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Thematic Evaluation of IFAD's support to nutrition

Presentation of the approach paper

22 March 2024

124th
Evaluation
Committee

The thematic evaluation of IFAD's support to nutrition was approved at the 137th session of the Executive Board, held in December 2022.

Why this evaluation now?

- Response to a demand from the organization
- Maturity of IFAD's nutrition sensitive investments
- Forthcoming of IFAD new Strategic Framework and nutrition action plan



Assess the relevance, coherence and institutional capacity of IFAD as well as the effectiveness of practices and approaches adopted and the results thus far



Provide lessons and recommendations that help refine IFAD's comparative advantage, improve project quality and feed into preparing the new nutrition action plan and IFAD Strategic Framework

Broad areas covered

- IFAD's corporate policies and commitments on nutrition
- Design and implementation support, partnerships, knowledge management and policy engagement
- Interconnection of nutrition with other IFAD's cross-cutting thematic areas
- Adequacy of the reporting system
- Extent to which IFAD is equipped to deliver on its nutrition targets
- IFAD's comparative advantage in nutrition

Time coverage

2016 – 2023

Focus on NS-projects operational over this period

Explore complementarities and synergies with non-NS projects

IFAD9 2013 - 2015

- Concrete commitments on nutrition
- Canada funds for nutrition mainstreaming
- German funds for research on NS Value Chaines

IFAD10 2016 - 2018

- First Nutrition Action Plan
- Nutrition rating incorporated in IFAD guidance
- Nutrition core indicators incorporated in RIMS system
- Nutrition included in SECAP guidelines

IFAD11 2019 - 2021

- Nutrition included in IFAD's Strategic Framework (2016-2025)
- Second Nutrition Action Plan
- Criteria for mainstreaming nutrition defined
- Nutrition indicators in COI guidelines
- NORAD funds for nutrition mainstreaming

IFAD12 2022 - 2024

- First Nutrition Stocktaking Exercise
- First Independent Evaluation

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To what extent are **IFAD's current nutrition priorities and approaches** relevant and sufficiently tailored to national priorities and IFAD's target group needs, the global context and IFAD's corporate commitments and priorities? **[relevance]**

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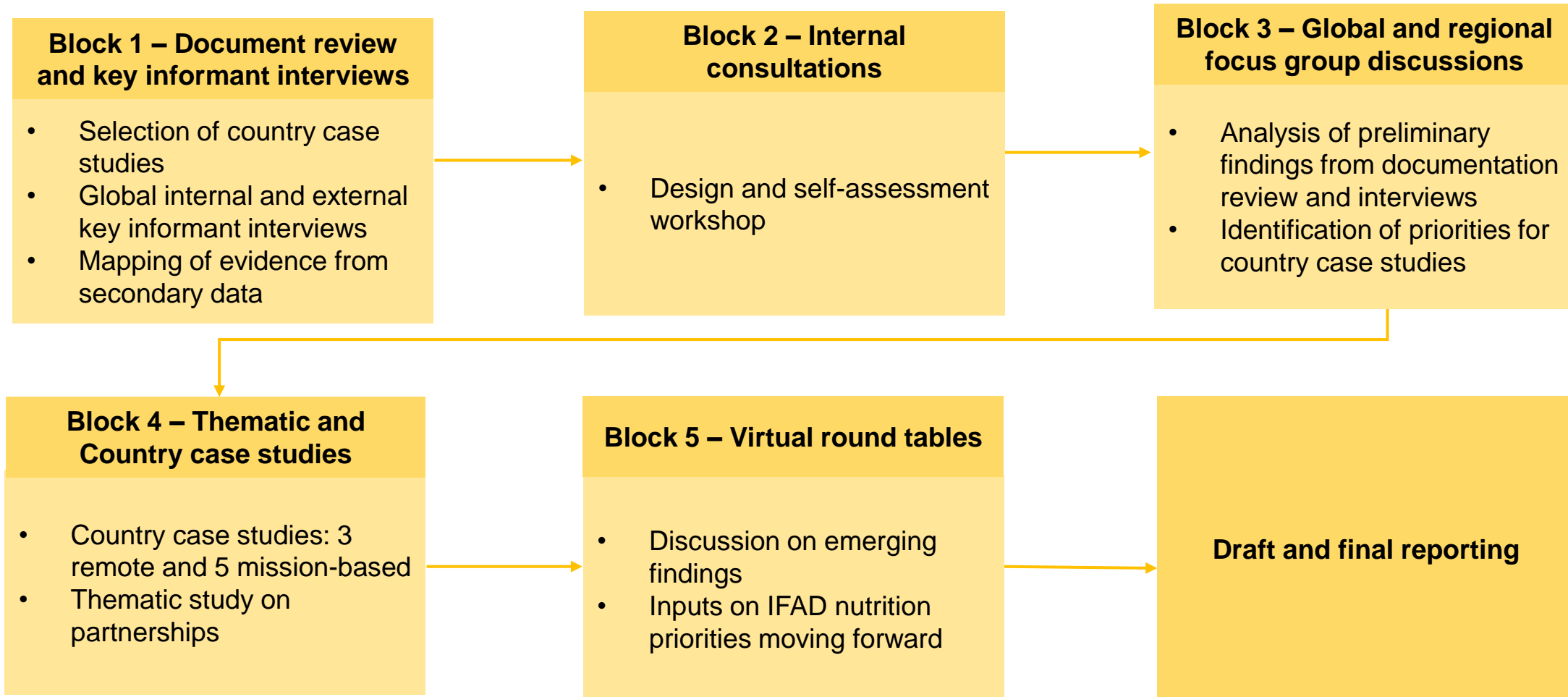
To what extent are IFAD's nutrition efforts maximizing its unique **comparative advantage** and how have **partnerships, policy engagement and knowledge management** been instrumental in achieving nutrition results? **[coherence]**

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Are IFAD's nutrition-sensitive interventions (operations and COSOPs) and, in particular, **nutrition pathways and approaches** effective for delivering against nutrition objectives and what progress has been made in achieving and contributing to **nutrition results**? **[effectiveness]**

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To what extent has IFAD put in place an appropriate and effective **enabling environment** for the delivery of nutrition objectives? **[effectiveness, efficiency]**





Desk review and online key informant interviews	On-going
Approach Paper presented at the EC	March
Design and self-assessment workshop	April
Data collection	April – September
Emerging findings workshop	October
Report finalised	First quarter of 2025