



ECO-RCCFS: Advancing food security in the ECO region with FPHP support



The FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programmes (FTPP) supported the capacity building of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (ECO-RCCFS), a regional coordination centre for facilitating capacity building of 10 ECO member countries and coordinating regional activities in areas that concern food security.

Vision: Strengthen regional collaboration in areas that concern agriculture and food production, policy-making capacity development, food security and nutrition information generation and dissemination, food security monitoring, and nutrition interventions and impacts, to accelerate progress on sustainable development in ECO member states.

Project Duration: January 2020 - June 2023

Budget: USD 500 000

Beneficiary Countries: Economic Cooperation Organization Member Countries (Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

Impact & Sustainability

The Regional Program for Food Security (RPFS) developed by ECO-RCCFS with support of this project has been officially adopted by the Seventh ECO Agriculture Ministers Meeting as a new regional programme. The RPFS will serve as a sustainable framework for regional cooperation on food security. This demonstrates FAO and Türkiye's commitment to regional cooperation.



Contributing to SDGs:



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Food security challenges in the ECO Region

- 59 million people (13% of population) are undernourished in the ECO region
- Some member countries face an increasing burden of malnutrition, including micronutrient deficiencies and rising levels of adult obesity
- Food security threatened by pandemic, cost-of-living crisis, conflicts, and natural disasters



Key achievements

- Published 2022 Overview of Food Security in ECO Member States
- Developed and adopted Regional Program for Food Security (RPFS)
- Conducted 7 webinars and training sessions on food security analysis, sustainable agrifood systems, strategic policy planning and performance measurement for more than two hundred participants from the beneficiary countries and ECO secretariat
- Organized 6 study tours on agriculture and food security
- Organized Regional Food Systems Summit Dialogue with recommendations submitted to UN
- Launched a new ECO-RCCFS website which houses the region's first food security data portal



Transforming regional gaps into systems solutions: The BSEC Regional Center for Sustainable Food Systems



Project objectives

The primary objectives of the project were to establish the Black Sea Economic Cooperation - Center for Sustainable Food Systems (BSEC-CSFS) and to enhance sustainable food systems in the member countries of the BSEC region. These

objectives addressed key gaps in the region's food systems, emphasizing sustainability, gender responsiveness, and institutional networking

Vision: To become a leading regional hub fostering innovation, cooperation, and resilience in sustainable food systems across the Black Sea region, ensuring food security, environmental sustainability, and inclusive economic growth for all member states.

Project Duration: August 2020 - January 2024

Budget: USD 500,000

Beneficiary Countries: 13 BSEC Member States (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Republic of Moldova, North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine)

Contributing to SDGs:



Food system challenges in the BSEC Region



The project addressed the lack of a coordinated and comprehensive approach to increasingly globalized and industrialized food systems in the BSEC region, which are vulnerable to various pressures such as malnutrition, food safety concerns, disease outbreaks, and significant levels of food loss and waste.

Key achievements

- Established and operationalized BSEC-CSFS office within Türkiye's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Completed 12 national and 1 regional food systems assessment report



- Organized a regional conference
- Launched BSEC-CSFS website as an information hub
- Developed 34 knowledge products
- Provided training for 254 participants
- Recognized as a good practice by the United Nations Food Systems Coordination Hub

Impact & Sustainability

BSEC-CSFS played an instrumental role in initiating the food systems transformation agenda in Türkiye and the BSEC region. This exemplifies FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programmes' effectiveness in empowering regional bodies.



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