LINKING SOCIAL PROTECTION AND AGRICULTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Innovation, partnership and catalytic impacts of the Flexible Multi-partner Mechanism (FMM)

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FAO’s work in social protection

With FMM financial support over the years, FAO has served as a catalyst for change and development in rural areas and has been able to contribute to the overall agenda on social protection by providing innovative solutions:

- **ZAMBIA**
  FAO engaged in the policy reform and strengthened institutional capacities for improved coherence between agriculture and social protection.

- **LEBANON**
  FAO responded to government request for expanding social protection coverage to rural communities and initiated dialogue between different ministries for rural poverty reduction and resilience.
Zambia | From evidence to policy engagement

Impact evaluation of the Child Grant Programme

Coherence study

Livelihoods profiling

Home-grown school feeding and CASU impact evaluation

Feasibility study on extension of Social Security

Process evaluation of the Food Security Pack

Local Economy-wide impact evaluation of various programmes

Contributed to scale-up and roll-out of Social Cash Transfer

Stronger dialogue and joint work between agriculture and social protection actor

New scheme being piloted

Led to budgetary reallocations in favor of more pro-poor interventions
Zambia | **Achievements and way forward**

- Putting *livelihoods* at the center of the social protection agenda
- Sparking more collaboration between UN agencies
- Fostering coherence between social protection and agriculture
- Supporting innovation for cross-sectoral interventions to tackle poverty, malnutrition, exclusion, and vulnerability to climate change
Lebanon | Innovative expansion of coverage

The FMM has played a major role in FAO’s ability to carry out and engage in innovative reforms in Lebanon:

- **Raise awareness** about the poverty and specific vulnerabilities of farmers and fishers;
- **Identify and develop** practical solutions for expanding social protection to AG and FI sectors – highly affected by the Syrian refugee crisis;
- **Initiate the promotion** of a stronger coherence between agriculture and social protection for rural poverty reduction and resilience building.
Lebanon | FMM as a key contributor, for:

1. Achieving essential results:
   - Awareness and political commitment through workshops and trainings (ITC-ILO);
   - Enhanced coordination and dialogue through the development of a framework for improving institutional coordination and multi-ministerial workshops;
   - Development of tools and solutions to expand coverage of social protection to farmers and fishers

2. Leveraging concrete and innovative reforms, new projects and stronger partnerships:
   - EU MADAD: scale-up of the farmer registry and pilot of economic inclusion interventions
   - Contribution to the development of the National Social Protection Framework
   - Costing analysis to improve access of social protection to AG and FI sectors, with ILO and GFCM (planned)
   - Development of similar projects in region (Morocco, Jordan, Palestine) – currently under discussion
Thank you!

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