



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations

FAO in Asia and the Pacific

Working to eradicate hunger,
malnutrition and poverty



Our mandate

FAO's core objectives in Asia and the Pacific are to eradicate hunger and poverty while improving livelihoods and nutrition.

FAO's Regional Offices worldwide follow the recommendations of Member Nations in developing their work plans. Every two years, the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific acts as convener for the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC), bringing together government representatives from all Member Nations in the region. Civil society organizations, private sector representatives and other UN agencies are also invited to attend APRC.

The recommendations from these regional conferences are then aligned with the regional and global priorities of the Organization.

What we do

Governments of Member Nations in Asia and the Pacific value FAO as a convener of regional knowledge sharing meetings and a repository of up-to-date information and advice on sound, sustainable agricultural practices that benefit all stakeholders - from providing expert advice on a wide range of food and agricultural practices, to strong collaboration with national research institutes to improve agricultural statistics, to extension work in the field that helps improve the food security and livelihoods of smallholder farmers and fishers. We also help countries prevent and respond to outbreaks of plant and animal diseases and build resilience to the effects of climate change and natural disasters. Up and down the value chain, from farm to fork, FAO's team of specialists at the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, as well as those in country offices and at our headquarters in Rome, work to help our Member Nations and their people produce and consume safe, nutritious food, sustainably and in ways that reduce loss and waste.

Based in Bangkok, Thailand, these specialists at FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific backstop the technical fieldwork of more than 300 projects at any given time. The Regional Office also administers FAO Representations in 15 countries across the region and a Subregional Office in the Pacific that works with governments and partners in a further 14 Pacific Island countries.

The work of this team of dedicated specialists has a wide remit



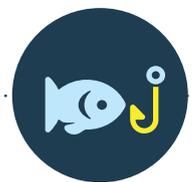
Food safety



Nutrition and zero hunger



Animal health and disease control



Fisheries and aquaculture



Livestock



Agriculture



Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change



Agricultural economics

> Who we are

For more than six decades the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has been a driving force behind international efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Working with our Member Nations, we are helping to improve sustainable pastoral, agriculture and fisheries production, making nutritious food less costly and more available to millions of hungry and undernourished people. Through this work, we aim to improve the livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers, fishers and pastoralists – those who produce the food that each of us enjoys every day.

Working collaboratively with governments, academia, research institutes and other UN agencies and partners, FAO's activities in Asia and the Pacific are designed to ultimately ensure people have enough safe, nutritious food to lead healthy lives, while also protecting the environment for future generations.

This work is vital for the region to eradicate hunger and poverty and help Asia and the Pacific achieve all 17 objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.





> Who we work/ partner with

As a specialized agency of the United Nations, **FAO works with a broad range of partners in Asia and the Pacific.**

Resource partners, such as national donors and multi-donor trust funds, enable FAO's work in Asia and the Pacific to advance toward the ultimate goal of the 2030 Agenda and helping to achieve its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Our aim is to provide value-for-money to the resource partner while delivering high quality public goods and services to our Member Nations. Indeed, the resources provided by these invaluable resource partners is evident in the more than 350 FAO projects and programmes currently underway in the Asia-Pacific region.

> Our strategic objectives



Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.



Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable.



Reduce rural poverty.



Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems.



Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

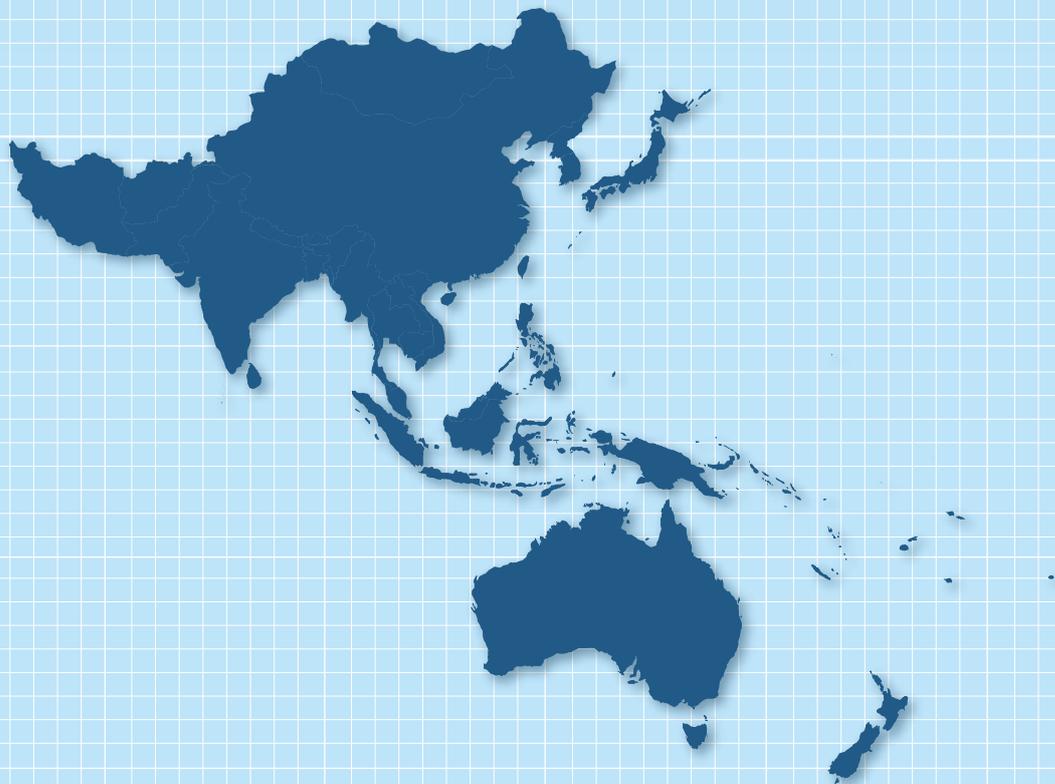


➤ Our reach in Asia-Pacific

Asia and the Pacific is a vast, dynamic region with some of the wealthiest, developed countries alongside some of the most underdeveloped. With nearly two-thirds of the world's population and more than 60 percent of its undernourished, the Asia-Pacific region has plenty of challenges but also presents many opportunities.

From Afghanistan and Pakistan in the west to Pacific Island states in the east, the FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, Thailand, presently serves the needs of 46 Member Nations and one associate member. A Subregional Office for the Pacific Islands is located in Apia, Samoa. FAO also has dedicated Representatives in 15 countries and a Liaison Office in Japan.

Member nations in the Asia-Pacific region



- Afghanistan (R)
- Australia
- Bangladesh (R)
- Bhutan (R – shared jointly with Nepal)
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia (R)
- China (R – shared jointly with DPRK)
- Cook Islands
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea (R – shared jointly with China)
- Fiji
- France (M)
- India (R)
- Indonesia (R – shared jointly with Timor-Leste)
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Japan (Liaison Office for Japan)
- Kazakhstan
- Kiribati
- Lao People's Democratic Republic (R)
- Malaysia
- Maldives (R – shared jointly with Sri Lanka)
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia, Federated States
- Mongolia (R)
- Myanmar (R)
- Nauru
- Nepal (R – shared jointly with Bhutan)
- New Zealand
- Niue
- Pakistan (R)
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines (R)
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation (M)
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka (R – shared jointly with Maldives)
- Thailand (R)
- Timor-Leste (R – shared jointly with Indonesia)
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- United States of America (M)
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam (R)
- Tokelau (Associate Member country)



R - Indicates full FAO Representation office in country

M - Indicates FAO Member Nation is also recognized in other/multiple FAO regional fora



Our regional initiatives

FAO's Regional Office in Bangkok is leading four regional initiatives in Asia and is collaborating on an inter-regional initiative for Small Island Developing States through its subregional office in the Pacific. The purpose of these initiatives is to help achieve the priority objectives of FAO Member Nations and support their efforts to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The **Regional Initiative on Zero Hunger** aims to support Member Nations in their adoption of better policies and improved institutional and technical capacity to achieve the goal of eradicating hunger and malnutrition through strengthening nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient sustainable agriculture and food systems across Asia and the Pacific.

The **Regional Initiative on Climate Change** aims to achieve FAO's vision for food and agriculture systems, and the livelihoods that depend on them, becoming more resilient to the impacts of climate change through scaled-up adaptation measures and mitigation options in Asia and the Pacific.

The **Regional Initiative on One Health** aims to demonstrate and document the benefits accruing to plant, animal, human and ecosystem health when a multi-disciplinary approach is taken that results in ensuring the health of all. It is particularly relevant in the sectors of agriculture and food systems in the Asia-Pacific region due to rapid globalization and increased demands

placed upon food producers. FAO's expertise in core technical areas – animal health, food safety, phytosanitary and quarantine issues and building resilience – are key reasons Member Nations support advancement in this area.

The **Regional Initiative on Blue Growth** aims to contribute to and provide support for the Member Nations efforts to achieve sustainable blue economies in the Asia-Pacific region through the sustainable growth of aquaculture, sustained capture fisheries and conservation of marine and inland water ecosystem services and aquatic biodiversity. The regional initiative focuses on creating and strengthening an enabling environment, promoting innovative production and management practices and improving governance.

The **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)** share unique and particular vulnerabilities, resulting in a complex set of food security and nutrition challenges. The complexity and magnitude of these challenges are daunting and far too great for any one agency, organization or country to solve on their own. FAO at all levels, and through its Subregional Office for the Pacific, and in collaboration with other UN Agencies is supporting the implementation of the Samoa Pathway. This closer international cooperation, and a more integrated approach, will help all stakeholders play their part in supporting SIDS achieve their Sustainable Development Goals.

FAO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific works to assist its Member Nations in the region achieve an end to hunger, improve nutrition of their populations and achieve better livelihoods for the millions of small holder farmers, fishers and pastoralists. This regional brochure highlights the office's mandate, who we are and what we do in the world's biggest and most dynamic of regions, home to most of the planet's hungry and malnourished, yet a region with great potential to produce more nutritious food in a sustainable way.

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