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# Sustainable food value chains

## *Online knowledge platform*



⚙️ FAO launched a new knowledge platform **Sustainable Food Value Chains (SFVC)**

Here you can find the most relevant publications, stay informed on the latest events, improve your skills with training materials, and discuss your work with other experts and practitioners.

## What is a sustainable food value chain?

A *food value chain* consists of all the stakeholders that participate in the coordinated production and value adding activities that are needed to make food products.

A *sustainable food value chain*:

- » is profitable throughout **[economic sustainability]**;
- » has broad-based benefits for society **[social sustainability]** and
- » shows a positive or neutral impact on the natural environment **[environmental sustainability]**

# » What is SFVC development?

SFVC development is a market-oriented and systems-based approach. Its purpose is to create value that will be distributed equitably among the chain actors, benefiting as many poor households as possible. At the same time, the approach aims at greening the value chain.

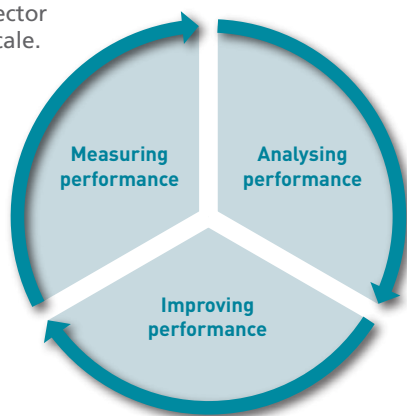
The SFVC development approach follows a continuous cycle of three phases (analysing, improving and measuring performance) and is focused on upgrading:

## ✳ Upgrading strategies

Need to be linked to end-market opportunities and vision development. They typically require collaboration among a wide range of private and public sector stakeholders and aim to achieve impact at scale.

## ✳ Upgrading activities

Are designed to focus on those parts of the value chain (VC) where the largest impact on profitability, inclusiveness and the greening of the value chain can be achieved.



## » Why SFVC development?

The development of SFVC can offer important pathways out of poverty through broad-based job creation, income growth and wealth build up, in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner.

It is therefore not surprising that the interest in SFVC development has strongly grown in recent years, especially among agro-industries, donors and development practitioners.



# » What can I find on the platform?

- ④ **Library** on SFVC development and closely related topics, from where you will be able to download the most relevant handbooks, tools, case studies, etc.
- ④ **News and events section**, which will keep you updated on the latest information on what is going on and make sure you will not miss out on key events.
- ④ **Training and learning centre**, which will provide you with a wide range of materials for many different training and learning situations.
- ④ **Members area**, where you can actively participate by commenting on publications, tools and training materials, engage with fellow members, subscribe to our e-newsletter, etc.

**SFVC development provides a flexible framework to improve food systems, reducing poverty and hunger in a sustainable manner**

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## Can my publication be uploaded on the platform?

We are interested in learning from your experience in developing SFVC.

Please send us any publication or other materials that you think should be included in the platform.

The SFVC Team will let you know if they can be uploaded!



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