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# UKRAINE AND FAO

## SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

The cooperation between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Government of Ukraine has been designed to reinforce national capacities and to contribute to a broader development of agriculture, sustainable management of forests and fisheries, and animal and plant disease control. FAO is providing technical support for climate change adaptation, as well as working with civil society to mitigate soil erosion and degradation. FAO is also contributing to building resilience and boosting development in conflict-affected regions by supporting the economic recovery of farmers and rural communities.

### Increasing FAO's operational presence in Ukraine

FAO's presence in Ukraine has upscaled and is distributed by offices in Kyiv, Kramatorsk and Mariupol.

FAO Ukraine is seeking to increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises that affect agriculture, food and nutrition, focusing on four major areas: rural economic development, transition to sustainable agriculture and food production practices, adaptation to climate change, and humanitarian assistance. As co-lead of the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster, FAO is contributing to the development of the annual Humanitarian Response Plan, which outlines priority interventions for the humanitarian community.



"Ukraine is a country rich in natural resources, which are an important factor in maintaining and improving local, regional and global food security."

**Qu Dongyu**  
FAO Director-General

### Matching FAO's expertise to Ukraine's development priorities

**2020–2022 FAO Country Programming Framework (CPF)** is contributing towards five priority areas:

- ➔ Development of the agrifood production chain and market access with a strong focus on support for small-scale farmers and value chain development, and technical and policy guidelines for both the public and private sector, including reinforcement of the cooperatives' legal framework.
- ➔ Contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources through the provision of technical and policy advice and knowledge transfer, with strong emphasis on issues related to climate change, sustainable fisheries, forestry and land management.
- ➔ Contribution to land reform through supporting the development of land consolidation instruments and providing technical expertise to the Government.
- ➔ Development of Ukraine's sanitary and phytosanitary management capacity.
- ➔ Improvement of school nutrition, providing recommendations for strengthening the sustainability of school nutrition as a broad state policy.

FAO and the Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine are promoting intergovernmental and intersectoral coordination towards the adoption of the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.

## Promoting conservation agriculture practices in degraded landscapes

FAO, as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is supporting Ukraine to address the extremely serious challenge of land degradation that is affecting 20 percent of the country's agricultural land, impacting soil fertility and the quality of agricultural products, which may lead to significant economic losses.

The project Integrated Natural Resources Management (INMR) in Degraded Landscapes in the Forest-Steppe and Steppe Zones of Ukraine, funded by the GEF, aims to promote the restoration of degraded land and improve the livelihoods of affected populations by fostering INMR practices.

The project works closely with state authorities, civil society and scientists, developing neutral monitoring systems and contributing to the improvement of institutional structures and legislation for sustainable land and shelterbelt management. In close collaboration with its key national partner, the Ministry of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine, standards for shelterbelt inventory, management and reconstruction have been established.

## Working towards economic recovery and development of conflict-affected regions

FAO continues to work to fulfil humanitarian needs in eastern Ukraine while the region is transitioning towards recovery. Contributing to the improvement of the agricultural sector is critical in increasing food production and economic recovery and restoring the resilience of Ukraine's farmers.

Projects with humanitarian components revitalizing communities through multipurpose cash assistance, agricultural inputs provision, rehabilitation of agricultural competences, or provision of laboratory and veterinary services, are part of FAO's regular intervention.

FAO is part of the United Nations Recovery and Peacebuilding Programme, funded by the European Union and jointly implemented by four United Nations agencies: FAO, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). FAO is contributing to the economic revitalization of Ukraine through the stimulation of entrepreneurial activity of micro, small and medium enterprises, the development of agricultural service providers and cooperatives, the strengthening of food laboratory services' capacities, the improvement of the professional education system and the organization of study courses.

## Preventing infections and reducing antimicrobial resistance

Antimicrobial agents play a critical role in reducing the morbidity and mortality of humans and animals all over the world.

But an overuse of antimicrobials can result in the development of antimicrobial resistance, a natural phenomenon where microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi lose sensitivity to antimicrobial medicines, including antibiotics, that were previously effective in treating infections.

The project Strengthening National Capacities to Address Antimicrobial Resistance Risks aims to support the Government of Ukraine in adopting and implementing approaches, such as regulatory mechanisms and educational tools and activities, along with creating efficient surveillance and monitoring programmes for detecting the emergence and spread of resistant strains and good hygiene and sanitation through the food chain.

## Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

FAO is working with the international community and the Government of Ukraine to enhance policy dialogue and support the elaboration of an Action Plan to accelerate SDG achievement in the livestock sector.

As the custodian organization for 21 SDG indicators and a contributing agency to another 5, under SDGs 2, 5, 6, 12, 14 and 15, FAO supports Members' capacities to collect data and monitor the 21 SDG indicators and improve their methodologies.

From ending poverty and hunger to responding to climate change and sustainability of natural resources, food and agriculture lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda.



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