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President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA)

Addendum

Management's Response to Member States' Comments

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Comments from Japan	Management response
<p>Japan welcomes IFAD Management’s good progress in their follow-up activities against recommendations posed by the Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) through a number of evaluations.</p> <p>As for PRISMA’s evolution, Japan supports in particular the Management’s commitment that PRISMA will replace the follow-up actions in the current document format with online tracking system from 2022 and onward, which IOE proposed and Evaluation Committee strongly supported last year. It is mentioned that the online system enables reporting of Management’s actions to address recommendations in real time, which would help IFAD staff easily access and learn from the lessons. We are keen to know the timing and format for reporting to the Board. Do you still submit a main PRISMA document to September Board as is the current case? We wonder to what extent this shift to online tracking system could have (additional) budgetary implication in the medium term.</p> <p>Japan welcomes the IOE’s critical review of Management’s responses as indicated in Addendum 2. Japan encourages both IOE and Management to continue close and regular communication to enable the implementation of high-quality measures and higher performance with given resources and capacities.</p> <p>Japan would also like to hear the envisaged approach by IOE as to how they engage in the new PRISMA online system, in particular how IOE would maintain and strengthen the verification of Management’s action.</p>	<p>Management would like to thank Japan for the feedback provided on this edition of the President’s Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA).</p> <p>Management confirms that in September 2022, volume I of the PRISMA – i.e. the main PRISMA report – will be submitted to the Evaluation Committee and the Executive Board as per current practice. Volume II will not be submitted as, by September 2022, it will have been replaced with an online tracking system publicly available on the IFAD website. The tracking system will be used to report on the follow-up status of recommendations and Management’s actions to address recommendations in real time. IFAD is currently working with its Information and Communications Technology Division to ensure that the tracking system can be built in a timely and cost-efficient fashion. To do so, IFAD will leverage the format used for similar tracking tools such as the IFAD Operations Dashboard and the Results Management Framework Dashboard. The re-use of existing core system elements will ensure cost optimization.</p> <p>For the future, once the online tracking system has been piloted, utilized and refined as needed, Management proposes that the content and format of volume I of the PRISMA be re-discussed, as appropriate.</p> <p>Management would also like to confirm its strong commitment towards close and regular collaboration with IOE, including on follow-up action related to recommendations. The framework for enhanced collaboration is outlined in corporate documents such as IOE’s revised IFAD Evaluation Policy and Multi-year Evaluation Strategy, as well as the upcoming update of Management’s Development Effectiveness Framework (to be submitted to the Evaluation Committee in October 2021 and the Executive Board in December 2021).</p>

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