place to manage the programme at the local level, with geographical coverage of the beneficiaries?

26. Does the national coordination mechanism for this programme include the government and stakeholders that also represent FSN? If so, please describe the different members and their mandate?

vi. Harmonization of Social Protection and FSN Strategies

27. Is there a national social protection policy/strategy that guides the harmonization of social protection programmes?

28. If so, please answer the following questions.

29. Is this programme included in the above harmonization of social protection programmes?
30. Is there a national food security and/or nutrition policy/strategy?

31. If so, please answer the following question.

32. Does the above national food security and/or nutrition policy include social protection as a strategy, enabling households to diversify their diets and livelihoods?

33. Are there mechanisms in place to encourage small farmers to produce healthy and diversified food?

**Discrepancies between Programme Design and Implementation**

34. Have there been any major discrepancies between the national legal frameworks, the design of the programme and its actual implementation. If so, please describe the specific areas in which the above discrepancies can be found?

**Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments**

35. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.

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**Key Area F. Sustainability**

**Objective:** the programme supports communities in developing processes and structures to address both current and future food security and nutrition (FSN) needs; promotes a sustainable supply of nutritious food and sustainable resource management, where applicable; and is based on sustainable funding mechanisms allowing for full implementation.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.
i. Environmental Sustainability

36. Does the programme include social and behavioural change communication (BCC) linked to environmental education, including incentives for fair trade, water, energy and food waste prevention, and the importance of recycling? If so, please specify which of the above it includes.

37. In the case of agricultural production, does the programme include any measures that promote the uptake of sustainable resource management and/or to avoid, minimize or remedy adverse environmental impacts to ensure the sustainable availability of food? If so, please specify which of the above it includes.

38. Does the programme promote incentives to avoid negative impacts on forests, water and soil quality and climate? If so, please specify which of the above it promotes.

ii. Social Sustainability

39. Does the programme promote the empowerment of communities in understanding and acting on challenges to address and contribute to their FSN needs in the longer term? If so, please describe how.

40. Does the programme incorporate approaches that promote equity, inclusion, gender equality, and particularly concerning the FSN of the most vulnerable? If so, please describe the above.

41. Do beneficiary households practice improved FSN habits in a consistent, regular manner and are there indications of long-term continuation of these practices (i.e. following programme intervention support)? If so, please elaborate upon the above.

42. Does the programme directly or indirectly build social capital that would contribute in some form to FSN? If so, please elaborate upon the above?

iii. Economic Sustainability

43. Does the programme in some form support rural livelihood(s) that lead to the beneficiaries maintaining a secure reliable economic base? If so, please elaborate upon the above.
iv. Financial Sustainability

44. Do the financial resources raised and allocated currently allow for the full implementation as well as monitoring of FSN indicators?

45. What share of the programme expenditure is financed by external sources?

46. To what extent are the procedures put into practice reliably for the execution of allocations dedicated to social protection? Has the programme experienced difficulties regarding the release of funds from the Ministry of Finance?

47. Are there long-term funding commitments to cover future cost projections? Or is this programme envisioned as a short-term intervention?

48. Is there a legal obligation to ensure the adequate financing of the social protection scheme?

49. What enforcement mechanisms are in place to ensure compliance and prevent fraud, tax evasion or the non-payment of contributions?

50. To what extent are there clear procedures and timelines for budget execution, monitoring and reporting?

51. Are commitments and budget planning adequate for supporting the projected costs of social protection and complementary programmes?

52. Do a strategy/framework and/or respective laws ensure sufficient prioritization to secure adequate future budget allocation for the programme, including for FSN priorities? If so, please elaborate upon the above.

53. What are the key constraints (excluding financial) that hinder the sustainability of the programme in the longer run?

Unanticipated Outcomes of the Programme

54. Are there positive or negative outcomes that were not originally anticipated (e.g. social cohesion/tension, environmental impacts, economic impacts, improved productivity, etc.)?
**Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments**

55. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.

**Rights and Dignity**

**Key Area G. Rights and Dignity**

**Objective:** the programme’s design and implementation mechanisms pursue human rights principles, specifically the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to food.

Please answer the following questions with “Yes/No/Partially”, when relevant, and provide an explanation in the following “Please explain” box to support your answers. The information you supply should be as detailed as possible to allow for someone who is not familiar with the programme to assess it.

**i. Commitment to the Realization of the Right to Food**

1. Is the right to basic social protection recognized in the country’s legal, juridical, normative/policy and regulatory framework? If so, please elaborate upon the above.

2. Is the right to food included in the country’s constitution? If not, please answer the following question.

3. Is the progressive realization of the right to food part of the food security and nutrition (FSN) strategy/policy and/or respective programme documents? If so, please elaborate upon the above.

4. Is there a legal instrument (law, decree, regulation, policy) that highlights complementarity between social protection and FSN, particularly regarding eligibility and targeting? If so, please describe the above.

5. Is there a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) mechanism relating to the realization of human rights or is the M&E framework of the programme based on international standards such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? Please expand upon the above.
ii. Use of a Rights-Based Approach

6. Is the programme embedded in a national legal framework and/or mentioned in a clear and official decree? Is there a governance mechanism to ensure the implementation of the regulatory framework?

7. Is there an overall regulatory framework that minimizes inefficiencies, mismanagement, fraud and misuse, and holds persons responsible for financial management as well as for their acts and decisions? If so, does this mechanism refer to the programme?

8. How does the programme address the aspects of dignity and avoid the risk of stigmatization of beneficiaries?

9. Are adequate measures foreseen in social protection policies/legislation/operational manuals/strategy to ensure the options listed below? Please select one or more of the following:
   a. Non-discrimination
   b. Gender-equality
   c. Responsiveness to special needs

10. To what extent are the measures from the above answer put into practice?

iii. Existence of Accountability and Grievance Mechanisms

11. Is information regarding the programme (e.g. on entitlements, conditions, administrative procedures, complaints and appeals mechanisms) provided in an accessible, timely and comprehensive manner (e.g. accessible in remote areas, adequate for different levels of literacy, etc.)?

12. What means does the programme use to inform about the eligibility criteria, access to programme participation and programme performance (e.g. the media, civil society, etc.)? Please expand upon the above.

13. Does the programme disclose information (e.g. on the budget, work plan, benefit level, participants) publicly to promote accountability? If so, please describe how.

14. Are the formalities for filing a complaint easy to follow and adapted to different levels of literacy and education? If so, please elaborate upon the above.
15. Are people informed and aware about the complaints and appeals mechanisms, and how to submit such a claim?

16. Is there a complaints and appeals mechanism enshrined in law?

17. Does the programme have mechanisms to receive and manage grievances that are functioning? (e.g. complaints/appeal for selection). If so, please specify if these mechanisms are free of charge?

18. Do you have the record of the complaints? If so, please specify how many complaints were received in the current year?

19. How are complaints addressed? Are clients/users of this mechanism generally satisfied? Please expand upon the above.

Awareness of Rights
20. Are the beneficiaries and communities aware of the rights and responsibilities within the programme?

Confidentiality of Private Information
21. What mechanisms are in place to ensure the confidentiality of private information and the security of the data collected?

Discrepancies between Programme Design and Implementation
22. Have there been any major discrepancies between the design of the programme and its actual implementation. If so, please describe the specific areas in which the above discrepancies can be found?

Plans for Design Changes/Adjustments
23. Are there any design changes or adjustments planned? If so, please describe these changes.