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## Agro-Food Industries Group

The Agro-Food Industries Group reinforces the capacity of public sector to work with the private sector to develop **competitive agro-food industries** and augment their contribution to **increased productivity and competitiveness of the agricultural sector and rural development through value addition and increased employment**.

The Group serves as the **global reference unit** within FAO for knowledge **on agro-food industries and value addition**. It generates, assembles and provides data and information on the agro-food industry trends and value addition, including diagnostic analysis and benchmarking.



## Key areas of support

- Appraisal of opportunities to improve value addition and profitability, including potential of agro-food processing technologies and systems;
- Design, selection, operation and management of post-production facilities and services, including investment planning and appraisal;
- Strategies and practices to foster product, process and services innovation in order to increase value addition, and develop new and differentiated products;
- Improvements in agro-food industry technical and operational efficiency, including through logistics, supply chain management, packaging, traceability and cold stores;
- Food industry quality management systems and technologies, GHP, GMP and HACCP systems;
- Best practices and cost-effective technologies for small and medium-scale agro-processing enterprises for the handling, processing, preserving, transporting, and marketing of food and other agricultural products;
- SME managerial, marketing, financial management and entrepreneurial skills.

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