



Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the  
United Nations

# Help us create a world better prepared to more effectively manage agrifood production and health emergencies

Improving preparedness, response and coordination capacities at national, regional and global levels

## Brief history

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Emergency Management Centre was established in 2006 as a rapid response mechanism to boost and expand FAO's capacity to manage transboundary animal diseases such as avian influenza.

Since 2022, the Centre has expanded its scope beyond animal health to include all sectors affecting agrifood production, such as plant health and fisheries, harnessing FAO's technical knowledge and expertise.

## What we do

**Our activities focus on three priorities:**

- improve the preparedness capabilities of regions and countries to face emergencies;
- provide timely emergency support following an official request; and
- ensure coordination at various levels when a situation requires it.

**FAO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.**

**Through its Emergency Management Centre, FAO delivers global support to regions and countries facing emergencies that threaten agrifood production in line with a One Health approach.**

**The FAO Emergency Management Centre relies solely on financial support from resource partners to implement its mission.**



The FAO Emergency Management Centre works to enhance national, regional and international preparedness, response and coordination capacity to reduce the impact of agrifood production and health emergencies, whether caused by natural, accidental or deliberate introduction.

With the generous support of resource partners, we can continue to fulfill this purpose and work with countries, regions and partners towards a world prepared to manage emergencies that threaten agrifood production and health.



## Preparedness

FAO, through its Emergency Management Centre, designs tests and implements guides, tools and new ways of working that can be tailored and adapted to the needs of FAO Members Nations. In this way, we methodically and progressively strengthen capacities to manage agrifood production and health emergencies at national, regional and global levels.

## Response

We build the capacity of FAO Members to respond to agrifood production emergencies through field and remote missions, and financial assistance.

## Coordination

We lead and facilitate coordination activities in collaboration with local, regional and global mechanisms, bringing together partner organizations from around the world to ensure identified needs are met in a harmonized way.

## Our mission

Strengthen agrifood production and health emergency management through a systems approach.

Interested in supporting us?

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## Impact in numbers



**Over 140 emergency missions deployed to more than 75 countries** worldwide since 2006



**Over 1 500 veterinarians, law enforcement agents, government officials and farmers trained** in Good Emergency Management Practice since 2011



**Over 62 countries** have completed the Progressive Pathway for Emergency Preparedness (PPEP) self-assessment since 2021



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