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FAO-Türkiye Forestry
Partnership Programme (FTFP)

Enhancing the capacity of the International Forestry Training Centre

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Forests cover 23 million of Türkiye's 78 million hectares and almost all of them are owned and managed by the General Directorate of Forestry of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (GDF). In recent decades, GDF has accumulated extensive experience in capacity development activities on forest fire management.

However, **in July and August 2021, more than 200 wildfires burnt 1 700 square kilometres of forest in Türkiye's Mediterranean Region in the worst-ever wildfire season every experienced in the country. Despite Türkiye's experience and technical expertise in combating forest fires, this disaster could not be averted.**

For this reason, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye (MAF) and GDF are aiming to improve capacity development of forest fire management by strengthening the International Forestry Training Centre.

The training provided in recent years has expanded the contributions of the centre from the national to the regional level. In addition, the project will facilitate an increase in the capacity and modernization of the centre, enabling it to share the knowledge of Türkiye's ancient forestry with the world, especially the countries of Central Asia.

This project will support the strengthening and upgrading of the Center to provide forestry training courses for Turkish and international trainees on a sustainable basis.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE



Donor:

Republic of Türkiye



Budget:

USD 1 000 000



Duration:

1 March 2024 – 28 February 2027



Objective:

Strengthen and widen the capacity of the International Forestry Training Centre to improve regional and international capacity development by enriching its curricula with selected fields of forestry education as well as gender-sensitive content.



Beneficiary countries:

Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan



SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project strategy will be based on three pillars:

- **Strengthening and upgrading the International Forestry Training Centre;**
- **Capacity development;**
- **Knowledge management and sharing;**

These three pillars will be based on cross-cutting principles relevant to climate change and gender equality.

Expected outputs:

- **The Center's institutional setup adapted to fulfil its mandate as an international forestry training centre.**
- **The Center's human and technical capacity and resources on forest fire management improved.**
- **The Center's delivery of forestry technical capacity development programmes on upgraded forest fire management and all other technical subjects at regional level initiated.**

The project will address the priorities of participating countries as follows:

- **UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030,**
- **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) 2018–2020 Strategic Framework,**
- **UNCCD Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Target Setting Programme,**
- **UNCCD National Action Programmes**
- **National Commitments announced in the Astana Resolution adopted by Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia in June 2018,**
- **Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Earth),**
- **Aichi Biodiversity Target 15**
- **FAO country programming framework (CPF)**

The project will also contribute to the achievement of national sectoral plans and priorities including biodiversity, climate change, natural resources management and policies, laws and programmes which are at various stage of implementation.

About the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programmes

The objectives of the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programmes are to provide support to ensure food security, rural poverty reduction and sustainable forest management; combat desertification; and preserve ecosystems in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and other countries of mutual interest.

Established in 2007, the first phase of the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP) has benefited from trust fund contributions totalling USD 10 million, financed by the Government of Türkiye and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

During the first phase of the programme, 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries between 2009 and 2015. In 2014, Türkiye and FAO commenced the second phase of the FTPP along with the first phase of the FAO-Türkiye Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) with additional funding of USD 20 million, bringing Türkiye's total contribution to USD 30 million. Under this new phase, a range of projects will be implemented in the areas of:

- food security and nutrition
- agricultural and rural development
- protection and management of natural resources
- agricultural policies
- food safety
- sustainable forests, land and natural resource management, and land degradation neutrality
- institutional reform, training and national capacity enhancement.



Reaching out to Central Asia, the Caucasus and beyond



Türkiye provided financial support totalling USD 30 million to date



28 projects have been implemented to date



The new phase of the partnership programmes involves 19 projects

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