



Food and Agriculture Organization
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Regional Initiative on Small-Scale Agriculture

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OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the SSA Initiative is to support countries in reducing rural poverty in the region through a cohesive program addressing small-scale agriculture development.



FOCUS AREAS

- (i) Support Governments, Producer Organizations and Rural Institutions promoting capacity development tools on governance, sustainability and equity based on sound statistical instruments, methodologies and evidences;**
- (ii) Support social protection, rural services and access to markets for small-scale farmers and rural communities to reduce poverty and improve food security;**
- (iii) Strengthen producers' capacities for improving sustainable productivity and value chains through innovative technologies and favoring the employment of youth and women in rural areas.**



FOCUS COUNTRIES

Egypt

Jordan

Lebanon

Mauritania

Morocco

Tunisia

Sudan

West Bank and Gaza Strip





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Regional

- Characterisation of Small-scale Agriculture and Family Farming (RP)
- Staff from relevant R&D Fishery Institutions are provided with advanced skills to plan, manage and monitor EAF practices. (GCP/041/ITA East Med project)
- Assist the Blue Growth Initiative to improve livelihoods of fisheries and aquaculture communities
- Statistical capacities are developed to support monitoring poverty and inequality reduction for better targeting of policies and programmes formulation.
- Active contribution to Global and Regional Family Farming Platform

Country

- Egypt: Support the reform of the Cooperative law in Egypt.
- Mauritania: Cameline production improvement by the establishment of a camelin development center
- Tunisia: Preparatory Assistance in General Census of Agriculture



Support social protection, rural services and access to markets for small-scale farmers and rural communities to reduce poverty and improve food security

Regional

- Strengthened national capacity on women and youth employment. Boosting employment through enterprise development (TCP/SNE/3502 SNE: Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia)
- Enhanced capacity of producer organizations and cooperatives to demand and deliver services and integrate in markets (Sudan, Lebanon, WBGS)
- Mapping social protection programmes in the region supporting small scale farmers (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, Tunisia, WBGS) – RNE SP consultant.

Country

- Lebanon: Provide technical support to the MoA on registration and classification of farmers and farm workers in a unified registry.
 - WBGS: Women owned/run MSME's and cooperatives strengthen their capacity to improve their competitiveness in a sustainable and environmentally responsible way
 - Sudan: Capacitation of freshwater aquaculture production for food security and rural development through enhanced tilapia seed and feed production and management
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Strengthen producers' capacities for improving sustainable productivity and value chains through innovative technologies and favoring the employment of youth and women in rural areas

Regional

- Innovation for sustainable agricultural production is implemented and lessons learnt are shared with regional stakeholders and policy makers for scale up good agricultural practices for climate change adaptation (WSI)
- Quinoa introduced and tested successfully in the region (TCP, RP)
- A fully functional FFS network for practitioners and stakeholders is implemented in support for sustainable poverty reduction. A new guidance on FFS planning and management developed AGP, Interregional)
- Policy dialogue on recent trends and patterns of migration and youth in relationship to rural areas in line with FAO's mandate established (multiagency; FAO Migration Group)

Country

- Mauritania: Strengthening of capacities of camel breeding center to improve of sustainable cameline production
- Sudan: Development of a Quality Seed Production System and Value Addition in Sudan
- Tunisia (and Ethiopia): Youth mobility, food security and rural poverty reduction: fostering rural diversification through enhanced youth employment and better labour mobility
- WBGS: Development of a project document addressing increased income and employment for small scale fishers in Gaza



Summary

- **3 focus areas**
- **8 focus country**
- **Approx. 40 (+6) projects contributing to SSA**
- **Partners: CIRAD, CIHEAM, ICARDA, UMAGRI, APACU, UMA, UPA-DI, ILO, NEPPO, NGO's**



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- **Country support person**
- **Additional SOs in the SSA (SO4! e.i. Output 4.2.3 “Value chain actors provided with technical and managerial support.....”)**
- **Improve communication with partners and within FAO**



Thank you

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