



Food and Agriculture
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Who we are

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Our goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active and healthy lives. With 195 members – 194 countries and the European Union – FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.

What is the Country Programming Framework?

Country Programming Framework (CPF) draws on the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023–2027 in Pakistan, which guides FAO's partnership with the Government of Pakistan, leveraging innovative international good practices, innovation and expertise. The CPF embedded with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022–2031 that seeks to support the 2030 Agenda through the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable, agri-food systems for better production,

better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.

FAO partnerships

FAO will pursue partnerships as broad as possible and in alignment with the joint efforts of the Government of Pakistan and the development partners for enhanced coordination. The Government of Pakistan and FAO look forward to seeking collaboration and support from all concerned partners for the successful implementation of the CPF. In implementing the CPF and as a member of the UN Country Team, FAO will engage in the governance and management structures of the UNSDCF to support its effective implementation. FAO will promote coherence in its own CPF and ensure that the use of national systems and the promotion of national leadership are maximized.



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Challenges and opportunities in Pakistan

Pakistan has achieved promising progress on several SDG targets. The positive trends on “Climate Action” (SDG 13) and “No Poverty” (SDG 1) could be built upon to accelerate the 2030 Agenda’s implementation. Improvements are also underway on “Decent Work and Economic Growth” (SDG 8) and “Responsible Consumption and Production” (SDG 12). However, significant challenges persist on most SDGs, including those of most relevance to FAO’s work namely “Zero Hunger” (SDG 2), “Gender Equality” (SDG 5), “Clean Water and Sanitation” (SDG 6), “Life below Water” (SDG 14), and “Life on Land” (SDG 15).

Results envisioned by the end of CPF period – 2027

Output 1

- Strengthened nutrition related national systems.
- Strengthened social protection systems.

Output 2

- Enabling environment supports climate action.
- Protection of the source of the Indus Basin.
- Equitable use of water and resources in the Indus Basin.
- Protection of the marine ecosystem of the Indus Basin.

Output 3

- Enabling sustainable business environment and financing for development.
- Women economically empowered in the world of work.



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How does the CPF tap into the opportunities and address the challenges in Pakistan?

FAO Pakistan prioritizes the following areas:

1: Basic social services

FAO will support the establishment and development of inclusive efficient and effective food and nutrition systems, in terms of availability, access, utilization and stability including food safety. The specific support will strengthen existing social protection and anticipatory systems and support subsistence level men and women farmers to restore and enhance food production and consumption.

2: Climate change and the environment

FAO's actions will include inputs to strengthen national institutional and regulatory systems for climate-responsive planning and development, as well as national and subnational climate information and data systems. Governance structures to deliver evidence-based oversight of water and land resources at provincial, river basin, and watershed and community levels will be assisted. FAO will also work to enhance sustainable management in small-scale fisheries and aquaculture and the associated habitats.

3: Sustainable inclusive economic growth and decent work

FAO will contribute to agriculture and natural resource management to drive progress, create adequate decent jobs for youth, adolescent girls & women, and vulnerable segments of society, and ensure that the most vulnerable and marginalized will be protected from exploitation. Across all its activities under these priorities, FAO aims to achieve increased gender equity, inclusion, community engagement and maximize financing for development.

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