

EXPECTED RESULTS



IMPACT

IMPROVED FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT IN TARGET COUNTRIES/REGIONS



OUTCOME

A MORE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



OUTPUTS

- ◆ IMPROVED CAPACITIES FOR DEVELOPING COHERENT POLICY AND PROGRAMME FRAMEWORKS
- ◆ HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ◆ INCLUSIVE COORDINATION ACROSS SECTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS



SERVICES

POLICY ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT SERVICES



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FIRST is being implemented in the context of FAO Strategic Programmes to:

**HELP ELIMINATE HUNGER, FOOD INSECURITY AND MALNUTRITION
MAKE AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES MORE PRODUCTIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE**

FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY IMPACT, RESILIENCE, SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION

FIRST

FAO AND EU PARTNERSHIP POLICY ASSISTANCE FACILITY

RATIONALE

The European Union (EU) is making substantial investments in over 60 countries that have prioritized **food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture** (FNSSA) through their National Indicative Programmes. In order for this investment, as well as other investments by the government, other donors and the private sector, to produce a significant impact on food and nutrition security, there is need for a policy and institutional environment that is conducive for FNSSA.

This requires that:

- ◆ Objectives related to FNSSA are explicitly incorporated in sectoral and cross-sectoral policy, investment and programme frameworks;
- ◆ All relevant stakeholders are able to participate in evidence-based dialogues regarding the governance of FNSSA issues, and are engaged in concerted action at all stages of the policy process.

PURPOSE OF FIRST

The purpose of FIRST is to bring governments, EU Delegations and other development partners together to:

- ◆ Review current national policy and institutional frameworks for FNSSA;
- ◆ Identify bottlenecks and leverage opportunities for improving impact;
- ◆ Develop options to improve delivery and impact;
- ◆ Advocate for and develop human and organizational capacities for change;
- ◆ Facilitate evidence-based and inclusive policy dialogue and stakeholder coordination.

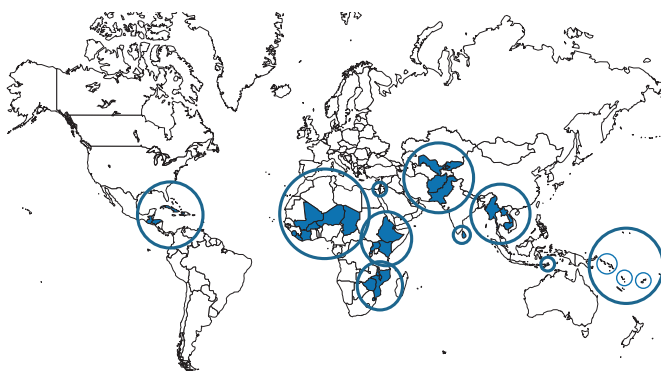
PRIORITY COUNTRIES

Since its inception, more than 45 governments have formally expressed interest in the FAO-EU Policy Assistance Facility. Among them, 33 countries, one territory and one subregional organization have been prioritized to receive policy assistance in 2016–2017.

Countries were prioritized according to the following criteria:

- ◆ Request of support from the country;
- ◆ Clear window of opportunity for bringing about policy change in the country;
- ◆ Existence of an active coordination and consultation between the government, EU Delegation and FAO Representation, as well as the formulation of a joint response to the call;
- ◆ Degree of the political commitment of the requesting government;
- ◆ Existing synergies with ongoing FAO and EU efforts in the country;
- ◆ Application of EU technical assistance quality criteria and likelihood of effective capacity development;
- ◆ Type of support and expert profile requested.

In each country, one or more significant policy processes and/or programmes have been identified that offer a **clear window of opportunity** for FAO to engage with governments and development partners on FNSSA.



APPROACH

For the delivery of policy assistance and capacity development services, FIRST relies on a **network of policy officers and technical experts**. The types of profiles recruited include:

- ◆ Policy officers, to be based at the country level at a national institution/ministry, with a professional background and experience appropriate for the countries' specific needs in an area related to FNSSA policy and governance;
- ◆ Technical experts in food security, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, land tenure, resilience, social protection or other areas, working in support of the policy officers.

Short-term expertise may be mobilized from within FAO, i.e. from the various FAO delivery teams at headquarters and/or subregional offices, from consultants on the FIRST expert roster, or ad hoc as and when needed.

PRIORITY COUNTRIES

Afghanistan	Kyrgyzstan	Suriname
Burkina Faso	Lao PDR	Swaziland
Cambodia	Liberia	Timor-Leste
Chad	Malawi	Uganda
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Uzbekistan
Cuba	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Djibouti	Myanmar	West Bank and Gaza Strip
Ethiopia	Niger	Zimbabwe
Fiji	Pakistan	
Guatemala	Rwanda	Subregional organization:
Haiti	Sierra Leone	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
Honduras	Solomon Islands	
Kenya	Sri Lanka	