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In line with the new five corporate Strategic Objectives (2014 -15) and MTP, RAP will implement the followings areas of actions contributing to achievements of FAO Organizational Goals and SOs for the biennium:

<u>**Strategic Objective 1 - Contribute to the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition**</u>

Organizational Outcome 101 - Member countries and their development partners make explicit political commitments in the form of policies, investment plans, programmes, legal frameworks and the allocation of necessary resources to eradicate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.

Organizational Output 10101 - Improving capacities of governments and stakeholders for developing sectoral and cross-sectoral policy frameworks and investment plans and programmes for food security and nutrition.

Areas of work
1 - Development of comprehensive and gender-sensitive cross-sectoral policy and investment frameworks for food security and nutrition
2 - Development of sectoral policies, investment plans and programmes that incorporate food security and nutrition objectives and considerations and mainstream gender

Organizational Output 10102 - Improving capacities of governments and stakeholders to develop and implement legal frameworks and accountability mechanisms to realize the right to adequate food and to promote secure and equitable access to resources and assets.

Areas of work
1 - Support to development of legal frameworks to progressively realize the right to adequate food and to ensure equitable access to resources and assets
2 - Support the development and implementation of legal, administrative and programmatic accountability, grievance and complaint systems and multi-stakeholder dialogue for a.

Organizational Output 10103 - Improving capacities in governments and stakeholders for human resource and organizational development in the food security and nutrition domain.

Areas of work
1 - Support to long-term human resources development through certified tertiary education
2 - Support to development of learning resources in key topic areas for food security and nutrition
3 - Support to short-term knowledge exchange and advocacy related to food security and nutrition.

Organizational Output 10104 - Improving capacity of governments and other stakeholders to enhance the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of public resource allocation and use for food security and nutrition.

Areas of work

1 - Strengthen capacities of countries and development partners to assess, monitor and analyse the flows of financial and other resources from all sources resources for food security and nutrition

2 - Strengthen implementation capacities of governments and development partners in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness of resource use for food security and nutrition

3 - Engage in and influence global and regional processes relevant to resource mobilisation for food security and nutrition through advocacy, policy dialogue and sharing of good practices on effective and efficient resource use.

Organizational Outcome 103 - The decision of member countries and their development partners regarding food security and nutrition is based on evidence and high-quality, timely and comprehensive food security and nutrition analysis that draws on data and information available in the network of existing sector and stakeholder information systems.

Organizational Output 10301 - Improving capacities of governments and stakeholders to monitor trends and analyse the contribution of sectors and stakeholders to food security and nutrition.

Areas of work

1 - Strengthening the institutional capacity and in particular the role of food security and nutrition governance mechanisms in managing the network of relevant data and information providers that feed into food security and nutrition analysis

2 - Improving the efficiency of existing food security and nutrition information systems and the relevance of existing data and information sources in terms of key indicators and level of disaggregation (by sex, age, quintiles)

3 - Strengthening analytical capacities related to food security and nutrition as well as the ability to communicate complex analysis in timely and user-friendly ways to "non-food security and nutrition experts and decision-makers.

Organizational Output 10302 - Improving capacities of governments and stakeholders to map, monitor and evaluate policies, programmes and legislation relevant to food security and nutrition for informed decision-making.

Areas of work

1 - Support the development of human and institutional capacities to setup and manage national mapping systems and M&E mechanisms for food security and nutrition policies, programmes and legislation and improve access by decision-makers of information generated by the systems.

Strategic Objective 2 - Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner

Organizational Outcome 201 - Producers and natural resource managers adopt practices that increase and improve the provision of goods and services in the agricultural sector production systems in a sustainable manner.

Organizational Output 20101 - Stakeholders supported to identify, assess and disseminate innovative and sustainable production practices.

Areas of work
1 - The effective and sustainable use of appropriate inputs and materials to improve and increase production
2 - Sustainable management practices for production systems that eliminate or reduce negative environmental and socio-economic impacts, while addressing the need for increased production
3 - Practices and approaches that enable women producers to increase productivity while reducing drudgery (includes labour use efficiency, energy requirements and attention to child labour).
4 - Knowledge management and sharing (FAO's collation, assessment, analysis, synthesis, and dissemination of qualitative knowledge for sustainable production and natural resources management, in particular the qualitative data and information not addressed in SO2:004).

Organizational Output 20102 - Integrated and multi-sectoral approaches for ecosystem valuation, management and restoration are identified, assessed, disseminated and their adoption by stakeholders is facilitated

Areas of work
1 - Integrated approaches for ecosystem restoration and resilience
2 - Methods and technologies for adoption by producers in at risk and degraded environments
3 - Production systems for conservation and sustainable use/management of ecosystems with high value ecosystem services (e.g. biodiversity, water or carbon sequestration).

Organizational Output 20103 - Organizational and institutional capacities strengthened to support innovation and the transition toward more sustainable production systems.

Areas of work
1 - Improved management, integration and functional linkages among all system managers and service providers (local and national) to increase production capacity and innovation and improve natural resource management
2 - Sustainably strengthen research, extension, collective learning, and knowledge sharing and communication services and their functional linkages in ways which improve access for women
3 - Support to capacity for investment in sustainable production increase, and eco-system management, including strengthening capacity for local delivery of production inputs and market services
4 - Strengthen local and national level linkages and functional relationships in regional and international collaboration for knowledge and services in the management of production and related ecosystems.

Organizational Outcome 202 - Stakeholders in member countries strengthen governance – the policies, laws, management frameworks and institutions that are needed to support producers and resource managers – in the transition to sustainable agricultural sector production systems.

Organizational Output 20201 - Support to countries to analyse governance issues and options towards sustainable agricultural and natural resource sector production systems

Areas of work
1 - Identify drivers and barriers of sustainable production and analyse related governance issues
2 - Identify and analyse options for addressing governance issues, to strengthen sustainable production.

Organizational Output 20202 - Support to countries to strengthen national governance frameworks for the adoption of sustainable agricultural sector practices

Areas of work
1 - Development/revisions of more integrated and sustainable agricultural sector policies, strategies and programmes
2 - Development/alignment of legislation and regulations with more integrated and sustainable agricultural sector policies
3 - Reforms/alignment of institutions and governance mechanisms with more integrated and sustainable agricultural sector policies.

Organizational Output 20203 - Support to public institutions and inter-organizational mechanisms for the implementation of policies and legislation aiming at more sustainable production systems.

Areas of work
1 - Support to implementation by national and subnational government level public agencies
2 - Support to coordination mechanisms and partnership arrangements promoting implementation

Organizational Outcome 203 - Stakeholders develop, adopt, and implement international governance mechanisms and related instruments for sustainable agricultural sector production systems.

Organizational Output 20301 - Support to stakeholders to participate in, update existing and develop new international (including regional) mechanisms and instruments under the auspices of FAO.

Areas of work
1 - Stakeholders, in particular developing countries, enhance their participation in existing governance mechanisms and instruments on sustainable production in the agricultural sectors
2 - Stakeholders review and improve existing mechanisms and instruments with particular emphasis on their feasibility and relevance to increased and improved production in the agricultural sectors
3 - Stakeholders develop new international (including regional) mechanisms and binding and non-binding instruments addressing expressed and identified concerns and issues relating to sustainable agriculture production.

Organizational Output 20302 - Support to stakeholders to enhance consideration of agriculture in the international mechanisms and instruments relevant to FAO's mandate but not under the auspices of FAO.

Areas of work

1 - Agricultural sectors' stakeholders participate and contribute to efforts to ensure that needs, priorities and perspectives relating to sustainable agricultural production are reflected in the international agenda and considered by international mechanisms, partnerships, processes, and instruments

2 - The needs, priorities and perspectives of agricultural sectors relating to sustainable agriculture production are coordinated, articulated and reflected in the international agenda or considered by mechanisms, partnerships, processes and instruments.

Organizational Output 20303 - Support to stakeholders to facilitate implementation and application of international (including regional) mechanisms and instruments.

Areas of work

1 - Facilitate the application of relevant international (including regional) binding and non-binding instruments at global, regional and national levels through supportive mechanisms and instruments

2 - Capacity-building and assistance to facilitate the application of international (including regional) binding and non-binding instruments.

Organizational Outcome 204 - Stakeholders make evidence-based decisions in the planning and management of the agricultural sectors and natural resources to support the transition to sustainable agricultural sector production systems through monitoring, statistics, assessment and analyses.

Organizational Output 20401 - Relevant data and information assembled, aggregated, integrated and disseminated, and new data generated through analyses and monitoring – jointly with partners.

Areas of work

1 - Statistical and spatial data assessment and monitoring in particular for state of biotic and abiotic resources; resource us; outputs; inputs; land tenure and water rights; pests, diseases and global health trends; government and donor expenditures, institutional capacities, infrastructure and investment; population, including those dependent upon agriculture, forestry and fisheries, disaggregated by gender, age and sector

2 - Derived data sets and information from periodic analyses, assessments, and/or modelling based on above data related to sustainable production potential and yiel gaps; environmental impacts of agricultural production; efficiency of rsource use(land, water, inputs); periodic assessments and status reports of biotic and abiotic resources.

Organizational Output 20402 - Methodologies, norms, standards, definitions and tools for the collection, management, aggregation and analysis of data – formulated and disseminated.

Areas of work
1 - Maintenance and improvement and continuing development of methods and tools for all data/analyses listed above: integrated and comprehensive land use classification; assessment of capacity to generate multiple goods and ecosystems services; assessment of integration/diversity of production systems; production and input use at sub-national and forming system level; assessment/modelling of sustainable production potential under different management/climate scenarios; harmonizing micro socio-economic data variables, definitions and collection methodologies, including marginal groups and gender aspects; preparation of World Programme for the Census of Agriculture; integrated system of National Agricultural, Environmental and Economic Accounts, including social aspects; monitoring status of input use externalities: integrated strategy for agricultural statistics, analysis of integrated disease and socioeconomic data; assessing, planning and managing the sustainable use of water; analysis of resilience/vulnerability of agricultural and natural resource systems to socio-economic and environmental threats, including climate change.

Organizational Output 20403 - Capacity Development support to institutions at national and regional levels for the planning and implementation of data collection, analyses, application and dissemination.

Areas of work
1 - Continuing capacity development for the collection, analyses and communication of data with particular priority on: global strategy to improve agricultural statistics and basic data collection and aggregation on all data areas including gender disaggregated data, and promoting interoperability of databases; implementation of World Programme for the census of agriculture; soil and land degradation information; information on input use; risk analysis in production systems (including disease surveillance and climate variability); addressing the weaknesses in combining data with different temporal and (geo)spatial characteristics generated at different levels of aggregation aggregating and in the integrated analysis/modelling of socio-economic, agronomic and environmental data, including that on weather and climate.

Strategic Objective 3 - Reduce rural poverty

Organizational Outcome 301 - The rural poor have enhanced and equitable access to productive resources, services, organizations and markets, and can manage their resources more sustainably.

Organizational Output 30101 - Support to strengthen rural organizations and institutions and facilitate empowerment of rural poor.

Areas of work
1 - Provide policy advice and technical assistance to countries to develop a gender-sensitive enabling environment for inclusive (youth, women, indigenous people, resource poor, etc.) producer and other rural community organizations, institutions and services that address members' needs and interests, contribute to the improvement of their livelihoods, and represent them in policy making processes
2 - Support governments, producer organizations and cooperatives, formal and informal rural

institutions, organizations and services with organizational and capacity development tools to improve their governance structure, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability, and gender and social equity

3 - Promote and facilitate socio-economic empowerment of rural populations through social mobilization, participatory communication and community governance through approaches such as the DIMITRA Community Listeners' Clubs, to ensure that women and men are able to act collectively and influence decision-making processes that impact on their livelihoods.

Organizational Output 30102 - Support to the promotion and implementation of pro-poor approaches to policies and programmes which improve access to and sustainable management of natural resources.

Areas of work

1 - Provide strategic and technical advice to governments to develop pro-poor policies and programmes that promote equitable access to, secure control and sustainable management of land, water, forests, fisheries and other natural resources

2 - Provide policy guidance and legal support to streamline the implementation of pro-poor programmes aiming to secure the equitable access to and sustainable management of natural resources.

Organizational Output 30103 - Support to improve access of poor rural producers and household to appropriate technologies and knowledge, inputs and markets.

Areas of work

1 - Provide technical expertise and advice to identify and use opportunities for increase in productivity and income-generation for poor rural households through better access to appropriate technologies, knowhow, inputs and markets.

Organizational Output 30104 - Support to innovations in rural services provision and infrastructure development accessible to the rural poor.

Areas of work

1 - Provide evidence based policy and investment support and advice to enhance government and other stakeholders' capacities to improve and reorient, through public-private partnerships where appropriate, existing rural service systems and infrastructure supporting the productivity and quality enhancement along the value chain of disadvantaged small-scale producers or family farmers, diversification of the rural economy and rural poverty reduction.

Organizational Output 30105 - Cross-sectoral policy advice and capacity development for the definition of gender equitable and sustainable rural development and poverty reduction strategies.

Areas of work

1 - Provide cross-sectoral technical advice to governments and their development partners regarding a range of options for developing gender equitable and sustainable rural development strategies to reduce rural poverty.

Organizational Outcome 302 - The rural poor have greater opportunities to access decent farm and non-farm employment.

Organizational Output 30201 - Evidence-based policy support and capacity development in the formulation and implementation of policies, strategies and programmes that generate decent rural employment with particular focus on fostering youth and rural women's economic and social empowerment.

Areas of work
1 - Provide evidence-based policy support and advice to enhance government capacities to formulate and implement policies, strategies and programmes that promote rural economic diversification and generate decent rural employment.

Organizational Output 30202 - Policy support to extend the application of International Labour Standards (ILS) to rural areas.

Areas of work
1 - Support structures and services which enable ILS to be disseminated and adopted by relevant stakeholders.

Organizational Outcome 303 - Social protection systems are strengthened in support of sustainable rural poverty reduction.

Organizational Output 30301 - Policy advice, capacity development and advocacy is provided for improving social protection systems to foster sustainable and equitable rural development, poverty reduction and food and nutrition security

Areas of work
1 - Policy support to countries in linking social protection and rural poverty reduction.

Strategic Objective 4 - Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems at local, national and international levels

Organizational Outcome 401 - International agreements, mechanisms and standards that promote more efficient and inclusive trade and markets are formulated and implemented by countries.

Organizational Output 40101 - New and revised international standards for food safety and quality and plant health are formulated and agreed by countries and serve as references for international harmonization.

Areas of work
1 - Setting of international plant health and food standards.

Organizational Output 40102 - Countries and their Regional Economic Communities are supported to engage effectively in the formulation and implementation of international agreements, regulations, mechanisms and frameworks that promote transparent markets and enhanced global and regional market opportunities.

Areas of work
1 - Formulation and adoption of trade related agreements.

Organizational Output 40103 - Governments and national stakeholders are supported to design and implement efficient and inclusive market and trade policies and related support measures.

Areas of work
1 - International market information and analysis
2 - Trade preparedness at the national level,

Organizational Output 40104 - Public sector institutions are supported to improve their capacity to design and implement better policies and regulatory frameworks, and to provide public services related to plant and animal health, food safety and quality.

Areas of work
1 - Policy and regulatory frameworks at national and regional levels
2 - National capacities for food safety, plant and animal health

Organizational Outcome 402 - Agribusinesses and agrifood chains that are more inclusive and efficient are developed and implemented by the public and private sectors.

Organizational Output 40201 - Public sector institutions are supported to formulate and implement policies and strategies, and to provide public goods that enhance inclusiveness and efficiency in agrifood chains.

Areas of work
1 - Policies, institutions and support services for agribusiness development

Organizational Output 40202 - Support is provided for the development of evidence-based food losses and waste reduction programmes at national, regional and global levels.

Areas of work
1 - Building an evidence base on food losses and waste
2 - Towards an enabling environment for reducing food loss and waste.

Organizational Output 40203 - Value chain actors are provided with technical and managerial support to promote inclusive, efficient and sustainable agrifood chains.

Areas of work
1 - Value chain and market linkage development
2 - Small and medium agro-enterprise development
3 - Enhancing the environmental benefits along value chains

Organizational Outcome 403 - Policies, financial instruments and investment that improve the inclusiveness and efficiency of agrifood systems are developed and implemented by the public and private sectors.

Organizational Output 40301 - Public and private sector institutions are supported to design and implement financial instruments and services that improve access to capital for efficient and inclusive agrifood systems.

Areas of work
1 - Efficient financial institutions and innovative services for rural and agricultural development

Organizational Output 40303 - Systems are established and countries are supported to monitor, analyse and manage the impacts of trade, food, agriculture and natural resources policies on food systems and on price and market related risks.

Areas of work
1 - Policy monitoring and evaluation for improved price and market incentives
2 - Assessing and monitoring price volatility and policy instability and managing associated risks.

Strategic Objective 5 - Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

Organizational Outcome 501 - Countries and regions adopt and implement legal, policy and institutional systems and regulatory frameworks for risk reduction and crisis management.

Organizational Output 50101 - Improved capacities to formulate and promote risk reduction and crisis management policies, strategies and plans.

Areas of work
1 - Advice and technical assistance for the formulation and implementation of national policies, strategies and plans for DRR/M and resilience building for agriculture, nutrition, food security and food safety, including gender mainstreaming and links with climate change adaptation and sustainable natural resource management
2 - Advice and technical assistance to develop capacities for policy development and implementation, investment planning, and monitoring of achievements and progress in risk reduction and crisis management, with specific consideration of gender mainstreaming and humanitarian-development linkages
3 - Strengthened institutional frameworks and advocacy for risk transfer mechanisms, including financial instruments, tailored to needs of smallholders in agriculture, forestry and fisheries to mitigate losses caused by extreme events.

Organizational Output 50102 - Enhanced coordination and improved investment programming and resource mobilization strategies for risk reduction and crises management.

Areas of work
1 - Enhancing and building partnerships and coordination mechanisms at global, regional and country levels for effective risk reduction and management, including enhanced cooperation between development and humanitarian stakeholders
2 - Enhancing delivery of risk reduction and crises management initiatives and programmes through partnerships at global, regional and national levels including capacity development activities for selected partners
3 - Support member countries in mobilizing domestic and external investments and resources for enhanced disaster risk reduction and management through enhanced partnerships
4 - Contribution to the risk reduction and crisis management governance at global and regional levels with specific emphasis on guiding principles, capacity development and institutional arrangements.

Organizational Outcome 502 - Countries and regions provide regular information and early warning against potential, known and emerging threats.

Organizational Output 50201 - Mechanisms are set up/improved to identify and monitor threats and assess risks and to deliver integrated and timely early warning.

Areas of work
1 - Vulnerability, resilience and risk assessment including climate related analysis
2 - Setting standards and developing tools together with platforms for partnerships including sectorally integrated gaps identification
3 - Early warning services and delivery of timely alerts linking to early action including outreach to communities
4 - Threat monitoring services including gaps identification at all levels.

Organizational Outcome 503 - Countries reduce risks and vulnerability at household and community level.

Organizational Output 50301 - Improved capacities of countries, communities and key stakeholders to implement prevention and mitigation good practices to reduce the impacts of threats and crises

Areas of work
1 - Advice and technical assistance in the application of risk related national and international regulatory frameworks and technical standards and guidelines for agriculture, nutrition, food security and food safety
2 - Identification of indigenous and innovative technologies and practices to support risk reduction
3 - Testing, validation, documentation and sharing of prevention and mitigation related technologies, tools, processes and good practices for their appropriation, adoption and wider application
4 - Strengthening partnerships for the implementation of strategies and scaling up of good practices at subnational level.

Organizational Output 50302 - Improved access of most vulnerable groups to services which reduce the impact of disasters and crisis.

Areas of work
1 - Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into local planning
2 - Enhanced communities' access to social protection systems, financial risk transfer mechanisms and investment in the context of extreme events and crisis
3 - Strengthening livelihoods, value chain application (including access to markets) and nutrition education in crisis prone situations
4 - Strengthening capacities of local organizations for disaster risk reduction/management and climate change adaptation
5 - Assistance to vulnerable populations in risk prone and conflict sensitive areas on securing access and establishing appropriate rights to natural resources with due consideration to social and gender equality issues
6 - Tools for impact assessment of community resilience to disasters and threats to inform

policy programme and interventions across sectors

Organizational Outcome 504 - Countries and regions affected by disasters and crises prepare for, and manage effective responses.

Organizational Output 50401 - Improved capacities of national authorities and stakeholders for emergency preparedness to reduce the impact of crisis.

Areas of work
1 - Livelihood, production systems and hazards/risks baseline and resilience analysis
2 - Contingency plan for shocks likely to occur and impact agriculture, nutrition, food security and food safety
3 - Countries and FAO's corporate preparedness for L1, L2 L3 emergencies in line with IASC guidance
4 - Emergency readiness measures (ex: strategic food, seed and fodder reserves, community's contingency funds, savings and loans).

Organizational Output 50402 - Strengthened coordination capacities for better preparedness and response to crisis.

Areas of work
1 - Co-leadership of food security cluster and contribution to other clusters, in particular the nutrition cluster
2 - Coordination mechanisms integrating thoroughly gender, nutrition and accountability to affected population for better preparedness and response.
3 - Capacity development of national counterparts and implementing partners on coordination mechanisms and functions
4 - Global and regional coordination and strategic partnerships for emergency preparedness and response
5 - Communication, advocacy and resource mobilization for the role of agriculture in disaster and crisis situation.

Organizational Output 50403 - Strengthened national authorities and stakeholders in crisis response.

Areas of work
1 - Funding mechanisms for FAO immediate response and resources mobilization for quick recovery of production capacity
2 - Joint post crisis needs assessments and response analysis, with a gender perspective
3 - FAO surge capacity to rapidly deploy key expertise in response to sudden crisis and in particular L3 emergencies
4 - Response implementation according to technical guidance, international standards and humanitarian principles
5 - Response capacity development of counterparts, partners and communities for effective and timely responses to crisis
6 - Incorporation of agriculture and livelihoods transition strategies into response programmes

7 - Response monitoring, evaluation, lessons learned and feed back into the preparedness and resilience programming cycle.