Results and Priorities for FAO Activities in the Region

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Major Results

- Contributed to Members’ achieving SDG 2 and other Goals guided by five SOs and five RIs in the region
- Enhanced responses through CPFs and in alignment with governmental development priorities
- Further emphasized work on areas, such as the effects of climate change, improving resilience to human-made and natural shocks and disasters, food and dietary diversification, and transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases control and management
- Addressing emerging issues in the region, including urbanization, changing food systems, increased international trade, and biodiversity loss, etc.

FAO delivers with partners
Major Results (cont.)

Developed high quality analytical products, such as
- 2018 and 2019 “Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition in Asia and the Pacific”
- “Dynamic Development, Shifting Demographics, Changing Diets”
- “Forest Futures: Sustainable Pathway for forests, landscape and people in the Asia-Pacific Region”

Organized high-level events, including
- Global event on Accelerating the End of Hunger and Malnutrition
- Regional Consultative Meeting on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors
- Asia-Pacific Forestry Week
- Pacific Week of Agriculture in 2018 in Vanuatu and 2019 in Samoa
Major Results (cont.)

Delivered 530 field projects with budget USD$ 283M
Major Results (cont.)

FAO’s immediate responses and actions to COVID19

• Rapid assessments
• Development of policy briefs, and organization of roundtables and policy dialogues
• Immediate allocation of TCP projects
• Re-orientation of existing projects/programs
• Support for mobilizing additional resources
Proposed Regional Priorities

Main considerations

- Regional development trends and challenges
- Mid and long-term demands on responses to COVID19 impact
- Continuation of current strategic framework
- Recommendations from evaluation exercises
- FAO’s comparative advantages and technical capacities at DOs
Proposed Regional Priorities (cont.)

RI Zero Hunger through the promotion of sustainable transformation of food and agriculture systems to end poverty and malnutrition

RI Climate Change and enhancement of sustainable management and use of natural resources

RI One Health and control of transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases

IRI on SIDS – Pacific component on food security, nutrition and climate resilience
Proposed Regional Priorities (cont.)

Programmatic Area of Focus
1. Inclusive and sustainable transformation of agricultural and food systems
2. Support diversification of food production and consumption for healthy diets and improved nutrition
3. Promotion of socio-economic inclusion
4. Inclusive value chains, and food loss and waste
5. Sustainable urban food systems
6. Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, including combating IUU
7. Water scarcity
8. Land restoration (including forest management, land and soil management, biodiversity)
9. DRR and climate resilience
10. AMR, food safety and public health
11. Transboundary animal and plant pest and disease control and management
12. SIDS in Asia and the Pacific
13. Data, agriculture census and SDGs monitoring (cross-cutting)
14. Digital Agriculture/Innovation and technology (cross-cutting)
Proposed Regional Priorities (cont.)

FAO’s regional mid/long-term response plan to COVID19

• FAO’s Umbrella Program and Food Coalition: regional components;
• Regional action sheets and country project proposals
• Regional Dialogue on FAO Responses to COVID19
• Cooperation with regional bodies, such as ASEAN
• Broadening partnerships, including private actors
• Activities in countries

Joint Action on COVID-19:
boosting our global food and agriculture response
Update on Development of New Strategic Framework

Main considerations

• The “new normalization” under the global challenge of COVID19 and to ensure that FAO has a well articulated approach

• Articulation of FAO’s new results framework under the overarching framework of the Agenda 2030 and repositioning of the UN development system

• Review of new global trends and challenges that will influence food and agriculture in the coming decades

• New vision articulated by the Director-General for a dynamic and innovative FAO
Update on Development of New Strategic Framework (cont.)

Provisional Outline of the New Strategic Framework

• Redefined Strategic Objectives
• Measuring results through SDG indicators including FAO custodian indicators*
• Promoting a more unified FAO, shifting from projects to programmes through new programmatic priority areas
• Enhanced visibility of FAO’s work on norms and standards
• Transformational Partnerships to Achieve the SDGs

*Non-SDG indicators to be developed for areas not as easily linked to existing SDG indicators, e.g. FAO’s normative work
Suggested Actions by the APRC

• Recognize the results achieved by FAO in 2018-19;
• Recognize the importance of the Strategic Framework in providing direction for FAO’s technical work to address priorities in the region and ensuring effective delivery of results at country level;
• Provide guidance to the development of the new strategic results framework;
• Endorse the revised RIs for the 2020-21 biennium into four expanded RIs supported by 14 programmatic areas;
• Provide guidance to FAO on its support to for inclusive and green recovery of agri-food systems and rural development from COVID19 impacts.
Thank you

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