



NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY POLICY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Malnutrition continues to be a serious issue in Papua New Guinea, imposing considerable social and economic costs on individuals, families, communities and the economy as a whole, and disproportionately affecting such disadvantaged groups as women and children. As a United Nations Member State, the country is committed to ending hunger, achieving food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture by 2030. FAO assisted the Government to formulate a new National Food Security Policy (NFSP) Framework for 2017-2027 to strengthen food and nutrition security in the future. However, the capacity to formulate an action plan to facilitate the implementation of the new policy was lacking. The Government therefore requested FAO to help to build national capacity in this important area. The project supported the development of a comprehensive budgeted action plan to enable the Government to roll out the new NFSP Framework to the relevant sectorial agencies and local governments, as a follow-up to the policy formulation phase. It also built capacity and raised awareness at national and provincial levels, and supported the preparation of provincial food security priority action agendas for three pilot provinces.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project assisted in the development of a national implementation plan for the Papua New Guinea NFSP 2017-2027 and of provincial food security programmes in three selected pilot provinces. It delivered a final draft of the National Food Security Policy Action Plan after broad consultation with a wide range of stakeholders responsible for supporting food security and nutrition in the country, taking every opportunity to build capacity in local stakeholders. The project also facilitated the development of provincial food security programmes/plans in three selected pilot provinces. Planning workshops were held in these provinces to overview the NFSP and to identify and align relevant food security actions and programmes at provincial and district levels. All meetings were attended by a broad range of participants, with representatives from the districts in each province. Draft action plans for each of the three provinces were then prepared, reviewed by stakeholders and validated.

IMPACT

The action-planning process adopted by the project was inclusive, gender-sensitive and participatory, and the successful delivery of the NFSP Action Plan, as well as three provincial plans, is expected to contribute to a coherent national policy framework for food and nutrition security at national and provincial levels. The Plan will strengthen and build on existing relationships, help to forge new partnerships, and enable broad participation from stakeholders and the private sector in decisions that impact food security and good nutrition in the country. In addition, it will help to provide the science, tools and technologies needed to build resilience to sustain against the impacts of disasters and climate change, and enhance the quality of life for the most vulnerable communities.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 209 000

Duration

December 2016 – December 2017

Resource Partner

FAO

Partner

Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL)

Beneficiaries

Government officers at DAL and other ministries concerned with food and nutrition activities, and, ultimately, the population of Papua New Guinea

ACTIVITIES

- National inception workshop conducted.
- Consultations carried out with over 100 key stakeholders and five focus group meetings held.
- Three provincial inception meetings and three provincial planning workshops conducted.
- Three provincial plans prepared for Madang, Milne Bay and Simbu provinces (covering three regions).
- Draft NFSP Action Plan 2018-2022 delivered.
- National validation workshop conducted for 40 key stakeholders.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Project Code

TCP/PNG/3602

Project Title

Development of an Action Plan to Facilitate Implementation of the National Food Security Policy

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