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FOREWORD

Every year, the plight and needs of many of the world's most vulnerable people are described in the Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP). This year's CAP spans 18 countries¹ and outlines needs across key sectors.

The 2012 CAP clearly highlights that food insecurity continues to be compounded by protracted crisis situations, more frequent natural disasters, conflict, volatile food prices, harsh economic conditions and climate change.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) works with partners to reduce food insecurity through improved preparedness for and effective response to food and agricultural threats and emergencies.

Stepping up to the challenge

To rise to this challenge and improve effectiveness in a climate of reduced funding and increased need, FAO's emergency response focuses on protecting both lives and livelihoods. Rebuilding livelihoods and decreasing dependency on external aid ensures a quicker return to normalcy for affected people, restoring their self-sufficiency and sense of dignity.

Beyond immediate support to ensure food security in protracted or sudden-onset crisis situations, FAO implements programmes that build the resilience of households in the face of future shocks. Families that have been affected by crises, and often divested of their assets, are even more vulnerable to the potential impacts of future shocks – restoring livelihoods and strengthening resilience can mitigate the effects and reduce risk.

FAO's components of the CAP fit within broader planning and programming strategies at country and subregional levels, which look into longer-term measures to address the root causes of vulnerability and increase resilience through disaster risk management. These include FAO Plans of Action, which have been developed together with national counterparts in Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, the Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, the Sudan, the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Zimbabwe, among other countries.

Another way that FAO has stepped up to the ever increasing challenges of today's world is in our closer collaboration with international and local partners and counterparts. In 2011, the global Food Security Cluster was established to improve the coordination of food security responses in humanitarian crises, under the co-leadership of FAO and the World Food Programme. At country level, Food Security Clusters are increasingly reflected in CAP documents. FAO's work in development provides an important link with national authorities and community-based organizations that can often be built upon in times of crisis.

Adapting programming to best fit needs

Achieving food security for all is at the heart of FAO's efforts, and achieving food security in emergencies requires a specific understanding and analysis of livelihoods.

FAO programming places people at the centre of its actions, identifying the most effective and efficient ways to assist those most vulnerable. Emergency response programmes are adapted to the needs of

¹ The present brochure only features the 16 countries that will be included in the global launch of the CAP on 14 December 2011. The CAP for Liberia and Sri Lanka will be launched at a later date.

women, men and their families, whether they are fishers, pastoralists, farmers or foresters. Diversifying livelihoods and intensifying agricultural production are some of FAO's key strategies. To be effective, analysis of household, community and national systems is needed. The individual CAP strategies reflect this livelihood analysis. In many contexts, addressing needs at the household level must be done hand in hand with strengthening community and social support systems.

In Somalia, in addition to providing immediate life-saving assistance, the strategic priorities for humanitarian assistance include stabilizing and preventing the deterioration of people's way of life through the protection and restoration of livelihood assets and through early recovery, resilience building, emergency preparedness, disaster risk reduction and social/productive networks.

This is a twin-track approach that combines immediate assistance to improve access to food with addressing the root causes of the problems and building longer-term coping capacity in the face of protracted crises and new shocks. FAO is supplying inputs like drought-tolerant seeds while improving pastoral techniques, water harvesting, irrigation and soil conservation. In situations of high unemployment or where access to food is constrained, cash and seed voucher schemes in exchange for labour are being established.

In the Horn of Africa, FAO has set up irrigation schemes so that some communities have been able to keep producing food despite the drought. FAO is also distributing seeds that can tolerate drought, and assisting farmers to produce more quality seeds and sell them to other farmers. These efforts are ensuring that more and more people can cope with drought in the future.

Building on local institutions

We have much to learn from our partners. In the past, the international community spoke of "capacity building", often as a "top-down" system of knowledge transfer, but experience has shown that most of the learning and best approaches to strengthen resilience are found at the local and national levels, within communities and institutions.

Building on and supporting local institutions can provide a sustainable basis for addressing the drivers of a crisis, for rebuilding livelihoods after a crisis and for strengthening resilience and coping mechanisms.

In South Sudan, FAO has and will continue in 2012 to work with the nascent government to establish a sound institutional framework for food security, which is resulting in increased levels of public investment in agriculture and food security.

Thinking about outcomes

Humanitarian response is life-saving, but it also aims to protect and restore the lives and livelihoods of people that have been hit by crisis. Dignity, food and nutrition security, self-sufficiency and resilience are cornerstones of what FAO aims to achieve in emergency response; there are also further positive outcomes across a variety of sectors that can be achieved through food- and agriculture-based approaches. For example, collaboration with the Department of Education in school gardening projects in the Philippines will enhance the nutritional value and variety of meals prepared in schools, and ensure that children attend school.

In Afghanistan, steps have already been taken to link food assistance, cash-based and agriculture support activities with a nutrition response to ensure that adequate household dietary intake and food consumption levels are met. Food security and agricultural interventions are closely aligned with programmes to increase water access for herders, whose livelihoods are impacted by natural disasters and conflict.

Short-term funding leads to short-term results

Humanitarian donors are at work to support the needs of the most vulnerable; however, despite generous short-term aid, which has been successful in addressing immediate needs, vulnerability persists in many countries facing humanitarian crises. If lasting solutions are not found, after each shock families are less able to cope, take longer to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, and remain dependent on external aid for longer periods of time.

In some parts of the Sudan, for example, vulnerability remains acute as underlying conditions are left unaddressed. As a result, large segments of internally displaced persons residing in camps have to various degrees become dependent on external aid. The comparative lack of parallel support for durable solutions within a humanitarian framework in the Sudan is one of the key contributors to persistent vulnerability in the country.

FAO's component of the 2012 CAP reflects how we in FAO are taking on new challenges. We appeal to our donors and partners to help us take on the challenge and work together to address not only the life-saving needs of vulnerable communities today, but to restore lives and livelihoods for tomorrow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurent Thomas', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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2011 IN REVIEW

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) received USD 200 million in contributions for emergency programming in response to the 2011 Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) and other humanitarian appeals launched in 2011. Although this represented a USD 50 million decline in appeal-related funding as compared with 2010, the coverage of requirements has remained steady at just over 50 percent.

The international community responded generously to agricultural needs in Afghanistan (94 percent met), Somalia (90 percent met) and Sri Lanka (77 percent met). These countries accounted for more than one-third of FAO's programming needs under the 2011 appeals.

2011 also included the continuation of appeals launched in 2010, such as the Pakistan Floods Relief and Early Recovery Response Plan, which remained active until July 2011. With almost USD 107 million in requirements and over USD 97 million in funding, it was FAO's largest appeal ever, and one of its most successful. The current appeal for Pakistan, launched in response to the devastating monsoon floods of 2011, will last until March 2012 and has received almost 56 percent of required funding. Over the past two years, FAO has implemented over USD 126 million in emergency agricultural programming in Pakistan.

The situation across the Horn of Africa deteriorated significantly in 2011. The region faced one of its driest years since 1950/51. Conditions were particularly dire in Somalia, where the food crisis escalated into famine in parts of the country. Although the Somalia 2011 CAP is well funded, funding for the rest of the region has been low. So far, out of total needs of more than USD 161 million for the whole region, almost USD 80 million, or 49 percent, has been contributed. FAO has a significant presence in the region, with active programming in every country affected by the crisis.

As of 30 November, total funding for FAO's Emergency and Rehabilitation Programme in 2011 amounted to over USD 333 million.

FAO Emergency and Rehabilitation Programme

1 January to 30 November 2011

FUNDING BY COUNTRY/REGION	(USD)
Somalia	78 801 904
Sudan	45 786 639
Pakistan	18 537 881
Afghanistan	15 308 239
Kenya	13 486 406
Regional Africa	11 708 090
Sri Lanka	10 787 258
DR Congo	10 532 563
West Bank and Gaza Strip	10 292 629
Uganda	10 247 365
Indonesia	9 660 056
Ethiopia	6 402 099
Zambia	5 219 997
Niger	5 013 939
Chad	4 622 600
Côte d'Ivoire	4 520 742
Regional Latin America	3 815 808
Guatemala	3 681 897
Zimbabwe	3 639 010
Liberia	3 595 190

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS	(USD)
European Union	57 396 448
United States of America	56 291 682
Canada	36 241 276
OCHA/CERF	35 497 782
Sweden	16 380 547
Belgium	13 847 977
Australia	12 266 908
Japan	11 197 420
Spain	10 428 230
World Bank	8 770 000
UN Trust Fund - Sudan	7 020 257
United Kingdom	7 008 322
UN Trust Fund - DR Congo	5 966 903
Switzerland	4 557 886
France	4 431 766
UN Trust Fund - Somalia	4 401 244
Italy	3 800 941
Unilateral Trust Fund	2 938 565
United Kingdom	2 019 902
Netherlands	1 875 000

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Haiti continues to recover from the catastrophic earthquake of January 2010. Before the earthquake, communities were already extremely vulnerable, facing a succession of disasters ranging from hurricanes to drought. Although donors and humanitarian agencies have been extremely active in helping the people of Haiti to start rebuilding their lives, much more is needed. Overall, food insecurity in Haiti remains high in all departments, with particularly alarming levels in the Departments of Artibonite, Nord-Ouest, Sud-Est and Sud.

Challenges facing food security and livelihoods

Almost one out of two people in Haiti's earthquake-affected areas is food insecure. After the earthquake, the country's local agricultural economies, which employ 70 percent of the rural population, nearly collapsed. Despite the efforts of local producers, Haiti's agriculture sector is very fragile and rebuilding it remains a priority.

During the early spring 2011 agricultural campaign, a drought-affected part of northern Haiti, contributing to a decline in major crop yields of over 20 percent. Farmers' incomes decreased dramatically, which will likely compromise their preparations for the upcoming winter 2011/12 planting season.

In early autumn 2011, heavy rains struck the Sud, Grand'Anse and Nippes Departments. The floods, compounded by rising food prices in local markets, significantly impacted the capacity of 30 000 farming families to produce and access food.

Weakened by recurrent crises, food insecure groups have very low levels of resilience to shocks and are in need of immediate support to prepare for the next planting season. Enabling rural communities to build healthy farming and food systems is key to food security.

Farmers in rural and peri-urban areas are among Haiti's poorest. They lack access to the basic materials and services needed to enhance food security, such as high-yielding seeds, fertilizers, livestock support, credit and knowledge of improved farming methods.

Women – the main producers of food in Haiti – are central to raising household food security levels. Recovery, however, has been especially difficult for women. For example, gender-based violence – already endemic – has become even more prevalent after the earthquake. FAO's programmes prioritize women-headed households and encourage policies and strategies that promote gender equality in smallholder agriculture.

FAO response

Increasing access to agricultural inputs and markets is fundamental to improving household food security and nutrition in rural and urban areas of Haiti. FAO's proposed assistance for 2012 seeks to address the needs of nearly 80 000 families struggling to recover livelihood activities as a result of natural hazards.

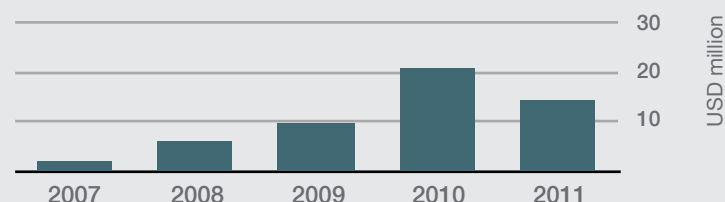
KEY FACTS

- Population: 9 993 247
- Human Development Index Rank: 158/187
- Workforce in agriculture: 59%
- Recent emergencies: floods, recurrent hurricanes and storms, cholera outbreak, mudslides, earthquakes.

Source: FAO, UNDP, World Bank

FAO EMERGENCY PROGRAMME

As of November 2011, based on project expenditures



With donor funding, FAO will help to restore urban agricultural production – a crucial means to support displaced families living in camps and in areas affected by the earthquake in Ouest Department. Planned interventions combine the provision of quality agricultural inputs – focused on activities, such as gardening, recycling and composting – with training in food preservation techniques and nutrition, as well as support to strengthen marketing capacity.

In response to the 2011 floods and drought, FAO seeks to help severely affected families resume crop and livestock production. Farming activities will focus on facilitating access to seeds and tools for short-cycle crop production (maize, beans, rice and vegetables), coupled with training on improved agriculture and market gardening techniques. Efforts to strengthen livestock production include providing families with animals (e.g. goats, sheep and poultry), basic veterinary care and planting materials for improved pasture and forage production. Training on disaster preparedness measures will help to mitigate the loss of livestock and agricultural production from future shocks.



PROPOSALS - FAO Emergency and rehabilitation assistance

Total funding requested: USD 10 000 000

Emergency response in the livestock and agriculture sectors to the October 2011 floods in Sud Department and the drought in Centre Department

Objectives:	To ensure food and nutrition security for vulnerable households through the rehabilitation of agricultural production, including market gardening, and small livestock activities.
Activities:	Support access to quality seeds and planting materials for improved pasture and forage production; facilitate access to agricultural inputs, including seeds of short-season crops (e.g. maize, beans, rice, vegetable seeds) and tools/agricultural equipment; train beneficiaries on agricultural production, including market gardening, and small livestock production; provide livestock (e.g. goats, sheep, poultry) to families affected by floods; improve livestock production by providing basic animal health care; provide training on disaster preparedness to mitigate the loss of livestock and agricultural production; and monitor and evaluate activities.
Beneficiaries:	50 000 rural households (including 180 000 women).
Gender marker:	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality.
Funds requested:	USD 8 000 000

Urban agriculture production as a means of support to displaced families living in camps and in areas affected by the earthquake in Ouest Department

Objectives:	To strengthen the food and nutrition security of households affected by the earthquake of 12 January 2010 through urban agricultural production.
Activities:	Distribute agricultural inputs to beneficiary families; provide training on food preparation and preservation, as well as urban agriculture (e.g. gardening, recycling, composting); support marketing; and monitor and evaluate activities.
Beneficiaries:	28 000 households from urban and suburban areas (including 114 000 women).
Gender marker:	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality.
Funds requested:	USD 2 000 000

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