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- African Union
- Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
- Coalition for African Rice Development
- Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa
- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP)
- Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
- Inter Governmental Authority on Development
- International Bureau on Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)

- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Islamic Development Bank
- National Agricultural Systems
- New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD)
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- Preferential Trade Area Bank
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- United Nations System Organizations
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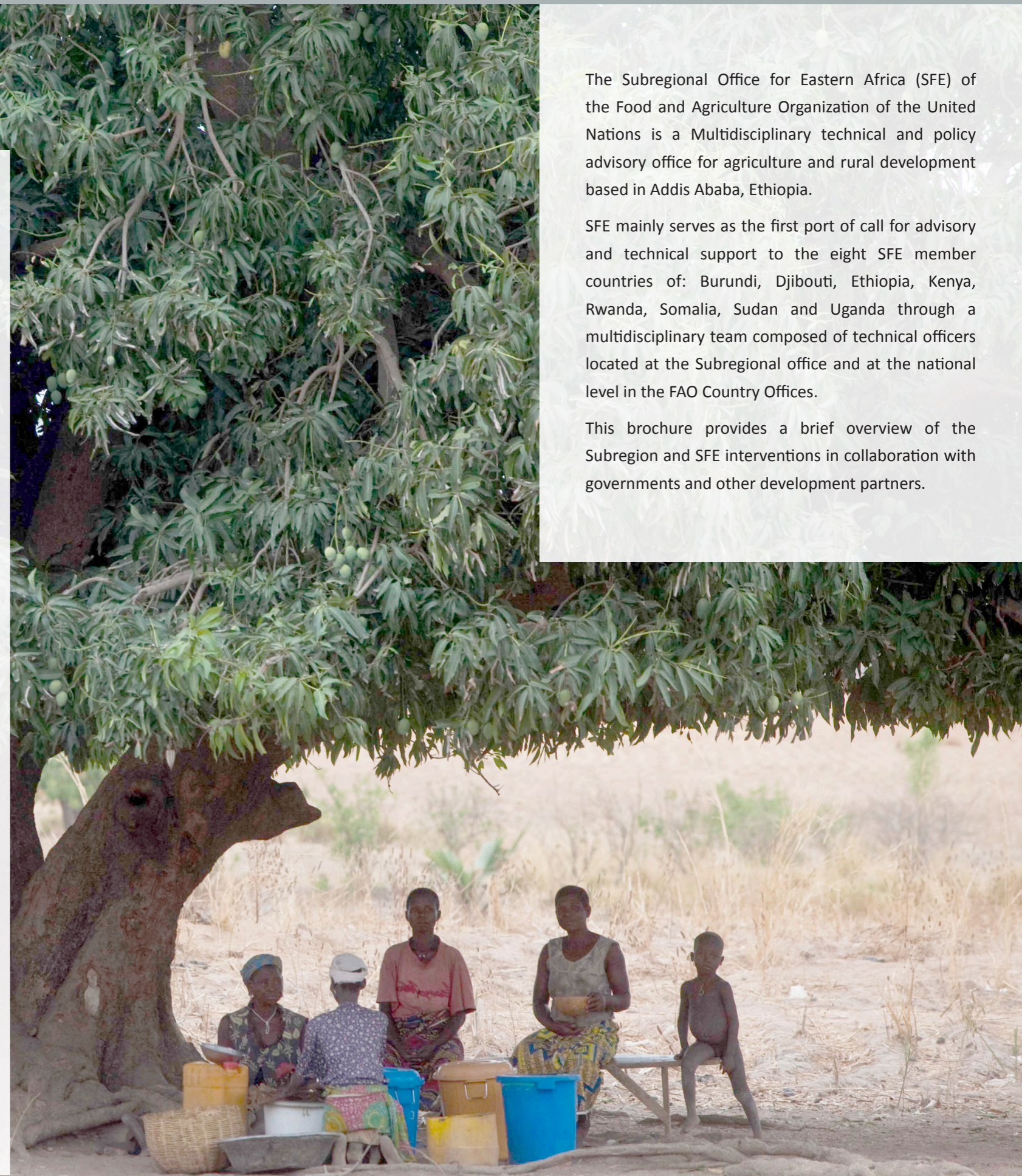
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The Subregional Office for Eastern Africa (SFE) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is a Multidisciplinary technical and policy advisory office for agriculture and rural development based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

SFE mainly serves as the first port of call for advisory and technical support to the eight SFE member countries of: Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda through a multidisciplinary team composed of technical officers located at the Subregional office and at the national level in the FAO Country Offices.

This brochure provides a brief overview of the Subregion and SFE interventions in collaboration with governments and other development partners.



SFE Mission

To contribute to the enhancement of an enabling environment for economic growth and food security through sustainable agriculture and rural development in Eastern Africa.

SFE Goal

To assist member countries in the sub-region achieve a state of economic growth with meaningful impacts on the livelihoods of people and ensure household food security, under sustainable use of natural resources.

SFE Approach

SFE bases its work on sound and neutral analysis by working closely with governments, regional and national organizations, communities and other UN sister organizations to revitalize rural livelihoods and sustainable agricultural production.

The SFE's work programme for 2011-2015 is lead by a "results based management approach" grounded on the eleven Organization's Strategic Objectives and on the four SFE Strategic Pillars that encompass FAO activities in the Subregion.

Areas of Interventions

SFE focuses on using FAO comparative advantage through building strategic alliances and partnerships with national and regional governments as well as institutions and the private sector to make a strong overall contribution to the achievement of food and nutrition security and agricultural development in the Subregion.

Through a better technical understanding of the challenges and of the existing gaps in nations' policy implementation, SFE prioritizes and develops appropriate and balanced interventions covering different sectors.

Crop Production and Food Security

The SFE makes efforts in supporting member countries to develop policies, strategies and programmes which enhance agricultural productivity and competitiveness which are chiefly aimed at addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition in the region.

The FAO's priorities in crop production cover a set of actions aimed at improving seed security. These are supporting the Global Plan of Action for the conservation and sustainable use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA), biosecurity in relation to the spread of pests and weeds including international standards for phytosanitary measures for the reduced risk of pesticide use to the human health and the environment. Another core activity is the promotion of Conservation

Agriculture and IPM techniques in the Sub region as well as other key ecological approaches to help achieve sustainable intensification of crop and grassland production and diversification opportunities.

Natural Resources Management

A multidisciplinary approach is being used to address the major challenges in the area of natural resource management in the Eastern Africa Subregion. The technical support that SFE provides relates to the conservation and development of agro-ecosystem functions and environmental services, as well as the promotion of sustainable management and usage of land, soil, water, and forest resources to strengthen agricultural systems.

SFE activities in addressing the effects of climate change are spread across all technical areas and cover all agricultural sectors and sub-sectors. This includes capacity development and awareness creation for policy makers in the areas of carbon trade, use of bio energy for climate change mitigation and pilot studies on community based adaptation to improve knowledge of location-specific climate impact on agricultural based livelihoods.

Moreover the Subregion is working to improve agricultural water systems, including irrigation, water harvesting and soil and water conservation. SFE continues to provide support through projects and other interventions such as the development of small scale irrigation activities and water management.

Livestock and Animal Health

The FAO mandate in this domain is to increase durable livestock production and productivity which will contribute to poverty reduction, improved food security and safety, as well as safer trade of livestock and animal products while safeguarding natural resources and biodiversity.

Based on the identified priority areas and FAO's comparative advantage in Subregional and national development programmes and strategies; SFE is facilitating the implementation of livestock development interventions and strategies for meat quality and standards for export.

Through a consultative and technical review process, SFE has identified the major purpose and priorities of the livestock sector in the dairy and meat export sectors of the Subregion. In partnership with country institutions and other stakeholders in the Subregion, the team is gathering relevant information about livestock systems, potential and constraints, as well as opportunities for support in processing and marketing. This includes the compilation of baseline data and mapping in the eight East African countries with respect to livestock density, production, consumption, exports, etc.

For the meat and livestock exports from the Horn of Africa, we are supporting the IGAD secretariat to assess training needs and gaps of value chain actors and to produce targeted training material to strengthen capacities of all actors along the value chain. In the dairy sector we are supporting three mechanisms: strengthening the national dairy forum for better coordination and exchange of best practices, capacity building/ training material and elaboration of national dairy strategies.

Fisheries and Aquaculture

For the fisheries and aquaculture sector to express its huge potential in the region and play its strategic role in a countries economy and poverty reduction, the SFE is in the process of developing a comprehensive fisheries and aquaculture Sector Plan.

The current SFE interventions are based on three directions:

-Promotion of proper small scale fisheries management in line with the Global FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, with active participation of fishing communities in both inland and marine fisheries;

- Providing support to the supply chain and capacity building in marketing and inter-regional fish trade;
-Promotion of aquaculture through pilot projects, identification of high potential areas and policy support for the development of a National Aquaculture Strategy for member countries.

Furthermore, the SFE team is assisting the eight member states in contributing to the design of several national fisheries and aquaculture projects as well as assisting in their implementation through technical guidance and backstopping.

Marketing and Agro-industry Development

SFE is particularly active in the sectors of value addition and marketing with special focus on intra-regional trade and supply chains.

The main goal of the regional trade and agro-industry SFE programme is to support the agriculture sector in the Eastern Africa member states to produce, trade in and supply high-valued and diversified food, and other agricultural products for local, regional and international markets. The programme focus is therefore to promote regional trade and support the development of policy frameworks and 'best practices' to expand agri-enterprises and agro-industries in the Subregion in value addition processing, preservation and marketing of agricultural commodities and products.

The programme is based on a commodity value chain approach to facilitate promotion of market oriented production, value addition and marketing at a national, regional and global level.

In addition, SFE will work in the areas of development of tools and mechanisms for improved marketing linkages and access to support services and facilities including improved infrastructure and input supply chains, value chain financing and capital development in agribusiness and agro-industry development. Pro-poor approaches that facilitate smallholder entrepreneurs in value chain participation including contract farming and warehouse receipt system will also be promoted. The role of the private sector in the process of enhancing trade and markets will be stressed.

