MAFAP

Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies

↗ Background

An enabling policy environment is key for agricultural development, food security and poverty reduction in developing countries. With improved capacity, government policy analysts and decision makers can generate and use reliable evidence on the impact of their policies on value chain actors, from farmers to consumers. Government policies can become more consistent with the overarching goals of food security and agricultural development.

Since 2009 MAFAP successfully partnered with government institutions and research organizations in several developing countries. The aim was to create policy monitoring systems and carry out consistent set of policy and public expenditure analyses across a wide range of agricultural value chains.

From 2015 MAFAP has built on these partnerships and evidence to support the reform of those policies that constrain agricultural development and affect, in particular, smallholders.
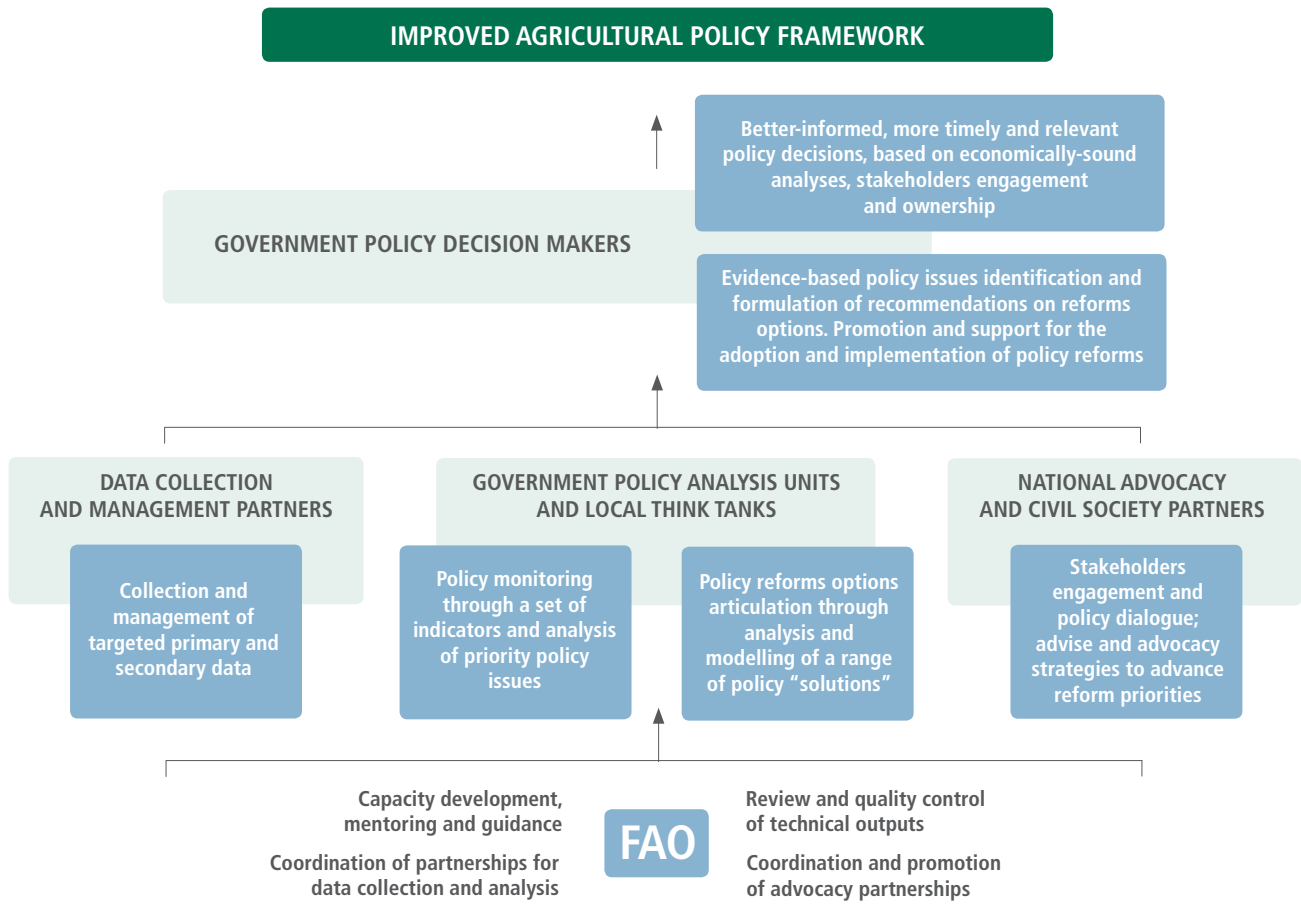
Objectives

MAFAP supports Governments to identify, articulate and assess options for reforming food and agricultural policies. The programme has four objectives:

↗ Collect, assemble and use targeted and policy-relevant data, including prices, market access costs and public expenditure in support of the food and agricultural sector, as well as policy decisions.

↗ Consolidate and strengthen national policy monitoring systems to measure policy effects and identify current policy 'problems' that affect the competitiveness of agricultural producers.

↗ Articulate policy options and assess respective ex-post and ex-ante analysis to support suitable government reforms.

↗ Engage national stakeholders and development partners in policy dialogue, as part of a more inclusive policy reform process.
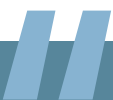
> MAFAP is a key partner for providing high quality technical analysis and indicators to inform agricultural policy decision making in developing countries. The MAFAP team proactively and consistently engages with Governments and other policy partners on ensuring that research findings and recommendations are technically robust, economically rational and responsive to local stakeholder needs.
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> Alan Rennison, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation –

OVERVIEW OF MAFAP OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL POLICY FRAMEWORK

Better-informed, more timely and relevant policy decisions, based on economically-sound analyses, stakeholders engagement and ownership

GOVERNMENT POLICY DECISION MAKERS

Evidence-based policy issues identification and formulation of recommendations on reforms options. Promotion and support for the adoption and implementation of policy reforms

DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT PARTNERS

Collection and management of targeted primary and secondary data

GOVERNMENT POLICY ANALYSIS UNITS AND LOCAL THINK TANKS

Policy monitoring through a set of indicators and analysis of priority policy issues

Policy reforms options articulation through analysis and modelling of a range of policy "solutions"

NATIONAL ADVOCACY AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERS

Stakeholders engagement and policy dialogue; advise and advocacy strategies to advance reform priorities

Capacity development, mentoring and guidance

Coordination of partnerships for data collection and analysis

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Review and quality control of technical outputs

Coordination and promotion of advocacy partnerships

MAFAP PARTNER COUNTRIES

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Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, India, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda
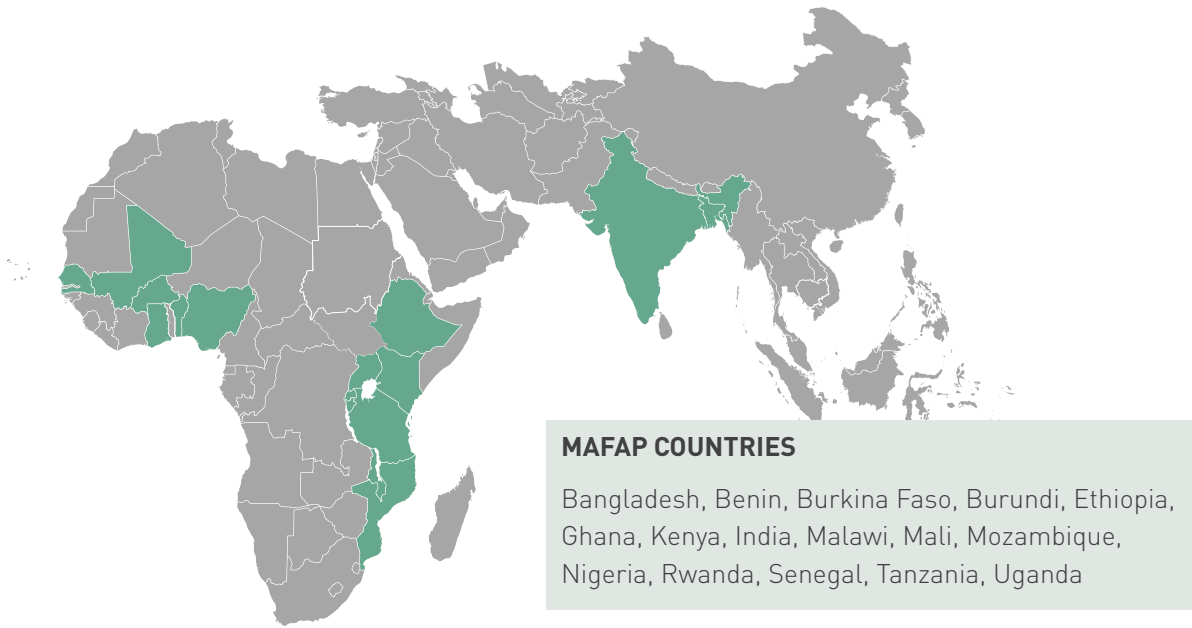
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