



# DEVELOPING A NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY INFORMATION SYSTEM IN YEMEN

The ongoing conflict in Yemen has aggravated an already fragile socio-economic context, negatively affecting the overall economic and livelihood situation, as well as the agricultural sector and other non-agriculture livelihoods, resulting in protracted and continuous worsening of the food insecurity situation in the country. The project aimed to assist the Government of Yemen in improving the country's food security and nutrition situation by establishing a conducive institutional set-up for food security decision-making at national level and in six selected governorates (Dhamar, Hadramout, Hajjah, Hodeida, Lahej and Taiz), supported by an effective and sustainable national Food Security Information System (FSIS).



## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project established and strengthened Food Security Information Systems (FSIS), the Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS), and FSIS Governorate Focal Units (GFU); and developed the technical capacities of government partners in food and nutrition security data collection, measurement, analysis and communication. The project played a leading role in the implementation of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) programme in Yemen, which provides a set of standardized tools and procedures as a common language for the analysis and classification of the severity and magnitude of food insecurity and malnutrition. The IPC analyses, periodic food security updates, and monthly market prices monitoring were instrumental in supporting informed decision-making for humanitarian organizations, donors and government institutions. Finally, the project strengthened country ownership, participation, coordination and stakeholder buy-in by enabling informed decision-making, supporting national and governorate-level institutions, and providing accessible and understandable information in a timely manner.

## IMPACT

Through the regular and periodic products generated by the FSIS programme, food and nutrition security decision-makers in Yemen were able to make informed and timely decisions, which helped to address ongoing emergencies in the country, and to save lives and protect/support livelihoods. Food insecure rural and urban households benefited greatly from the better and well targeted gender-sensitive policy and programme responses to address food security threats. With the overall improved food security governance, availability of data, and information and analysis, government and development partners were able to initiate and continue strategies that reinforce and build household resilience to food security threats.

## KEY FACTS

### Contribution

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### Duration

October 2013 – July 2017

### Resource Partners

The European Union (EU)

### Partners

Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC)

### Beneficiaries

Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC), Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS) to the High Council of Food Security in the Office of the Prime Minister, Central Statistical Organization (CSO), General Directorate of Agricultural Statistics and General Directorate of Marketing of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MoAI), Department of Nutrition in Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and Information and Statistics Department in Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE), food-insecure rural and urban households, including farmers and herders

## ACTIVITIES

- National and governorate-level food security structures established and strengthened, including Food Security Technical Secretariats (FSTS) at national level, six Governorate Focal Units, and two Policy Dialogue Forums, which are functional and responsible for food security information systems in the country.
- Six food security updates and 23 monthly market monitoring bulletins produced. All products were disseminated to relevant partners and stakeholders, and made available on the FSTS website.
- Database system and user manual for FSTS and FSIS-Project Support Unit teams' data storage and management developed, and training provided for these teams on the use and application of the database system.
- IPC National Technical Working Group supported financially and technically to conduct periodic analysis workshops and IPC training activities in Yemen. The project led four IPC analysis workshops, and produced an analysis report, complete with communication template and maps.
- Participation in national and subregional food security cluster and nutrition coordination forums, supporting the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) with timely food security information for decision-making.
- Total of 502 staff members from FSTS, Governorate Focal Units, line ministries and FSIS-Project Support Unit trained on several food and nutrition security areas, including market price data collection, nutrition and livelihoods, IPC analysis and reporting, and food security policy formulation.
- FSTS, GFUs, line ministries and organizations supported financially through Letters of Agreement, in addition to the provision of furniture and IT equipment, facilitating food security and nutrition data collection, analysis and communication
- Implementation of five thematic studies supported, covering the key food security and nutrition-related issues affected by the crisis. The preliminary findings contributed to the creation of a knowledge base regarding the challenges and underlining the causes of food insecurity in the target governorates in particular, and in the country in general.

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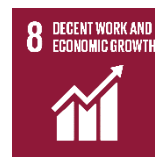
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