



Global Impact Evaluation Forum 2025

Evidence partnerships for effective action

Background

In a world increasingly shaped by complex, overlapping crises, and amid significant reductions in Official Development Assistance, the United Nations must deliver maximum value where it matters most, in improving the lives of the people we serve. The demand for a more agile, unified, and cost-effective programmes is particularly resonant this year as the UN marks its 80th anniversary (UN80) and engages in a critical Humanitarian Reset. The challenge is therefore clear: to meet the demands of this new era, UN agencies and other stakeholders must decisively bridge the gap between rigorous evidence and action. The 2025 Global Impact Evaluation Forum is designed as a catalyst for this transformation, but its success hinges on our ability to work together.

The **2025 Global Impact Evaluation Forum**, hosted by WFP, will build on the momentum of the 2023 WFP Forum in Rome, and 2024 WFP-UNICEF Forum in New York, pivoting from exploration to joint action.

Partnership

Forging robust and innovative partnerships is a necessity to generate the evidence and drive the systemic changes required. The 2025 Forum provides a pivotal platform for UN agencies, Member States, and other stakeholders to forge a path forward, moving beyond siloed operations towards collective outcomes.

Overarching objectives

The 2025 Forum will support WFP, the UN, Foundations, NGOs, member states and academic partners to:



Maximize value

Driving cost-effectiveness to promote operational efficiencies



Deliver global support for local action

Evidence for the localization agenda



Unify action

Using evidence to support UN reform



Integrate

Connecting humanitarian, development and peace evidence

The Forum will be held in a hybrid format, combining in-person and virtual participation, to facilitate inclusive engagement, and ensure accessibility for a wide range of stakeholders across regions and time zones.



	TUESDAY – 9 Dec Day 1	WEDNESDAY – 10 Dec Day 2		THURSDAY – 11 Dec Day 3	
08:00	REGISTRATION				
09:00	The UN in a new world: how impact evaluations can influence effective action	Keynote speaker (TBC)		Session TBC (60 minutes)	
10:00	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK	
10:30	The added value of using rigorous evidence in an uncertain funding landscape	Measuring women's empowerment: Challenges, innovations and insights	Locally- produced school meals, what it means for employment and agricultural markets	Layering, sequencing and collaborating to build resilience	School meals: fuelling learning, nutrition and child wellbeing
11:00					
11:30					
12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	
13:00	Optimizing Anticipatory Action programmes to shield communities from shocks	Humanitarian futures: Data, displacement and decision-making and parallel technical discussions		Leveraging locally-led impact evaluations: partnering for results	
13:30					
14:00	High-level launch	Session TBC (60 minutes)		Keynote closing speech (TBC)	
14:30					
15:00					
15:30	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		COFFEE BREAK	
16:00	Donors' perspectives: The case for rigorous evidence	Not only <i>now</i> : Consistently implementing cost- effectiveness analysis in impact evaluations	Future tense: how will impact evaluations use AI, machine learning and innovations in data?	Assessment, Collaboration, Transformation: Looking ahead	
16:30					
17:00					
17:30				Wrap-up and next steps	