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Evaluation of FAO's Country Programme in the Philippines

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Why an evaluation?

This evaluation is part of a series of country programme evaluations (CPEs) conducted by FAO's Office of Evaluation. The main purpose of this CPE is to assess the relevance and coherence of FAO's country programme in the Philippines, to take stock of the results achieved so far under the current Country Programming Framework (CPF) and enhance FAO's contributions toward national development priorities.

At the national level, a 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 the Philippines and other partners, the current CPF for the Philippines covers the period from 2018 to 2024. A CPE for the Philippines will be undertaken in 2023/2024, and will 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 the Philippines over the period of the current CPF (2018–2024), which also considers activities backstopped by headquarters and the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

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, and pursuit of UN norms and standards including gender equality, human rights and climate change.

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The evaluation will assess FAO's contributions towards national priorities, with a focus on the three country priority areas identified by the 2018–2024 CPF, namely:

- 1. Improved nutrition for all.
- 2. Expanded economic opportunities in agriculture, fishery and forestry, ensured ecological integrity, and clean and healthy environment.
- 3. Reduced vulnerabilities of individuals and families, and just and lasting peace achieved.

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 stakeholders including government officials, FAO personnel and representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, communities and other partners. Field visits will be organized 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. Once the report is validated, the FAO Representation in the Philippines will be responsible for preparing the FAO management response to the recommendations of the evaluation.

The FAO Office of Evaluation will disseminate the report, with the support of the FAO representative in the Philippines, FAO Country Team and key stakeholders.

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