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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FAO'S

Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP) programme

About MAFAP

The **Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies (MAFAP)** programme is a leading policy support initiative at FAO that works with countries in Africa to strategically prioritize, reform and implement policies on food and agriculture.

By monitoring and analysing public budgets and trade and market policies, MAFAP guides governments to repurpose their agricultural support to accelerate the transformation of agrifood systems. It also collaborates with policymakers to identify priorities for policy and investment reforms in key commodity value chains, and supports with implementing policy changes so that agrifood systems can deliver affordable healthy diets to all and inclusive markets for farmers.



WHERE WE WORK

MAFAP HAS
8 MAIN PARTNER COUNTRIES
— in —
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

- Burkina Faso
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Uganda

And collaborates with Bangladesh, Benin, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

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OUR GOAL

Under the 2030 Agenda and FAO's Strategic Framework 2022–2031 for *Better production, Better nutrition, a Better environment and a Better life, leaving no one behind*, MAFAP works on the following Programme Priority Areas (PPAs):



Scaling up investment



Transparent markets and trade



Inclusive rural transformation



Reducing food loss and waste

Since 2015, MAFAP has helped bring about more than 20 policy reforms on food and agriculture policies across sub-Saharan Africa.



What we do



SPEND AND INVEST BETTER ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



MAFAP works with governments to determine if their budgets on food and agriculture are well spent to ensure food security and nutrition, boost economic growth and speed up inclusive agricultural transformation.



Through a deep public expenditure analysis, we can pinpoint areas that are underinvested or have higher returns on investment. This can also help to identify budget bottlenecks and ensure budgets are better aligned to national development objectives and policies.

UNDERSTAND IF FARMERS AND TRADERS ARE INCENTIVIZED TO PRODUCE AND TRADE



MAFAP helps governments to better understand how their policies affect the prices of commodities or products along the value chain by assessing price incentives indicators at producer, wholesale and retail stages.



This kind of economic analysis can help countries to boost production and ensure food security by helping farmers and traders to be “incentivized” to produce and trade an agricultural commodity or product and fetch fairer prices.

ADVISE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIZATION



MAFAP supports governments with their current food and agricultural policies and investment in the sector.



We work on a range of policy improvements and then prioritize them to identify the best means for the country to invest in inclusive agricultural transformation.

Did you know?

MAFAP also uses advanced economy-wide modelling for policy prioritisation analysis and recommendations.

What we do

ASSESS THE IMPACTS OF POLICY REFORM OPTIONS



MAFAP works alongside governments to analyse the impact that policy reform would have on generating employment, ensuring food security and nutrition, and reducing poverty.

GUIDE THE PUBLIC POLICY REFORM PROCESS TO ADOPTION

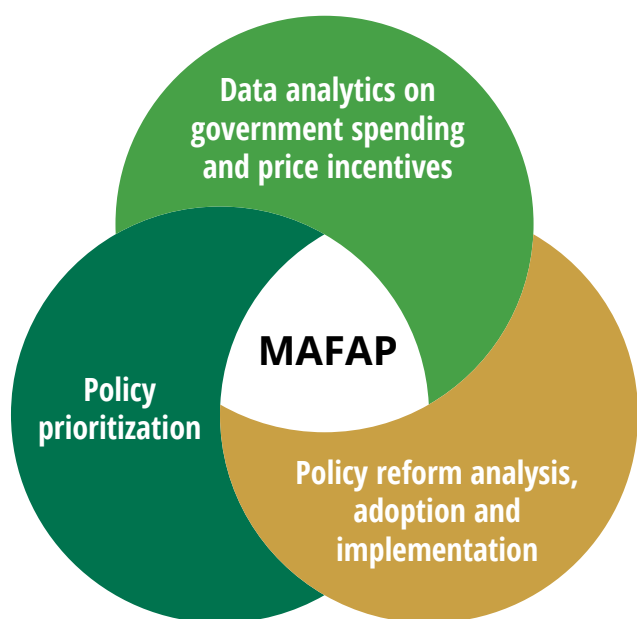


We engage and partner with governments and stakeholders, such as farmers and agribusiness representatives, research organizations, civil society and development partners, throughout the policy cycle – from agenda setting, through analysis of policy options, to policy adoption.

HELP GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE REFORMED POLICY



Once the policy has been adopted, MAFAP provides technical support to governments for the policy implementation phase. We help them to prioritize the allocation of the right resources to where these are most cost-effective, to evaluate the effects of the new policy, as well as advise on good governance.



MAFAP SPECIALIZES IN



STRATEGY
DEVELOPMENT



PUBLIC
INVESTMENT



PRICING



TRADE AND
MARKETING



FOOD AND
NUTRITION



REGULATORY
AFFAIRS

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