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Building resilience for food security and nutrition in contexts facing recurrent shocks and stressors: operationalising RBA collaboration

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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Abstract: Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable households, communities and systems is central to achieving food security and improving nutrition in contexts affected by, or at risk of, recurrent climatic and other shocks and hazards. Against the backdrop of the expected endorsement of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises, the Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP) are committed to working more and better together, and with key partners, to maximize their combined impact. This can be achieved through reinforced collaboration in policy dialogue; analysis and planning; joint programming; better monitoring and measuring impacts on resilience, as well as building on what each agency is already doing through their own specific mandates and instruments. In April 2015 the RBAs agreed on a joint, forward-looking “RBA Conceptual Framework for Collaboration and Partnership on Strengthening Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition”. To demonstrate steps taken to operationalize this in a variety of contexts, the side event will gather representatives from the three RBAs and IFPRI to showcase recent progress in RBA collaboration in selected priority countries. The outcomes and recommendations from joint RBA case studies undertaken during 2015 in Guatemala, Kenya and the Niger, and the experience and highlights of joint ongoing work on resilience, will be presented. In addition to representatives of the RBAs, the panel includes a representative from IFPRI, who peer-reviewed the RBA country case studies.

KEYWORDS: Resilience building, Guatemala, Kenya, Niger, Rome-based Agency collaboration

Languages: EN, FR, SP

Refreshments

Summary: Following the April 2015 adoption of a joint, forward looking “Conceptual Framework for Collaboration and Partnership for Strengthening Resilience for Food Security and Nutrition”, the Rome-based Agencies (FAO, IFAD and WFP) outlined their commitment to work better together, and with key partners, to maximize their joint impact. To demonstrate steps taken to operationalize this, the side event discussed recent progress in Rome-based Agencies’ collaboration to strengthen resilience for food security and nutrition. Joint country case studies in Guatemala, Kenya and the Niger (peer reviewed by IFPRI) were presented, exploring the ongoing experiences and future opportunities of Rome-based Agencies’ collaboration on building resilience. Key messages:

- There is a new focus on complementary actions at country level - the RBAs are moving from a conceptual framework to an operational approach with clear geographic focus at country/field level to the benefit of poor and vulnerable populations;
- The complementarity of actions of the three RBAs, focusing on each agency expertise/mandate, was articulated, as well as collaboration with Governments and key partners, such as UNICEF;
- The need to work at scale to maximize impact, using a multi-sector approach, and to work at multiple levels from the community through sub-national to the national level, was emphasized;
- Context specificity and flexibility of this collaborative approach was mentioned, which depend on actual agencies’ presence;
- RBA country representatives emphasized the people centric approach, highlighting concrete examples of field experience and programmes.