

Future perspectives

The Mapping, generated discussions at all levels, engaging the stakeholders of the public sector in a balanced and equitable collaborative partnership to build a comprehensive yet operational plan of action. The roadmap approved at all cooperation and decision making levels can eventually be summarized as follows:

Formalize the Collaboration Terms by a Memorandum of Understanding: objectives, the roles and the operational process.

Adopt a Coordination & Collaboration Mechanism by the public sector and at Decision makers, central, regional levels

Establish a Coordination Platform facilitated by the FAO stepping from the already existing initiatives for operational coordination groups

Adopt the Governorate a level for coordination whereas the caza level is for the operational coordination procedures

Design A National Farmer Targeting Program : Build an effective and unified farmer-focused database by creating an information system common from the existing for both ministries and design a targeting program for the poorest ones

Design and Implement Pilot initiatives to support the collaboration mechanism.

Adopt Action plan for at the village and cluster of villages as a short term outcome from the "Mapping of Risks and Resources" exercise of the MOSA

Involve new stakeholders from the planning phase and not only at implementation such as additional public sector and private sector institutions

Engage the private sector by establishing public and private partnership to mobilize resources and benefit from the existing food security and livelihood working groups



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Networking the Social and Agricultural Services in Lebanon: The way forward 2016

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A comprehensive and qualitative review of social and agricultural service providers

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Lebanon supports efforts related to achieving social protection for rural families and workers in agriculture and other sectors for food security in light of the prevailing conditions afflicting Lebanon.

The provision of social services in Lebanon is the responsibility of the Ministry of Social Affairs, which seeks, through the Development Services Centers (SDC) the provision of medical, health, social and educational services as well as vocational training programs for developing the capacities of the beneficiaries and improving their economic situation.



As the situation of poor families in rural areas depends mostly on agriculture, those being among the needy of any social support despite the technical services provided by the Ministry of Agriculture to improve on their economic situation.

FAO has contributed to funding the Mapping of Social and Agricultural Services in Lebanon to identify the key agriculture and social service providers (public and private sector and others such as non-governmental organizations) and assess their abilities and their role in agricultural development, highlighting the private service providers cooperation terms, the follow-up and referral mechanisms with the public sector.

Practically the mapping exercise has contributed to:

1. Identify and evaluate the various service providers from the public and private sectors
2. Propose a practical mechanism for cooperation, collaboration and integration as to contribute to establishing a partnership between the various social and agricultural services providers
3. Define a comprehensive and integrated framework for the sustainability of the service provision towards achieved Social Protection through identified projects development indicators for beneficiaries in rural communities



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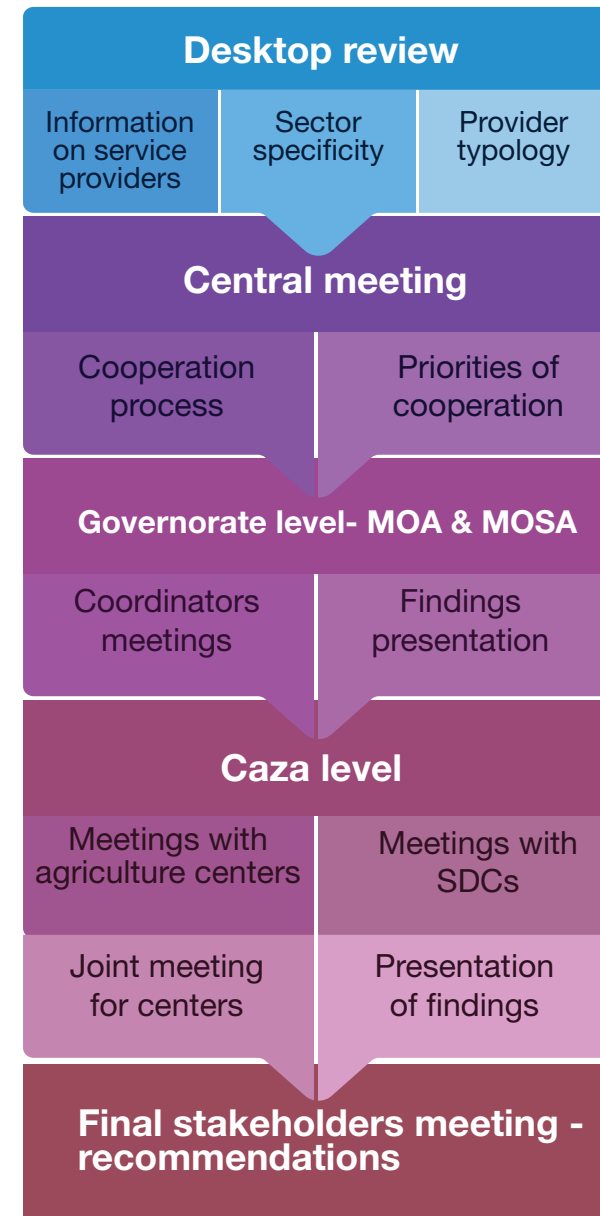
Implementation process

The methodology adopted to reach the specific objectives have contributed to the development of a process for implementation beyond allocated time frame based on interactive and consultative participatory tools for the engagement of the service providers in the design of the future short and long term phases of the collaborative partnerships.

Stakeholders involvement



Mapping process



Social and agricultural service providers in Lebanon

Public service providers		Private service providers
Ministry of Social Affairs	Ministry of Agriculture	
Central Directorate Regional Coordinators Social Development Centers	Central Directorate Governorate Departments Agriculture Centers	NGOS Non - Profit organizations Social associations

The way forward...

