



Trade related capacity development for food security and nutrition

Issue

Initiatives to promote agricultural productivity improvements, value chain development, employment creation, and food security are often constrained by market and trade-related bottlenecks.

These bottlenecks are often the result of misaligned sectoral policies and priorities (between agricultural, trade, commerce, industry and/or finance policy stakeholders) which creates disincentives for the target beneficiaries.

Strengthening the coherence of policies related to trade and agriculture is therefore fundamental to creating an enabling environment for agricultural development initiatives to work, and requires action at both the policy and project levels.

The extensive project implementation experience of FAO country, sub-regional and regional offices, combined with the strong technical expertise at HQ provide FAO with a comparative advantage to systematically deliver market and trade-related support to countries compatible with national food security objectives.

Why

Putting the FAO Rep. offices at the core of facilitating dialogue between ministries and the private sector to address domestic and external trade issues that can foster agricultural development and structural transformation.

Developing a systematic process for FAO to respond to country demands in the trade arena, where it has significant experience and comparative advantage.

Addressing the corporate and SDG agenda's call for FAO to more efficiently utilize diminishing public, private and donor resources, engage in more strategic partnerships and donor alignment.

How



E-learning (capacity development)

Capacity building for state and non-state actors in trade issues.
Practical case studies from the countries.



Policy and resource analysis

Assessment of various policies to identify gaps and synergies for improving alignment of objectives and priorities



Stakeholder consultation

National/Regional consultative workshops to provide feedback from the desk analysis, reach agreement on the priority areas for the programme and identify actors and way forward

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Programme development

Facilitate the development of cross-sectoral programmes (building on the results of policy analysis and stakeholder consultations) and resource mobilization

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

