



# SUPPORTING FOOD-INSECURE AND VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH IMPROVED REGIONAL COORDINATION

Since its creation, the Economic Cooperation Organization has identified food security as one of the primary concerns of its member states. The Organization’s ministerial meeting in 2002 requested the formulation of a regional agricultural development and food security strategy in collaboration with FAO. With the agreement in 2010 by the Economic Cooperation Organization to establish a Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security, member countries felt it necessary to address food insecurity in the region by coordinating efforts across national boundaries in order to share experiences and expertise and seek international partnerships both within and outside the region. Under the framework of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP) funded by the Government of the Republic of Turkey, the project was designed to help member countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization to strengthen coordinated efforts to address food insecurity and to share relevant knowledge, information and experience. In particular, the project aimed to establish the Economic Cooperation Organization ECO Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security, y (ECO-RCC), thereby facilitating the identification and prioritization of the main impediments to food security at national and regional levels.



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## WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The team of the Economic Cooperation Organization’s Regional Coordination Centre was established and operationalized, with a clear work plan, working principles and budget. The technical capacities of the Centre’s staff were enhanced through trainings, workshops and collaboration with FAO on analytical works.

Food security was regularly analysed and materials shared with the Economic Cooperation Organization’s member states, helping them to understand the key findings and characteristics of the food security analysis. Based on the analysis, the Centre facilitated discussions on how challenges and impediments of food security could be overcome through regional cooperation through three Steering Committee Meetings.



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## KEY FACTS

### Contribution

USD 499 212

### Duration

June 2013 – December 2019

### Resource Partner

Government of Turkey

### Partners

Economic Cooperation Organization, Ministries of Agriculture of the Organization’s member states

### Beneficiaries

Food-insecure and vulnerable households in the Economic Cooperation Organization region, the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre, national and regional institutions concerned with food security

## IMPACT

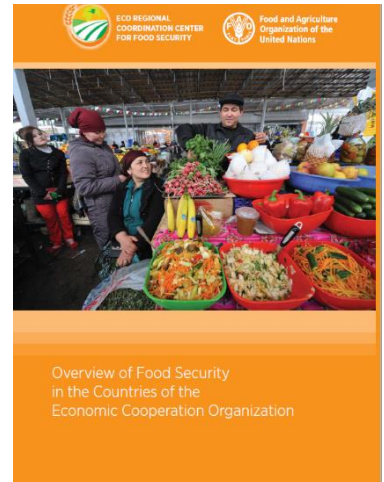
The technical and operational capacities of the Economic Cooperation Organization’s Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security have been strengthened through joint development of knowledge products and operational processes such as biannual progress monitoring.

The “Overview of Food Security in the Countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization” was developed and published by the Centre with the technical support of the project. This is the Centre’s first official publication of the Centre with and has the aim of providing a comprehensive review of the current status of food security in the region, highlighting the characteristics of food security trends, challenges and recommendations. The publication brings together the latest and reliable data to provide an up-to-date overview of food security in the Economic Cooperation Organization ECO region using SDG Sustainable Development Goal indicators. The publication also provides a list of recommendations for the Regional Programme for Food Security of ECO the Economic Cooperation Organization, providing a timely opportunity to update the Programme, which was developed back in 2008. The results of the report were presented and disseminated at the Economic Cooperation Organization ECO High- Level Expert Meeting on Agriculture, which was held from on 3 to –4 December 2019 in Baku.



## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Work plan and organigram of the Regional Coordination Centre developed, office established in Ankara, Turkey and equipment such as computers and printers provided for the daily work of the Centre’s staff.
- The Economic Cooperation Organization’s Regional Coordination Centre ECO-RCC activity bulletin developed and widely disseminated and internal progress reports developed jointly by the Centre and FAO.
- New Regional Coordination Centre web site developed ([www.eco-rccfc.org](http://www.eco-rccfc.org)), regularly updated and used for sharing information.
- Analytical materials drafted, finalized and shared with Economic Cooperation Organization member states, including the “Overview of Food Security in the ECO member countries” (2019) and recommendations for the “ECO Regional Programme for Food Security” (2019).
- Recommendations for the Regional Programme for Food Security prepared and shared with the Economic Cooperation Organization-Regional Coordination Centre, the Economic Cooperation Organization Secretariat and agricultural experts in member countries (2019).



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### Project Title

ECO Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (RCC-FS)

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