Evaluation of FAO’s Country Programme in Nigeria

Why an evaluation of the FAO Programme in Nigeria?

This evaluation is part of a series of Country Programme Evaluations (CPEs) conducted by the Office of Evaluation (OED) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The main purpose of a CPE is to strengthen the relevance and coherence of FAO's country programme in Nigeria and enhance its contributions toward national development priorities.

The Federal Republic of Nigeria has been a member state of FAO since 1960, and the organization strengthened its presence in the country through the establishment of a fully-fledged Representation in 1978. Since then, FAO has been an active development partner of both the Federal Government of Nigeria and the State Governments in implementing a portfolio of programmes and projects to improve food security and management of natural resources and reduce poverty.

At the national level, a Country Programming Framework (CPF) provides the basis for collaboration between the Government and FAO defining where FAO should focus its support over a period of two to four years. Jointly developed with the Federal Government of Nigeria and other partners, the current CPF for Nigeria covers the period from 2018 to 2022 and focuses on the development of crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry sub sectors, including the support to agriculture-related emergency response and rehabilitation, and the emergency assistance to populations affected by the humanitarian crisis in Northeast Nigeria.

A CPE for Nigeria will be undertaken between 2021 and 2022, to take stock of the results achieved so far under the current CPF, strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of FAO's work in the country, and contribute to the formulation of the next CPF.

What will this evaluation cover?

The evaluation will cover the totality of FAO’s cooperation with the Government of Nigeria over the period of the current CPF 2018–2022, which also take into account activities backstopped by headquarters, the Regional Office for Africa and the Subregional Office for West Africa.

FAO's strategic relevance in the country will be assessed in terms of its response to national needs and challenges within the areas of FAO's mandate and comparative advantage. In addition, the CPE will evaluate the strategic positioning of FAO in terms of partnerships, programme...
coherence, synergies with other development actors including in the context of the ongoing UN Reform, and pursuit of UN norms and standards including gender equality and human rights.

The evaluation will assess FAO’s contributions towards national priorities, with a focus on the five Country Priority areas identified by the 2018–2022 CPF, namely:

1. Strengthen National Food and Nutrition Security through enhanced nutrition and risk-sensitive and climate-smart food systems.
2. Support for appropriate and operationally effective agricultural policy and regulatory frameworks.
3. Support to Nigeria Economic Diversification Agenda and Promotion of Decent Employment for Youth and Women in the Agriculture Value Chains
4. Improve Efficient and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Ecosystem.
5. Enhance Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management through strengthening the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus for resilience Building.

The evaluation will also cover FAO’s contributions to its own strategic objectives/and to the Sustainable Development Goals.

What will be the process and who will be involved?

The evaluation will adopt an inclusive and participatory approach. It will engage key relevant stakeholders including government officials, FAO staff and representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, communities and other partners. Field visits will be organized, to the extent possible in the context of the ongoing pandemic, to meet those benefiting from FAO support, the decentralized local authorities and other relevant stakeholders.

The evaluation will promote the participation of national partners, in particular the Government, in order to ensure ownership of the evaluation process and results by the relevant national institutions and to promote their use by the various actors involved.

The preliminary evaluation findings will be shared with the FAO country team and the Government for consultations. The provisional evaluation report will be discussed at a validation workshop in July 2022. Once the report is validated, the FAO Representation in Nigeria will be responsible for preparing the FAO Management response to the recommendations of the evaluation.

OED will finally ensure wide dissemination of the report, with the support of the FAO representative in Nigeria, FAO Country Team and key stakeholders.

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*This timeframe is subject to confirmation from stakeholders and context conditions*