



Country Programme Evaluation of FAO in Cabo Verde

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Why a Country Programme Evaluation in Cabo Verde?

This evaluation is part of a series of Country Program Evaluations (CPEs) conducted by the Office of Evaluation (OED) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The main purpose of this evaluation is to draw lessons from the implementation of the 2018–2022 Country Programme Framework and formulate recommendations to the Country Office for the development of the new Country Programming Framework (CPF) cycle.

The CPF guides FAO's collaboration with Cabo Verde through jointly identified priority areas. The current CPF covers the period 2018–2022 and is structured around the following priority areas: i) strengthen governance of food and nutrition security, ensuring that the most vulnerable groups benefit from protection and social inclusion policies; ii) increased working population's income through transformation and growth in key economic sectors such as the Green Economy and the Blue Economy; and iii) integrated and innovative approaches for sustainable and participatory natural resource management are developed and implemented.

What does the evaluation cover?

The evaluation is designed to assess the totality of FAO's work in Cabo Verde during 2018–2022, focusing on the following points:

- relevance and appropriateness of FAO's interventions, capacities, and resources in relation to the country's priorities and needs, and in the context of UNDAF;
- FAO's comparative strengths and weaknesses to support the country within the areas of its mandate, and in the context of UNDAF;
- vertical and horizontal coherence of FAO's interventions in the country, including between humanitarian and development activities;

EVALUATION CALENDAR

April 2021 – December 2021

Preparatory phase:

April- May 2021

- Finalization of the ToRs
- Identification and recruitment of the evaluation team
- Inception report

Main phase:

June - August 2021

- Document Review
- Country Mission and Data collection
- Data Analysis
- Presentation of preliminary results

Writing and dissemination phase:

September – December 2021

- Draft evaluation report for circulation
- Comments on the draft evaluation report
- Final evaluation report approved by the ERG
- Dissemination
- Management response
- Follow-up report

- iv. efficiency and effectiveness of FAO's interventions, capacities, resources, and mechanisms in contribution to the three priority areas identified in the CPF; and
- v. integration of cross-cutting issues such as gender, climate change, governance, human capital, technology, data, and innovation into FAO's interventions.

The Evaluation also identifies good practices, causes of successes and failures, and areas of work for the next CPF.

Which evaluation process?

The evaluation took place from April to December 2021. The evaluation team conducted a stakeholder analysis in collaboration with Country Office colleagues to identify partners to be involved in the evaluation at the level of national institutions, other UN agencies, civil society, implementing partners, etc. Individual interviews with various stakeholders were held to cover the various evaluation questions. Field visits were organized to meet with communities benefiting from FAO's interventions and local decentralized authorities.

The evaluation promoted and ensured the participation of national partners, particularly the government, to ensure ownership of the evaluation process and results by the relevant national institutions and promote their use by the various actors involved.

The preliminary findings were shared with FAO, the Government, the donors and, other partners for comment and information.

Once the report is finalized, the FAO Representation in Cabo Verde will be responsible for preparing the "management response" to the evaluation recommendations, stipulating what changes will be made to the program as a result of the evaluation.

OED will also ensure wide dissemination of the report, with the support of the FAO Representative in Cabo Verde and other stakeholders.

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The COVID-19 context:

The conduct of this evaluation is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Individual and group meetings are held in accordance with national and World Health Organization (WHO) protocols for COVID-19.

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