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REGIONAL INITIATIVE
FOR AFRICA

Africa's commitment to end hunger by 2025



FOCUS COUNTRIES

Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana,
Kenya, Malawi, Niger and Rwanda.



OVERALL GOAL

Supporting governments' efforts to promote sustainable food security and nutrition in Africa by turning political will into concrete actions, using data to inform policies and programmes, and enhancing governance and coordination.

ABOUT THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE

Food insecurity and malnutrition are a major challenge in the Africa region, as an estimated 218 million people are still suffering from hunger and malnutrition. The Regional Initiative on "Africa's Commitment to End Hunger by 2025" assists countries and Regional Economic Communities to strengthen their systems and capacity to deliver programmes that eradicate hunger and improve nutrition. It provides an operational instrument to help translate the Malabo Declaration, adopted by African Heads of State and Government in June 2014, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into concrete actions at country and regional levels.

The initiative adds value to ongoing work by:

- mobilizing political commitment for a sharper programmatic and investment focus on food security and nutrition,
- facilitating stronger partnerships and inter-sectoral coordination, and
- strengthening governance and accountability mechanisms needed to achieve tangible impact.



ETHIOPIA

Farmer beneficiaries of FAO
project for promoting fruits and
cactus pear production.
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

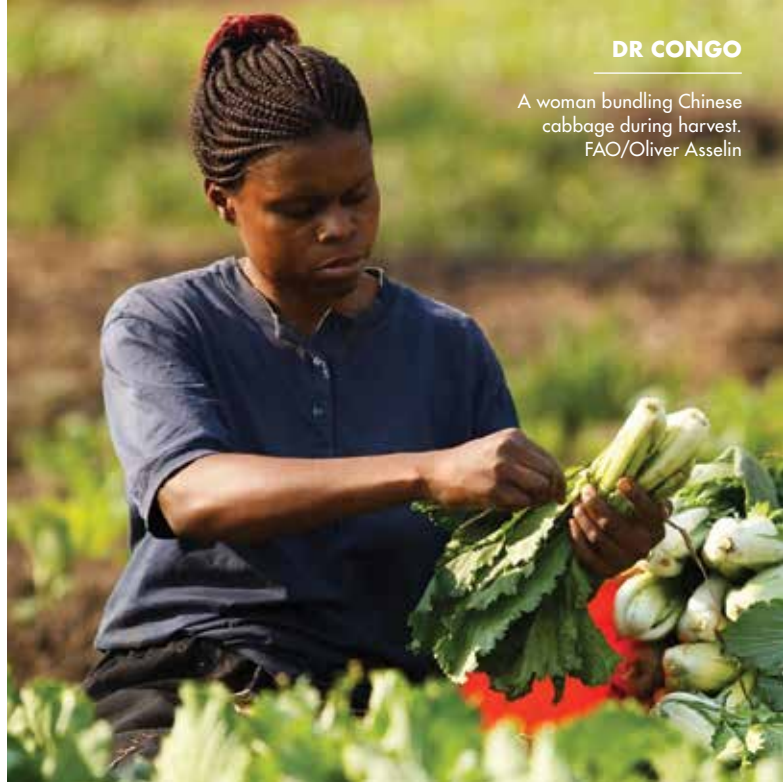
The Regional Initiative seeks to strengthen the programmes, mechanisms, capacity and delivery of actions needed to operationalize commitments to end hunger by 2025, and to support mapping exercises that identify gaps and determine requisite interventions to enhance policy dialogue on food security and nutrition, both at regional and country levels.

Actions focus on the following areas:

- > Support ongoing country and regional efforts in food security and nutrition through strengthened human and institutional capacity,
- > Stimulate the use of social protection programmes to improve food security and nutrition, and enable the poor and vulnerable groups to re-engage in economic activities,
- > Mobilize and increase investments in food security and nutrition, and
- > Encourage partnerships in programme development and delivery through increased advocacy and South-South Cooperation.

The Regional Initiative aims at contributing to the achievement of the goals set within continental and global policy frameworks such as the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and Malabo Declaration, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, and the Rome Declaration on Nutrition (ICN2).

Key partners include: the African Union Commission (AUC), Lula Institute, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) and other stakeholders such as civil society, the private sector, Parliamentarians and development partners.



IN PRACTICE

Specific actions include:

- > Supporting countries to build strong food security information systems and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in order to report against the Malabo declaration and SDGs.
- > Promoting good practices exchange, knowledge management and South-South Cooperation between, among others, Angola, Chad, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Niger and Rwanda.
- > Conducting stocktaking assessment of hunger eradication efforts in focus countries to identify eventual gaps and define priorities for the government and stakeholders.
- > Working in partnership with AUC and NEPAD to establish an African Centre for best practices, capacity development and South-South Cooperation as a global platform to showcase "African home-grown development solutions" and best practices.
- > Supporting advocacy and mobilization at the highest level through Parliamentarians and their Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security to ensure follow through on SDG indicators and ICN2 commitments.
- > Supporting Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and countries in enhancing the quality of their food security and nutrition policies and in developing National/Regional Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs/RAIPs).

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