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## STRENGTHENING GLOBAL AGRIFOOD GOVERNANCE: A MULTI-COUNTRY INITIATIVE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The achievement of SDGs relies heavily on increased political commitment and explicit capacities to leverage agriculture and food systems to combat malnutrition, poverty and inequality while ensuring sustainable resource management to cover substantial annual investments. To address these challenges, the global community, notably through bodies like the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has developed and endorsed global instruments for responsible governance of tenure and investment in agriculture and food systems, such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT), the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI), the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF) and the Voluntary Guidelines on the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security (RtF).

In response to these needs, the subprogramme targeted six countries (Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Sierra Leone and Tunisia) to enhance the capacities of key stakeholders, including government and civil society, to adapt these global guidelines and principles to their national contexts. Additionally, it catered for activities developed in the scope of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNFFF) 2019-2028.

### WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The subprogramme focused on (i) increasing the capacity of governments and other national actors to integrate the above-mentioned global instruments into national agriculture and food security policies and investment frameworks; (ii) strengthening governance mechanisms and accountability through robust monitoring and evaluation systems; (iii) developing the capacity of national stakeholders to implement global instruments and produce relevant information for policy processes and decision-making.

Additionally, it enhanced countries' capacities to implement National Action Plans (NAPs) aimed at increasing family-based farming, a critical component of food security, in alignment with the UNFFF. It also supported regional policy processes to facilitate replication and upscaling of successful practices, alongside global-level advocacy for the importance of these global instruments in major global policy platforms and events.

### IMPACT

The subprogramme significantly impacted various domains, including advocacy, governance, legislation and policy formulation, as well as the enhancement of technical capacities. It played a pivotal role in supporting the formulation of key legislative acts and contributed to the establishment of several national and local transhumance multi-stakeholder committees, as well as the formulation and launch of UNFFF NAPs and facilitation of the establishment of critical infrastructure. By leveraging FAO and CFS global instruments and knowledge products, the subprogramme effectively supported country-level policy processes, providing consensus-building methodologies and international best practices and policies as valuable references. By contributing to the enhancement of access and security of natural and economic resources, the initiative contributed to various SDGs, primarily supporting SDG 1 and SDG 2.



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### KEY FACTS

**Latest Approved Budget**  
USD 2 000 000

**Duration**  
December 2019–June 2023

**Resource Partners**  
Multilateral, Donors of the Flexible Voluntary Contribution (FVC)

**Beneficiaries**  
Public officials, extension agents, small-scale producers, rural women, village chiefs, young agricultural entrepreneurs, teachers and students



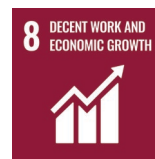
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## ACTIVITIES

- Supported the formulation of the Customary Land Act and the Land Commission Act in Sierra Leone, of the legislation regarding shellfish farming in Tunisia, and of the “Land Supports Advocacy and Awareness-Raising on Women’s Land Rights” campaign in Liberia.
- Created or strengthened 26 multi-stakeholder platforms across all countries.
- Contributed to the establishment of several national and local transhumance multi-stakeholder committees in Mali and Mauritania.
- Facilitated the formulation and launch of the UNDF NAPs in Mali and Sierra Leone.
- Supported the building of a National Land Observatory in Mali and of the National Land Platform in Liberia.
- Contributed to the formulation of briefs and operational guidelines on responsible agricultural investments in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Sierra Leone and Tunisia.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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### Partners

**Lao People’s Democratic Republic:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Department of Agricultural Land Management; Ministry of Planning and Investment, Inspection Department; Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Office; Planning and Investment office; Provincial office of natural resources and environment in Vientiane, Luang Namtha and Champasak; Line offices at district level in Viengphouka, Luang Namtha, Vang Vieng, Hin Herb, Bachieng and Paksong.

**Liberia:** Ministry of Agriculture (MoA); Liberia Land Authority; Liberia Land Platform Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Internal Affairs and Forestry Training Institute.

**Mali:** Observatory of Agricultural Land; National and trans-border transhumance committees; Regional Support Project for Pastoralism in the Sahel.

**Mauritania:** Ministry of Finance; Direction de la Protection et de la Restauration des Espèces et des Milieux; National Agency for Statistics and Demographic and Economic Analysis; National Federation of Breeders; National and trans-border transhumance committees.

**Sierra Leone:** MoA; Ministry of Land, Housing and Country Planning (MLHCP); Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotion Agency.

**Tunisia:** Agence de la Vulgarisation et de la Formation Agricoles; Agence de Promotion des Investissements Agricoles



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### Project Title

Leveraging global instruments and knowledge products

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