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## EASTERN AFRICA PEER REVIEW MECHANISM ON ENDING HUNGER IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

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The Eastern Africa Subregion needs an effective approach to ensure that the fragmented implementation and institutionalization of Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) policies are coordinated in a harmonized way. Furthermore, to increase the progress and success of implementation, close attention is needed to regularly measure impacts and learn from past experiences. For this purpose, an Eastern Africa Peer Review Mechanism (EAPRM) is proposed at national and regional levels to provide regular assessment and measurement of initiatives aimed at addressing the challenge of ending hunger.

Coordination of food security and nutrition activities is crucial for both the implementation of policies and programmes and for monitoring and evaluating outcomes. An effective monitoring and evaluation tool will contribute towards tracking the subregion's success in increasing food supply, reducing hunger and malnutrition and improving the effectiveness of responses to food crises.

The proposed EAPRM to end hunger will ensure an effective, coordinated monitoring and evaluation system that can be used as an accountability tool to track progress and address challenges, opportunities and lessons learned by member states.



## Objective

The overarching objective of the EAPRM is to encourage and build responsible leadership through a self-assessment process and constructive peer dialogue aimed at fostering the adoption of FNS policies, standards and practices that lead to the achievement of ending hunger in the Eastern Africa subregion.

The EAPRM will support member states in the Horn of Africa (HOA) to conduct periodic reviews of FNS achievements and challenges. In addition, it will assist in upscaling and re-enforcing best practices and assessing the capacity-building needs of participating countries.

The EAPRM is also expected to contribute to the achievement of the following objectives:

- A monitoring and peer-review framework for ending hunger in the HOA.
- Enhancing institutional subregional FNS and participation mechanisms of member states in the EAPRM process.
- Strengthening subregional FNS coordination by providing a forum for governments, regional economic communities (RECs), development partners and stakeholders to discuss and devise effective strategies to end hunger in the region.
- Generating and communicating knowledge efforts from various sectors and stakeholders<sup>1</sup>.



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## Next steps

The proposed peer-review process on ending hunger in the Horn of Africa was endorsed during a technical validation workshop held on 23-24 October 2017. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) was tasked with developing a concept note for the FNS peer-review process that would be shared with the participants for comments and then submitted to the member states for consideration and adoption<sup>3</sup>.

## Scope

The Peer Review on ending hunger is not a duplication of existing evaluation efforts of the African Union and RECs. It will focus on harmonized coordination at all levels, improved institutional FNS capacities at regional and national levels, implementation of FNS policies and successful FNS programmes, lessons learned and good practices that will be upscaled<sup>2</sup>.

Participants in the review process will include all relevant stakeholders comprising government, the private sector, civil society, farmers' organizations and farmers. The peer-review assessment on ending hunger will be conducted biannually to ensure that member states focus on the impact of policy and strategies towards ending hunger in the region.

The proposed assessment tools of the review process will operate at two levels:

### National level

National level to assess FNS coordination and operationalization, FNS policy implementation and impact, the existence of a policy legal framework on FNS, partnership forums on ending hunger in the HOA, resource mobilization, budgetary allocation, high-level panels on ending hunger, communication, knowledge management and advocacy.

### Subregional level

Subregional level to assess FNS coordination by member states, FNS policy implementation and impact, institutional efficiency and effectiveness, technical support given to member states, capacity building towards member states, partnership forums on ending hunger in the HOA, resource mobilization, communication, knowledge management and advocacy, and a high-level panel on ending hunger at the subregional level.

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1 Groups working with different partners towards ending hunger at the national, regional and global scales, including international and regional organizations, civil society, youth, the private sector, academia and family farmers.  
2 The Eastern Africa Peer Review Mechanism (EAPRM) will focus on thematic/sectoral areas on ending hunger by 2025. Considerable effort has gone into the development of indicators to assess initiatives aimed at ending hunger. Key reference documents will include implementation of the Malabo Declaration, Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Pillar III, Sustainable Development Goal 2, regional strategies and policies (Intergovernmental Authority on Development – IGAD and East African Community – EAC), Regional Agricultural Investment Programme (RAIP) and UN Vision 2030.  
3 Subregional Validation Workshop for the FAO-African Union Technical Cooperation Project on Ending Hunger in the Horn of Africa: Moving from Rhetoric to Action. 23-24 Oct. 2017 – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.