



PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SUPPORTS FOOD SECURITY THROUGH SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Government of the People's Republic of China is the major participant, contributor and promoter of South-South Cooperation (SSC), an FAO initiative to support the implementation of National and Regional Programmes for Food Security, under which a more developed country provides technical assistance to a developing country implementing a food security programme (host country). In 2008, the Government of the People's Republic of China established an FAO Trust Fund for USD 30 million through the SSC Programme (Phase I). Under the SSC Trust Fund, the current project was launched in 2010, with the main objective of supporting FAO-China SSC programme implementation, coordination and management through the recruitment of staff, the provision of backstopping and support to the organization of capacity-building activities in the People's Republic of China and other countries at global and regional levels, as well as the implementation of SSC projects in the host countries concerned.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The project organized and supported 23 SSC capacity development activities (two high-level policy dialogues, 11 high-level workshops and ten training courses). These focused on global and regional issues of common concern to all developing countries, and provided platforms for knowledge exchange and information-sharing, covering such topics as hybrid rice, maize, aquaculture and fisheries, tropical agriculture, biogas and rural renewable energy, agricultural market information and trade, agricultural development policy, and the scoping assessment of capacity needs. Around 800 participants from over 100 countries, including Malawi, Uganda and Zambia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Morocco, in Asia, Africa and Latin America, participated in these activities, with nearly 400 participants attending the high-level events. In addition, seven international and 18 national programme officers/consultants were recruited at FAO Headquarters in Rome and at FAO Representation in China to ensure SSC project coordination, management and implementation, and partnership development.

IMPACT

FAO has seen a significant and increasing demand for assistance from member states in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia to help boost production levels and enable governments to achieve food self-sufficiency in rice in light of the growing demand in the continent and worldwide. The development of hybrid rice production technologies was identified as a major component of the FAO-China SSC programme, with high-level workshops and training courses on hybrid rice being held in the People's Republic of China in 2014 and 2016. Participants expressed a high level of satisfaction with both the training and the workshops.

KEY FACTS

Contribution

USD 6 040 094

Duration

March 2010 – December 2017

Resource Partner

People's Republic of China

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs,
People's Republic of China

Beneficiaries

798 technical experts and senior officials
from over 100 countries



ACTIVITIES

- Ten events on programme coordination between FAO, the People's Republic of China and relevant partners facilitated.
- Ten output documents developed from annual consultation meetings and high-level events.
- A total of 60 manuals (project operational manual), plans (partnership development plan, monitoring and evaluation plan, communication plan) and communication products prepared and promoted.
- Four programme support documents updated and approved.
- Facilitation or technical support provided to 13 SSC country projects.
- Nineteen SSC outcome documents on policy and technical cooperation developed through workshops and training courses in the People's Republic of China.
- Capacity of 798 participants strengthened through workshops, policy dialogues and training courses in the People's Republic of China and host countries.
- More than 30 backstopping missions were fielded in host countries.



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