**GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR THE FOCUS AREAS OF THE X SESSION OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGEING:**

**Social protection and social security (including social protection floors)**

**Adequacy**

4. WFP recommends Adequacy (of benefit levels to meet nutritional needs) d to be one of the core criteria that underpin and inform provision of assistance

**Accountability**

8. What mechanisms are in place to ensure social security and social protection schemes are effective and accountable?

WFP recommends Accountability to be one of the core values that underpins and informs provision of assistance. Standards and normative framework related to Accountability should be:

* In line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) IASC Commitments on Accountability to Affected People (2011 updated 2017) which relate to (i) leadership; (ii) participation and partnership; (iii) information, feedback and action; and (iv) results.
* Founded on the following main principles: First, affected people have a right to be actively involved in the decisions that affect their lives. Ensuring that programmes are accountable to affected people is therefore a key aspect of rights-based programming. Second, engaging affected people in programme decisions makes food assistance more effective. Basing programmes on the views of affected people helps ensure that needs are correctly identified and understood and that programmes are designed in a manner appropriate to the context. Engagement with affected people can also help flag problems in programme implementation allowing for adjustments to take place.
* Include an operationalization plan, which should focus on three key areas: i) Information provision; ii) Consultation; iii) Complaints and Feedback mechanisms.