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Evaluation of FAO's Country Programme in Georgia

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Why an evaluation of FAO's work in Georgia?

Georgia became a member of FAO in 1995, and the FAO has established its Representation Office in Tbilisi in 2004. FAO priorities in Georgia reflect the objectives and priorities of the Government set in the strategy papers related to agricultural development. The FAO Representation in Georgia and the Government of Georgia signed Country Programming Framework for Georgia 2016-2020, which established the broad commitment of FAO to assist the Government of Georgia in its efforts to achieve national development objectives. The Country Programming Framework (CPF) sets out four priority areas which are directly reflecting the priorities of the Georgia Strategy for Agriculture Development 2015-2020: i) Institutional Development; ii) Regional and Sectoral development – Value Chain Development; iii) Food Safety, Veterinary and Plant Protection; and iv) Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity.

The FAO Office of Evaluation (OED) will undertake country programme evaluation in Georgia in 2019, to take stock of the results achieved so far and contribute to the formulation of the next CPF. The decision to conduct this country programme evaluation emerges from the interest within FAO to assess progress in the implementation of the FAO Georgia Country Programming Framework (CPF), which aims to strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of FAO's actions in the country.

What will be covered?

The evaluation will cover the totality of FAO's cooperation with the Government of Georgia through the Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2016-2020. FAO's strategic relevance in the country will be assessed in terms of response to national needs and challenges within the areas of FAO's mandate and comparative advantage. In addition, it will evaluate the strategic positioning of FAO in terms of partnerships, programme coherence, synergies with other development actors, and pursuit of UN norms and standards, including gender equality and poverty reduction.

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Tentative evaluation calendar

Preparation phase

January– March 2019

- Desk Review
- Drafting of terms of reference
- Formation of evaluation team

Assessment phase

April-May 2019

- In depth-studies
- Main data collection mission
- Preliminary debriefing

Report writing and dissemination

June–July 2019

- Draft report
- Finalization of the report and management response
- Stakeholder workshop
- Report dissemination

What will be the process and who will be involved?

The evaluation will be led and managed by OED. It will be conducted in three different stages: a) preparatory phase (January –March 2019), b) assessment phase (April-May 2019), and c) report writing and dissemination (June-July 2019). The evaluation will engage all relevant stakeholders including government officials, FAO staff and representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, communities, and other partners. The evaluation will be conducted by a team combining OED staff and national consultants on specific subject matters.

During the preparatory phase, OED will meet with key stakeholders and undertake desk reviews. This will include synthesising the findings of previous evaluations and reports related to FAO Programme in Georgia. During the assessment phase, the evaluation team will interview FAO staff and partners (including governments, resource partners, civil society, and other agencies) involved in relevant interventions in Georgia, and will conduct in-depth studies to capture the results achieved at the national and community levels. Preliminary findings from the evaluation will be discussed with the FAO Country Office as well as other relevant stakeholders at the end of the assessment phase. The team will then draft its report, and present its findings, conclusions and recommendations through a formal stakeholder workshop to be organized at the end of evaluation. The management response to the evaluation will also be presented and discussed during the final stakeholder workshop.

The FAO Office of Evaluation will ensure a wide dissemination of the report.
