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**FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on
Food and Agriculture (FTPP II)**

Leaving no one behind: greater involvement and empowerment of rural women in Turkey and Central Asia

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Empowering rural women, improving rural livelihoods

Women contribute significantly to agriculture and food production while also taking care of their families and households, looking after kitchen gardens and small livestock, and preparing agricultural products for home consumption or for sale. Many rural women also collect fuel and water, which further increases their daily workload. Such responsibilities together with the work performed by women often go unrecognized and uncompensated.

Rural women also face barriers in access to various resources that can improve their economic status. Among these are property, including land, decent employment opportunities, technology, credit, and information and skills. Evidence from FAO demonstrates that these gender-based inequalities are to a significant extent responsible for the underperformance of the agriculture sector.



PROJECT AT A GLANCE



Objective:

Empowering rural women and improving rural livelihoods through a two-fold approach: policy level and grass-roots interventions.



Target countries:

Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan (with other countries of Central Asia and Europe invited to join regional events for the exchange of best practices)



Duration:

1 October 2021 -
30 September 2024



Budget:

USD 950 000

1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

- The project will help **grass-roots rural women in Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan**, gain knowledge and skills to improve their economic status, start businesses and cooperatives, while empowering them to become agents of change in their communities.
- **The project will also contribute to the creation of an enabling environment for rural women's economic empowerment**, by developing the capacities of policymakers and practitioners to formulate evidence-based, socially inclusive and gender-responsive policies in agriculture and food security, and supporting institutional frameworks to translate these policies into action on the ground.
- **The project will create a regional platform** where the ministries of agriculture of Turkey, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will share challenges, best practices and policy solutions for the implementation of gender responsive agriculture and rural development policies and programmes with the support of regional workshops. Participants from other countries will also have an opportunity to share experiences and best practices that address the needs of rural women. Awareness-raising campaigns to recognize rural women's contribution to agriculture and rural development will be conducted, informed by regional success stories that provide inspiration to rural women across the region.



About the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes

The objectives of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes are to provide support to ensure food security, rural poverty reduction and sustainable forest management, combat desertification and preserve ecosystems in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and other countries of mutual interest.

Established in 2007, the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP) has benefited from trust fund contributions totalling USD 10 million, financed by the Government of Turkey and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

During the first phase of the programme, 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries between 2009-2015. In 2014, Turkey and FAO commenced the second phase of the FTPP along with the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) with an additional fund of USD 20 million, bringing Turkey's total contribution to USD 30 million.

Under this new phase, a range of projects will be implemented in the areas of:

- food security and nutrition;
- agricultural and rural development;
- protection and management of natural resources;
- agricultural policies;
- food safety;
- sustainable forests, land and natural resource management and land degradation neutrality; and
- institutional reform, training and national capacity enhancement.



Reaching out to Central Asia, the Caucasus and beyond



Turkey provided financial support totalling USD 30 million to date



28 projects have been implemented to date



The new phase of the partnership programmes involves 19 projects

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