



Rapid Cycle Assessment of FAO's Emergency Response in Ukraine

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Why an evaluation?

The Rapid Cycle Assessment (RCA) comes at the request of the Ukraine Country Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). It is a rapid and nimble strategic exercise that seeks to take stock of and reflect on achievements of the emergency programme in the country, and to distil lessons learned for future programming in Ukraine, as well as future FAO surge responses.

The exercise will seek to answer two questions:

1. *What have been the results of FAO's emergency response in Ukraine?*
The results to be assessed will be based on the outcomes outlined in the programming frameworks.
2. *What are the key lessons that can feed into FAO Ukraine's upcoming multiyear programme and any future surge responses?*

The RCA will be properly contextualized and rely on existing data and documents, as well as consultations with key stakeholders.

What will be covered?

The RCA will focus on three key programming frameworks to date:
i) FAO's Rapid Response Plan (March to December 2022);
ii) FAO's Response Programme (January to December 2023); and
iii) FAO's Emergency Response Plan (January to December 2024).

The assessment covers all programmatic, advocacy and policy activities in Ukraine initiated since the start of the full-scale invasion in February 2022, until the end of September 2024. This excludes activities initiated before the war and that continued during the war, and includes some activities initiated during the assessment period that leans towards recovery and development.

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Who will be involved and how?

The main users of the RCA report include inter alia FAO personnel at country, regional and headquarters levels, other FAO actors, national and regional stakeholders, implementing partners, donors, and other

CALENDAR

Inception Phase (August 2024)

- *Desk review*
- *Inception interviews*
- *Quantitative analysis*
- *Mission planning*

Main RCA Phase (September 2024)

- *Mission to headquarters and Ukraine*
- *Key stakeholder interviews*
- *Focus group discussions*
- *Participant surveys*
- *Field validation workshop*

Synthesis Phase (September 2024)

- *Evidence review*
- *RCA team synthesis workshop*
- *Recommendation workshop with Country Office and headquarters*

humanitarian and development donors in Ukraine. FAO personnel, partners and programme stakeholders will be invited to participate in meetings and workshops organized by the RCA team.

A key aspect of the RCA is its utilization-focus, and a workshop towards the end of the RCA will be held where draft findings will be validated by FAO personnel and recommendations drafted and facilitated by the RCA team. Once the report is completed, the FAO Country Office in Ukraine will be responsible for leading and coordinating the preparation of the management response to the RCA. The Office of Evaluation will ensure wide dissemination of the RCA report, and cross-fertilization with other evaluations being undertaken by FAO.

RCA team

The RCA team will be comprised of independent personnel who have not been involved in FAO Ukraine programme design or execution. The team is comprised of the following:

- **Claudia Martinez Mansell**, Evaluation Manager, will manage this evaluation, ensure work is completed on time, and serve as the focal point for the evaluation from the FAO Office of Evaluation.
- **Julian Murray**, Senior Evaluation Specialist, will serve as the senior evaluator and lead the mission in Ukraine. He has more than 35 years of experience in international development and humanitarian assistance, with focus on surge responses.
- **Vasyl Kvartiuk**, Evaluation Specialist is an agricultural economist specializing on Ukraine. He will conduct background research, data collection and support mission preparation.
- **Rami Assaf**, Evaluation Analyst will support the collection of secondary data and analysis of primary and secondary data.

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