



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

WORKING TOWARDS ELIMINATING HUNGER AND ENSURING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION FOR ALL

The presence of high levels of hunger, malnutrition and poverty in the face of increasing global wealth and food abundance, and the inability to protect vulnerable people from the effects of crises, points to a serious need for reform of the global food security governance.

The Committee on World Food Security was established in 1974 as an intergovernmental body to serve as a forum for the review and follow-up of policies concerning global food security, including production and physical and economic access to food. Following on from the Committee's reform document, which was approved by the FAO Conference in 2009, this Multidonor Trust Fund project was designed to help cover the costs of these additional activities and contribute to the extrabudgetary support for the Committee in realizing its new vision and roles.



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WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project contributed to the overall goal and development objective of the Committee on World Food Security, which is to reduce hunger and enhance food security and nutrition for all human beings, in accordance with internationally established goals and objectives. Specifically, the response was orchestrated in line with three outcomes, namely enhancing global coordination of food security and nutrition actions by stakeholders, strengthening policy convergence on key food security and nutrition issues and providing support and advice to nationally-owned and regional food security and nutrition plans.

IMPACT

The policy recommendations agreed and the policy approaches identified represent a standing contribution for the use of interested stakeholders in the design of national and regional plans and programmes.

The results achieved place particular emphasis on the needs and priorities of female and male beneficiaries, as well as on the importance of promoting participation in decision-making, access to and control over decent employment, income, land and other productive resources, goods, services and markets, and the reduction of women's work burden.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 3 144 772

Duration

August 2011 – December 2017

Resource Partners

Various donors

Beneficiaries

Member countries of the Committee on World Food Security, UN agencies and bodies, civil society and non-governmental organizations, international agricultural research institutions, international and regional financial institutions, private sector associations and philanthropic foundations

ACTIVITIES

- Financial support provided for the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in both 2016 and 2017.
- Support for a number of food security and nutrition events held within international events, including the 41st edition of the Committee on World Food Security in 2014 (on the role of food security and nutrition in the post-2015 development agenda).
- Independent evaluation commissioned to determine the progress made by the Committee towards its overall objective and main outcomes since the 2009 reform.
- Contribution to the High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets in June 2015.
- Support for a kick-start event to promote awareness of Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and for a regional outreach workshop to identify options for contributing to the application of the Committee's policy work.
- Forum on women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition held in September 2017.



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Project Title

Strengthening Governance of Food Security and Nutrition through the Committee on World Food Security

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