



World Food Day Award Ceremony

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## From the Country Representative

This year we celebrated World Food Day with a series of face-to-face events for the first time since the onset of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

World Food Day 2022 launched a resounding call for action and global solidarity to transform agrifood systems in a bid to foster inclusive economic growth, address inequalities, increase resilience and achieve sustainable development. Our agrifood systems hold great potential for a more equitable and prosperous future. Our focus should be to unlock this potential. Through solidarity and collective action, we can get back on track to achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. To honour our pledge to leave no one behind, it is critical to



Viorel Gutu , Subregional Coordinator for Central Asia, FAO Representative in Türkiye.

make our agrifood systems more efficient, more inclusive, more resilient and more sustainable, and through this transformation achieve better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life for all. Let us work together in a harmony for a better world.

This World Food Day 2022 Special Issue provides details about workshops, events and symposiums organized by FAO Türkiye as part of World Food Day. Happy Reading!

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## World Food Day main event with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Food and Federation of Food and Drink Industry Associations of Türkiye

This year the World Food Day Conference was held at the Cermodern conference hall in Ankara, and hosted many participants from across the agri-food system. The event brought together representatives of the public, non-governmental organizations and industry under the theme of “Leaving No One Behind”, and was opened by speeches given by Vahit Kirişçi, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry; Viorel Gutu, Sub-regional Coordinator for Central Asia and FAO Representative in Türkiye; and Demir Şarman, Chairman of the Board of Food and Beverage Industry Associations of Türkiye (TGDF).

Four sessions were held during the conference and World Food Day awards were presented by TGDF, FAO and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to successful nominees. FAO presented an award to Gürsel Appa, a successful role model for women farmers, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry presented an award to the Ankara Beypazarı Kınalı Eller women’s cooperative.

## Launch of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2022 report, Özyeğin University, Istanbul

The main theme of World Food Day (WFD) 2022 is “Leave No One Behind: Better Production, Better Nutrition, a Better Environment and a Better Life”. Emphasizing this theme, the launch aimed to evaluate how countries can use food more efficiently and effectively with limited public resources, and the possible impacts on food and agriculture. This year’s WFD also emphasizes the interactive participation of young people. In addition, the event contributed to an in-depth discussion on the food and nutrition situation in the world and highlighted the findings of the SOFI 2022 report, which is disseminated through collaboration with relevant UN agencies



Özyeğin University, Istanbul.

(FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNICEF and WHO).

Pointing out the difficult road ahead to achieve “Zero Hunger”, FAO Sub-Regional Coordinator for Central Asia and Representative of Türkiye, Viorel Gutu shared some key findings from the report:

*“In 2021, as many as 828 million people suffered from hunger – a number that has unfortunately increased due to the effects of the pandemic. In the same year, 2.3 billion people experienced food insecurity, an increase of 350 million people, and 11.7 percent of the global population is experiencing very severe food insecurity. In 2021 the number of people who cannot afford a healthy diet increased in every region of the world.”*

**WFP Türkiye Representative and Director, Parvathy Ramaswami**, emphasized that multiple, overlapping crises are triggering increasing needs and risk losing hard-won gains:

*“It is now more important than ever to build long-term resilience on a large scale and to make healthy nutrition more accessible and affordable. There is a very important connection between food and decency. The world should understand the importance of healthy eating. We must accelerate and continue our joint work for the world through our discourses and actions.”*

## Leave No One Behind: Women Cooperatives’ Workshop, Altınbaş University, Istanbul



A photo captured the women-led agricultural development cooperatives participating in the event.

As part of events for World Food Day, a two-day workshop for women's cooperatives was organized in Istanbul by FAO in partnership with the Agriculture Rotary Club and with the support of Altınbaş University's Scientific Research Fund. Nearly 30 women cooperatives from all regions of Türkiye participated in the workshop, which was entitled "Women Cooperatives Meet in Istanbul to Get Stronger Together". The aim of the workshop was to identify the needs of women's cooperatives and to help the women involved to establish a solidarity network and engage with stakeholders in the field.

## Food Retailers Association (GPD) 8th Joint Development Congress

The 8th Joint Development Congress organized by the Food Retailers Association (GPD) was held on 11 October 2022 as a hybrid event. The event brought together stakeholders from across the food sector to discuss recent developments impacting the processing industry.

Under the title "Food Supply in the World and in Türkiye: Opportunities and Threats", Assistant FAO Representative in Türkiye, Ayşegül Selşik and FAO Food Security Expert, Keigo Obara evaluated the current situation and presented future projections on food supply for the world and Türkiye, as well as existing opportunities and threats. The session also conveyed key messages about World Food Day to participants related to the theme "Leave No One Behind".

## Young farmers vocational and individual capacity development programme, Pınar Institute, İzmir

The preliminary findings of a recent research study entitled "Young Farmers' Perceptions and Expectations of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Life", conducted by the Pınar Institute in cooperation with the İzmir Provincial Directorate of Agriculture and Forestry and Ankara University's AKCAM, were announced at a WFD event held in İzmir with the participation of FAO-Türkiye. Following the opening ceremony an interactive workshop was held with the participation of invited young farmers. The attendees requested greater involvement in agricultural production and marketing and decision-making processes, as well as improvement in rural living conditions. They also called for enhanced opportunities in educational services especially for children, improved social living areas, support for input costs, and improvement in production capacities as well as the ability to set the prices for their own products.

## Leave No One Behind event: "An Efficient, Inclusive, Sustainable and Durable Agriculture-Food System", Yaşar University, İzmir



Ayşegül Selşik, Assistant FAO Representative in Türkiye.

This year's World Food Day event on the theme of "Leave No One Behind" was hosted by Yaşar University. During the event, Ayşegül Selşik noted that "Stunting, deficiencies in essential micronutrients and malnutrition, including overweight and obesity, continue to be of great concern for children living in developing countries". She added: "The main purpose of agri-food system transformation should be to build an efficient, inclusive, sustainable and durable system. At FAO, we invite you to work together for better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life, without leaving anyone behind".

## Fao-Türkiye cooperative programme Field visits, İzmir and Manisa

Within the scope of World Food Day 2022, on 16 October, FAO-Türkiye visited women's cooperatives in the field in order to highlight the importance of female farmers, family farming and issues related to local food supply. One cooperative supported under the Syrian Refugees Response Programme is the "Turuncu Eller" Agricultural Development Cooperative in Gümüldür, İzmir. The cooperative was established in 2018 and today has 12



Olive harvest Field activity.

female members, who work towards the goal of producing healthy, clean food with a long shelf life and zero waste. Together, they are transforming geographically indicated Gümüldür Satsuma Mandarin fruit grown in Gümüldür and Özdere coastal towns into a value-added product.

The Salihli Women Initiative Production and Business Cooperative, located in the Salihli district of Manisa, also receives supported under the programme. Founded in 2019 by nine women, today the cooperative has 21 female members the majority of whom are university graduates and professionals. The cooperative works to increase the variety of services and products available in the district with a view to boosting the arts, tourism, farming and agricultural marketing sectors.

## Leave no one behind: Sustainable farm project competition, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul



Students from Bahçeşehir University at the Sustainable Farm Project Competition.

The decisions we make today regarding agriculture and food affect our future. It is possible to save natural resources and reverse natural degradation by implementing sustainable solutions for farming. In this context, FAO-Türkiye and Bahçeşehir College jointly launched the “Sustainable Farm Project” competition at Kemerburgaz campus. The students who took part produced farm projects that conserved resources such as soil and water and minimized waste and environmental impacts. Their involvement and the participation of other young people is vital to the future of in agri-food systems.

## International congress on food research, Sivas Cumhuriyet University

In 2022, Sivas Cumhuriyet University organized the International Food Research Congress under the WFD theme of “Leave no one behind” to discuss food security and sustainability approaches.

The Congress included a panel session on a variety of subjects including the impact of plant health on food security, agricultural development cooperatives, food security and sustainability, and gender equality perspectives, and was attended by FAO experts.

## Women Making a Difference in Agriculture, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality



Women farmers and entrepreneurs.

Within the scope of World Food Day, an event entitled “Women Making a Difference in Agriculture” was organized in Eskişehir in partnership with the Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality. The event provided a forum for women entrepreneurs in agriculture to share their success stories and experiences, which have inspired many women farmers and entrepreneurs, especially in rural areas.

## 8th Sustainable Food Summit, Sustainability Academy

The 8th Sustainable Food Summit on “Food Systems Transformation” for a healthy planet and healthy people was organized by the Sustainability Academy and TÜGİS, and took place in parallel with World Food Day.

The Summit featured the participation of leading food brands, entrepreneurs and investors, who discussed solutions to current and potential challenges faced by the agri-food industry. At the summit, sector stakeholders exchanged views on sustainable agriculture, climate change, cyclicity in food, innovation for transformation, supply chain resilience, food retail and consumer behaviour, food economy and holistic nutrition.

## Leave no one behind, Alanya Hamdullah Emin Paşa University (HEP)

A panel event organized in collaboration with the Aksav Foundation took place at HEP University in Alanya, a key

tourism destination of Antalya, to discuss the district's agricultural production potential and export-oriented farming structures. The main subjects explored within the sessions were the role of the agricultural extension services in rural welfare, agricultural technologies and innovations for a more resilient agri-food system, and how female farmers add value to the local economy.

The 25th annual horse race, traditionally organized every year on behalf of World Food Day, took place on Saturday, 15 October at the 75th Anniversary Ankara Racecourse. Princess Sylvester won the race. FAO Central Asia Sub-Regional Office Coordinator and Türkiye Representative, Viorel Gutu presented a prize to the owner of the winning horse.

## FAO World Food Day regional photo contest 2022

“Healthy eating for everyone!” The winners of the 2022 FAO World Food Day photography Contest for Europe and Central Asia have been announced. Fatih Yılmaz with “Red Peppers” and Ömer Şahin with his “Paddy Field” photo are among the winners.



The photo captures peppers in Anatolia that are collected and left under the sun to dry.



Photo captures Paddy Field Area in Türkiye.

Event	Participant numbers
World Food Day main event with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and Food and the Federation of Food and Drink Industry Associations of Türkiye	400
Launch of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2022 report, Özyeğin University, Istanbul	100
Leave No One Behind: Women Cooperatives' Workshop, Altınbaş University, Istanbul	250
Food Retailers Association (GPD) 8th Joint Development Congress	250
Young Farmers Vocational and Individual Capacity Development Programme, Pinar Institute, İzmir	150
Leave No One Behind Event – “An Efficient, Inclusive, Sustainable and Durable Agriculture-Food System”, Yaşar University, İzmir	150
FAO-Türkiye Cooperative Programme Field Visits, İzmir and Manisa	50
Leave No One Behind: Sustainable Farm Project Competition, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul	100
International Congress on Food Research, Sivas Cumhuriyet University	50
Women Making a Difference in Agriculture, Eskişehir Metropolitan Municipality (hybrid)	450
8th Sustainable Food Summit, Sustainability Academy	500
Leave No One Behind, Alanya Hamdullah Emin Paşa University (HEP)	100

## ONE SHOT: Photo of the month

World Food Day 2022 in Atakule, the iconic tower of the city of Ankara



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