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## Sweden's contribution to FAO's emergency operations

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### Boosting the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' (FAO's) emergency response to support crisis-affected communities

Sweden has reinforced its commitment to global food security with a total contribution of SEK 73 million (USD 7.23 million) to FAO's emergency operations in 2025.

The contribution agreement, signed by FAO and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, includes SEK 28 million (USD 2.77 million) to cover emergency interventions in Afghanistan and Somalia, and an additional SEK 45 million (USD 4.46 million) as flexible funding through the Special Fund for Emergency and Resilience Activities (SFERA).

In **Afghanistan**, FAO will be able to support 8 600 vulnerable households (60 200 people), made up of smallholder farmers and livestock herders, to sustain food production and safeguard livelihoods amid persistent food insecurity. The project will provide livestock protection packages (feed, mineral blocks, fodder seeds and veterinary services) to herders to enhance milk production, while farmers will receive winter wheat and backyard vegetable packages (seeds and fertilizers) to improve agricultural production. Special attention will be given to female-headed households who will receive backyard vegetable gardening inputs to improve their access to diverse, fresh and nutritious food.

In **Somalia**, Sweden's contribution will strengthen FAO's Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit, ensuring accurate and timely food security and nutrition information and analysis to guide humanitarian response, as well as climate monitoring for early warning early action.

## Expanding humanitarian reach through SFERA

Sweden's contribution to FAO's SFERA will be allocated through the Agriculture Input Response Capacity (AIRC) and the Anticipatory Action windows.

SFERA AIRC funds will enable FAO to implement emergency projects in the following countries:

- **Democratic Republic of the Congo:** Vulnerable conflict-affected families, including displaced people, in North Kivu will benefit from emergency food production support through the provision of seeds, tools and technical assistance to grow fresh produce, as well as cash transfers to address basic needs.
- **Haiti:** Emergency food production support will be provided to 25 000 people through vegetable seed kit, enabling farming families to access fresh and nutritious food in just three months.
- **Sudan:** To prevent livestock disease outbreaks and protect local food systems, vaccines, veterinary supplies and diagnostic equipment for disease surveillance and animal treatment will be provided.
- **Syrian Arab Republic:** To sustain livestock production, approximately 2 000 herder households will be provided with animal feed and veterinary services, including vaccination.

Finally, SFERA Anticipatory Action funds will soon be allocated to mitigate the impact of impending threats, such as drought or floods, to protect lives, livelihoods and assets before a disaster occurs. This approach, based on early warning of forecast hazards and on protective actions, has proven to be cost-effective in reducing the needs caused by climate or non-climate induced crisis.

## A strong partnership for crisis response

Sweden's consistent and flexible support to FAO's emergency and resilience efforts allows for rapid response to food crises, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive life-saving assistance when they need it most. Through its multi-year engagement with FAO, Sweden has played a critical role in bolstering emergency preparedness, anticipatory action and early recovery strategies across crisis-affected regions. This latest contribution underscores FAO and Sweden's long-term partnership to provide humanitarian assistance and improve food security worldwide.

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