The Hand-in-Hand Initiative
Progress Update

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Hand-in-Hand Initiative

A new, holistic approach to support food and agriculture development
Framework

Recall the initial objective

Low-potential and low-average efficiency

- Critical, lacking agricultural potential
- Medium priority, no agricultural opportunities
- Low priority

High-potential and low-average efficiency

- Low priority, with agricultural opportunities
- Medium priority, with agricultural priorities
- High priority
- High performance
Framework

Grouping diverse criteria into 7 micro-regions

- **Low-potential and low-average efficiency**
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  - Medium priority, no agricultural opportunities
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- **High-potential and low-average efficiency**
  - Low priority, with agricultural opportunities
  - Medium priority, with agricultural priorities
  - High priority

- **High performance**
Framework

High priority
Framework
Opportunities to drive transformation

1. Inclusive supply chains. Improve rural livelihoods for commercial smallholder farmers, SMEs.


3. Enabling policies. Improve policies reducing distortions; improve incentives for private sector participation.
Framework
Opportunities to drive transformation

4. Climate-smart agriculture practices. Ease pressure on natural resources.


6. Technology improvements. Increase yield, resource productivity, nutrition, traceability, disease control.

7. Business and financial model innovations. Provide better products, services to farmers and value chain actors.
Market segmentation model for identifying interventions

- Globally competitive production
- Little government distortion
- Finance needs to adapt to agribusiness requirements

- Globally competitive production
- Existing policy distortions
- Players along the value chain have integrated operations

- Sector competitive on import parity basis
- Functioning domestic value chain
- Local processing to meet market conditions

- Limited infrastructure
- Unreliable links to the value chain
- Significant challenges accessing finance

- Challenging environment for value chain to develop
### Handshake
- Government request received
- FAO Country Support Task Force formed

### Country Teams
- FAOR
- Country focal point
- Sub-regional
- Regional
- HQ
- Investment Centre
- OER
- Additional country support

### Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)
- Funds available
- TCP formulated
- TCP approved

### Situation Analysis

#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
- Reports collected
- IFI project loan reports collected

#### DONOR MAPPING
- List of donors compiled
- Information on how and where the donors are active gathered
- Geospatially referenced donor mapping complete

#### DATA ASSESSMENT
- Poverty/hunger maps collected
- Additional data layers for typologies selected
- Mapping of territories completed

### Initial Assessment
- Target regions identified
- Field mission conducted
- Presentation given to FAO HIH core group

### Dialogue with Gov’t
- Presentation given to the Government and endorsement received
- The proposal is used to begin the process of developing the Program Investment Plan

### Partner Matchmaking

#### NATIONAL, LOCAL
- Local government
- Producers, farmers’ orgs, SMEs and others
- Local private sector
- Local financial institutions
- Civil society

#### INTERNATIONAL
- Donors
- International financial institutions
- Private sector
- Civil society
- Research institutes
- UN agencies

### Executive Roundtable Consultations
- Plan for executive roundtable(s) agreed with the Government and partners
- Executive roundtable(s) completed

### Program Investment Plan (PIP)
- Draft comprehensive PIP completed — with funding, financing and in-kind commitments from all actors included
- PIP endorsed by the Government and all actors

### Dashboard Implementation
- Dashboard designed on basis of PIP
- Dashboard implemented on basis of PIP
Composition of partners in countries

- Governments
- Donors
- Private sector
- IFIs (WBG, IADB, AFDB)
- Academic institutions
- Civil society organizations

Country Task Team

To coordinate support across the programme

Composition of task forces of FAO

- Country office lead
- Sub-regional office lead
- Regional office lead
- Investment centre
- HQ coordinator
- Poverty, hunger/malnutrition and crisis country leads (OER)
- Technical leads
HIH Geospatial platform

• FAO partnered with leading technology companies and public data providers to build the platform, including:
  - Google
  - Google Earth Engine
  - IBM
  - World Bank
  - IFPRI
  - Gates Foundation
  - USAID
  - EU
  - Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
  - Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forest Sciences
  - IPCinfo

• “Training of trainers” taking place to meet the demand from Members to access the platform’s resources. Those trained will train other groups, and online modules will be developed.
HIH Data Lab

- Uses unofficial, unstructured data, data science methods and access to remote sensing to validate and collect data

- 3 streams of work on the use of big data and data science
  - Text-mining techniques
  - Geospatial data science
  - Big data solutions (web scrapping, crowdsourcing, machine learning)

- The lab is also supporting COVID-19 response
The Executive Roundtables engage stakeholders to identify ground-level issues and key impediments and formulate strategies to address constraints and gaps.

The roundtables align the Hand-in-Hand Initiative’s involvement with the national government’s development priority and the UN Cooperative Framework.

The knowledge gained from the roundtables is used by the FAO Investment Center to develop a Programme Investment Plan in consultation with the host government and its diverse partners.
• The dashboard establishes whether countries are on track and on target to meet national targets for SDG 1 and SDG 2

• It will use a red-yellow-green scorecard system
  o Red: country is off track and off target to meet SDG1 and SDG2
  o Yellow: on track, but off target
  o Green: on track and on target. Example: Burkina Faso’s target is to reduce the poverty rate from 43.7% to 21.7% by 2023. Currently, it has a green mark.

• The first benchmarks will be released in 2023
Progress at a Glance
Jun – Oct 2020
HIH Africa

- 11 Countries have given formal notice of desire to participate; several others actively considering participation
- Different entry points based on existing programming
- HIH principles apply in all countries, with commitment to:
  - Eradicating poverty and ending hunger,
  - Improved technical analysis and decision support,
  - Broad matchmaking approach to partnership development,
  - Commitment to mobilizing means of implementation, and
  - Implementation of dashboards across all HIH countries.
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Country & FAO agree to work together

Key outputs
Declaration of interest to work with FAO in HIH

FAO-led technical analysis

Key outputs
- Geospatial typologies
- Baseline indicators

Some b/l indicator data may be collected during program implementation

Country-led roundtables

Key outputs
- Target markets
- Identification of bottlenecks
- Program for HIH territory, partners

Program implementation & coordination

Key outputs
- Actions
- Milestone tracking
- Troubleshooting
- Quarterly, annual reporting
- Communications

Impact report 2023

Key outputs
- Platform-based analysis of key indicators
- Country-led 360° partnership review
- Evaluation reports to FAO Conference in 2023 and 2027

Impact report 2027

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Milestones

Umbrella program
- Investment plan for the HIH partners
- HIH program dashboard

Program investment analysis

2023

2027