



Evaluation of FAO's Country Programme in Somalia

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This evaluation is part of a series of Country Programme Evaluations (CPEs) conducted by the Office of Evaluation (OED) of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The main purpose of CPEs is to provide evaluation evidence and learnings on the strategic relevance and implementation of FAO's Country Programme in a given country.

A Country Programme Evaluation will be undertaken in Somalia in 2022, as a way to take stock of the results achieved and draw lessons and recommendations that could inform planning of FAO's future engagement in Somalia.

The Federal Republic of Somalia 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 1981. For the last forty years, FAO has been actively providing policy guidance to the Government; and implementing a portfolio of programmes and projects to improve food and nutrition security, natural resource management and building resilience to environmental and conflict-related shocks.

What will this evaluation cover?

The evaluation will cover the totality of FAO's work in Somalia over the period 2017 to 2022; including activities backstopped by FAO Headquarters, the Regional Office for Africa, the Sub-Regional Office and Resilience Hub for East Africa. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, Humanitarian Response Plans, FAO Country Programming Framework and FAO Resilience Strategy for Somalia will be main reference documents for the evaluation. The evaluation aims to assess:

- a. the relevance of the FAO Country programme;
- b. the strategic positioning of the Organization in relation to other development and humanitarian actors;
- c. FAO's contributions to the national development priorities; and
- d. FAO's approach and capacity in responding to crisis in Somalia.

The evaluation will also aim to identify good practices and gaps in FAO's country programming as well as potential areas of future work.

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Evaluation Timeline

April 2022–January 2023

Preparation phase:

April–June 2022

- Inception mission
- Finalization of Terms of Reference
- Identification and recruitment of evaluation team members
- Preparation of the inception report and data collection tools

Main phase:

July–October 2022

- Meetings with stakeholders and partners (including Government, Donors, UN agencies, CSOs, etc.)
- Field mission to project sites
- Presentation of preliminary results

Report writing and dissemination:

November 2022–January 2023

- Data analysis and drafting of report
- Stakeholder reviews of and workshop on draft report
- Final evaluation report
- Report dissemination and management response

What will be the process and who will be involved?

The evaluation will take place from April 2022 to January 2023. It will be conducted by a team combining OED staff and external consultants on specific subject matters. The evaluation will adopt an inclusive approach that will engage all relevant stakeholders including FAO staff, government officials, representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and communities. A consultative group will be set up to serve as an advisory panel to the evaluation, comprising members coming from the Government of Somalia, resource partners and other UN agencies.

During the inception mission, OED will meet with key stakeholders to discuss and define the scope and focus areas of the evaluation. Following the inception mission in April 2022, the evaluation Terms of Reference will be drafted and shared for comments with the FAO Somalia Country Office and partners. The data collection will be conducted in two phases; an initial remote data collection scheduled for July/August and an in-country consultation tentatively scheduled for September/October 2022. Extensive consultations will be held with a variety of stakeholders to document their feedback and perceptions. Field visits will be organized whenever feasible to meet with beneficiary communities and with local authorities.

At the end of the evaluation mission, a debriefing meeting will be held with stakeholders to present the preliminary evaluation findings. The final evaluation results will be discussed at a stakeholders' workshop. Once the evaluation report is finalized, the FAO Representation in Somalia will be responsible for preparing a "Management Response" stipulating what changes will be made to the Country Programme in response to the evaluation recommendations.

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