Workplan of Regional Initiative on Smallholders and Family Farms for 2018-19

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Workplanning process: interaction between countries and FAO

• The **main objective**: look at the priorities of the countries and harmonize them with the FAO comparative advantages while moving towards a programmatic approach to support smallholders;

• The cross-section of the two sets of priorities is reflected in the Country Programming Framework (CPF).

• It is a dialogue and iterative process, which shapes both the workplan of the RI and the needs of the countries regarding the priorities of smallholders;

• **Ultimate goal**: support the countries in a way, where we create synergies, have bigger impact in the country, increasing possibility for partnership and resource mobilization.
**Component 1:** Support policy development and innovative practices for increased sustainable agricultural production

- In Tajikistan national programme on greenhouse **vegetable production** developed
- Support Kyrgyzstan to review the **regulatory framework on aquaculture and fisheries**
- Support regional network of forest smallholder associations through publication on **forest income diversification**
- Publication on **principles of organic agriculture** and **good agricultural practices**
- Improvement of capacities of fish farmers through **guidelines on fish feed**
- Promotion of **conservation agriculture**, **organic agriculture** and **pest control methods** in the region and Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Armenia

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- Support to regional livestock associations through development of **guidelines** for implementation of **livestock protective fencing**
- Support the **small ruminant** sector through pilot studies and **guide on small ruminant production**
- Improvement of capacities on **animal genetic resources** through regional consultation workshops, and special support to Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine
- In Georgia, Serbia and Turkey **agriculture extension service** is supported
- Regional online knowledge sharing platform on **agricultural innovations** for smallholders is established and promoted

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Component 2: Support improvement of rural livelihood and enhanced access to natural resources

- Regional policy and technical dialogue for land use and land tenure through LandNet Conference
- Capacities of technical network is developed through conducting on regional study on good practices of land consolidation legislation and process (under umbrella of VGGT)
- Land consolidation processes supported in Azerbaijan, FYR Macedonia and Ukraine
- Awareness raising and capacity development to design and implement evidence-based gender-sensitive policies and programmes
- Albania and Turkey support provided for rural women’s economic empowerment
- Regional platform for youth engagement and capacity development on creation of green jobs

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- Access to market and short value chain development in Kosovo
- Capacity development for designing and implementing school food and nutrition programme in Albania, Armenia and Tajikistan
- Increase awareness on social protection and agriculture through sub-regional study on the Balkan countries and consultation, while in Armenia and Kyrgyzstan social contract / Cash Plus method is tested
- Policy dialogue and sharing experience on nexus between migration and food security, agriculture and rural development
Partnership...

...For delivering a complex multi-sectoral programme for smallholders

• **Technical expertise**: European Conservation Agriculture Federation, European Federation of Animal Science, LandNet, Research Institute for Agricultural Economics, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements

• **Strategic partnerships**: World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UNECE Working Party on Land Administration, Regional Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe and civil society organizations

• **Resource partners** include European Commission, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Switzerland, Finland

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Challenges and further development of work programme for smallholders and family farms

Holistic ↔ Focused

• Knowledge platform and consultation could help to better communicate the work we do and thus further develop the work programme and contribute to policy design in countries in a consistent way to support smallholders and family farms

• We see the need to design country programming framework in a more integrated way to have greater impact, which requires enhanced coordination

• Cooperation and exchange of experience: among the countries

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Thank you

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Working group discussion

Participants rotate between the tables every 10 minutes.

Guiding questions:

(1) How can we further develop the support already provided under the given technical area and strengthen FAO comparative advantage, specifically matching it with the needs of smallholders and family farms at country/regional level?

(2) How can we integrate the different technical areas to have more impact on smallholders and family farms?

(1) Как можно улучшить/развить помощь, оказываемую в рамках данной технической области, и укрепить сравнительные преимущества ФАО при поддержке мелких фермеров и семейных ферм в вашей стране/регионе?

(2) Как интегрировать/объединить различные технические области, чтобы увеличить воздействие на мелких фермеров и семейных ферм?