



Food and Agriculture
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Enhancing national awareness of food security and rural development

A strategic partnership with Ankara University

In January 2016, the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between FAO and Ankara University (AU) allows the two institutions to join forces in support of areas such as natural resources management, food security and nutrition.

MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITIES:

- Capacity development – Access to FAO resources and materials to support curricula and develop training modules/courses;
- Advocacy – Support to strategic events such as International Years, World Food Day, Family Farming;
- Develop collaborations – Implement joint project such as Ankara Initiative and Land Degradation neutrality, Decision Support for Scaling Up and Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management.

■ Beneficiary Countries



Map conforms to United Nations World Map, 2018

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PARTNERSHIP MILESTONES

- 2016** Partnership established
- 2019** Renewal of the partnership
- 2019** Letter of Agreement signed to conduct a field assessment of the social protection and employability conditions/needs of Syrian refugees, seasonal workers and rural households in the Turkish agricultural sector
- 2020** Service contract established for capacity development in communication

CONTRIBUTING TO



KEY RESULTS

01

In 2018, FAO and AU organized a panel in Istanbul for World Food Day on the theme “Our actions are our future”. The event aimed to raise awareness of food security, food safety, natural resource management and rural development, and emphasize humanity’s ability to take control of its collective future by working for a hunger-free world.

02

In 2019, FAO signed a Letter of Agreement with AU’s Development Studies Research and Application Centre (AKCAM) to conduct a field assessment of the social protection and employability conditions/needs of Syrian refugees, seasonal workers and rural households in the Turkish agricultural sector.

Surveys conducted for the assessment concentrated on agricultural migration, dominant seasonal worker groups and local actors, including agricultural owners, input traders, NGOs, and so on, while focus group discussions and interviews with ministries widened understanding of approaches at the administrative level.

The assessment also contributed to: (1) the formulation of FAO Turkey’s MADAD Project OSRO/TUR/901/EC “Building Resilience of Syrians under Temporary Protection and Host Communities in Turkey through supporting Socio-Economic Integration and Creating Livelihood Opportunities”; and (2) production of the publication *Agricultural Livelihood and Labour Markets for Syrians under Temporary Protection and Vulnerable Host Communities in Six Provinces of Turkey*.

03

In 2019, FAO signed a further service contract with AKCAM to undertake baseline data collection for a resilience impact evaluation focused on Syrians under Temporary Protection and host communities. The impact evaluation focused on monitoring and evaluating the impacts of Project OSRO/TUR/901/EC, which aimed to gather fieldwork data, establish a pilot study and prepare training materials.

04

In February 2020, FAO signed a service contract with the Communication Research and Application Centre of Ankara University (ILAUM). As part of the agreement, ILAUM conducted a communication needs survey with FAO Turkey staff, in order to help develop their abilities to overcome challenges and showcase the benefits of teamwork.

Formal agreements with AU contribute to strengthening the ongoing partnership, by promoting cost efficiency in programming and aligning the university research framework with FAO’s strategic objectives and initiatives based in Europe and Central Asia.

Collaborations with academia also enhance the circulation of key messages of FAO’s Global Agenda and national dissemination of information on International Years and World Food Day themes. One example of this approach is

FAO’s Family Farming Decade. In 2020, a joint workshop on “Family Farming” and the “Second National Village and Farmer Congress” (the first took place in 1938) will be organized in the country.

High-quality technical expertise from AU contributes to FAO’s work at national, regional and sub-regional levels. Collaborations with partners such as AU facilitate knowledge exchange among the various stakeholders within the country and the region.



AREAS OF COLLABORATION

FAO and AU work in partnership in the areas of food and nutrition security, food safety and climate smart agriculture.

ABOUT ANKARA UNIVERSITY

Ankara University (AU) was established in 1946 with the mission to educate individuals to guide society in the fields of science and the arts.

The institution comprises 15 faculties, two vocational schools, nine colleges and a state conservatory.

FAO has developed activities with AU’s Development Studies Research and Application Centre and the Communication Research and Application Centre.

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