



## THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME FACILITY

### What is the TCP Facility (TCPf)?

The TCP Facility aims to provide urgent, local programming support activities and to strengthen field programme development processes. It is a rapid-response and flexible tool at the disposal of FAO member countries. A TCPf project responds to specific and short-term assistance in any technical area falling within FAO's technical mandate and Strategic Framework (SF) .

### A few facts about the TCPf:

- country eligibility for TCPf assistance is the same as for development TCP projects;
- there can be only one TCPf umbrella project per country, subregion or region in a biennium;
- use of funds must be in line with the TCP criteria for development assistance;
- several components can be approved under the same TCPf umbrella project;
- a full-fledged project document is not needed but a short description of each component is required;
- the maximum total budget for a TCPf umbrella project can reach up to USD 200 000 while the maximum budget for each TCPf component is USD 100 000.

### What is the purpose of the TCPf?

As with the TCP, the TCPf is intended to assist FAO member countries through the provision of technical cooperation services.

The TCPf specifically aims to:

- rapidly solve a specific technical problem for which the expertise may not be immediately available within government services;
- formulate project proposals or documents in the areas of FAO's mandate, as required for submission to potential funding sources, including the TCP; and
- prepare background documents, or carry out sector- and subsector-related studies or assessments, including to facilitate field programme development and participation in related United Nations processes.

### How can TCPF resources be mobilized?

A government may formally request the head of the nearest FAO office to open a TCPf project to. The approval process for a TCPf component is similar to that of a development TCP project.

### What are the rules regarding inputs to TCPf projects?

Essentially, the TCPf allows for the same kinds of project inputs as the TCP, including:

- consultants and related travel costs;
- FAO technical services and related travel costs;
- training and workshops; and
- contracts.

The TCPf is aimed at providing expertise and sharing knowledge and therefore does not allow procurement of equipment, supplies or study tours.