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FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on
Food and Agriculture (FTPP II)

Support to strengthen the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (ECO-RCC)

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2 ZERO
HUNGER



16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



Enhancing collaboration on food security among ECO member countries

Recent evidence continues to signal a global rise in food insecurity and a reversal of trends following a prolonged decline. This trend is found in most countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). According to latest estimate, **59 million people are still suffering from undernourishment in the ECO region**, indicating that about 13 percent of the regional population is still food insecure.

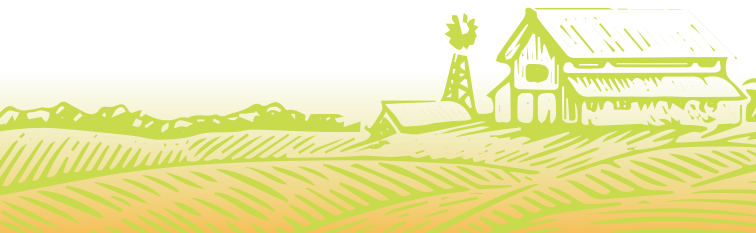
Continued efforts to improve food security and achieve zero hunger are needed in all the countries of ECO. Furthermore, prevalence of overweight and obesity is increasing in almost all ECO member countries, particularly in middle-income countries and urban areas, with a corresponding increase in the risk of serious health problems.

The Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (ECO-RCC) was established in 2012 as a programme-based subsidiary body of the ECO dealing with food security, with the **aim to facilitate the identification and prioritization of key impediments to food security at national and regional levels**, and the planning of coordinated actions to address those impediments. The Centre benefited from the support of the “ECO Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (GCP/RER/044/TUR)” project, which was financed by the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP), through which FAO provided technical support to enhance the Centre’s institutional capacities.



ECO-RCCFS

Economic Cooperation Organization
Regional Coordination Centre
for Food Security



PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Objective:



To strengthen ECO-RCC's capacity to provide systematic and useful support to member countries to enable them to acquire the necessary advice, guidance and information to improve their food security and nutrition policies and programmes

Target countries:



ECO member countries (Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)



Duration:

1 January 2020 –
31 December 2021



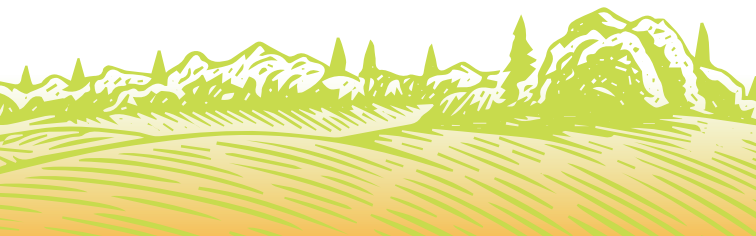
Budget:

USD 500 000



Overview of Food Security
in the Countries of the
Economic Cooperation Organization

Among other activities, the project will provide technical support to ECO-RCC to develop an **Overview of Food Security in ECO Countries** and to update **the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS)**.



SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The key outputs of the project are as follows:

- Enhancement of the capacity of ECO-RCC in food security analysis, programme development and management;
- Identification of priority intervention areas by ECO-RCC in consultation with member countries, based on the evidence provided, to be shared with relevant donors including IFIs for funding;
- Development of basic ECO-RCC documents including the charter, strategic plan, organigram and work plan, and subsequent approval by the ECO-RCC Steering Committee;
- Increased recognition of ECO-RCC's mandate, activities and operational framework among the member states of the ECO.



The project is implemented in close collaboration with the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

Apart from the ECO-RCC, other beneficiaries of the project include the ECO, the food security policy-makers of member countries and eventually the food insecure and vulnerable households and individuals in ECO member states.

ECO-RCC will support the development and implementation of ECO's strategic programme to address the main impediments to food security at national and regional levels, complementing the initiatives and policies of each country.



About the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes

The objectives of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes are to provide support to ensure food security, rural poverty reduction and sustainable forest management, combat desertification and preserve ecosystems in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and other countries of mutual interest.

Established in 2007, the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP) has benefited from trust fund contributions totalling USD 10 million, financed by the Government of Turkey and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

During the first phase of the programme, 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries between 2009 - 2015. In 2014, Turkey and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) commenced the second phase of the FTPP along with the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) with an additional funding of USD 20 million, bringing Turkey's total contribution to USD 30 million.

Under this new phase, a range of projects will be implemented in the areas of:

- food security and nutrition;
- agricultural and rural development;
- protection and management of natural resources;
- agricultural policies;
- food safety;
- sustainable forests, land and natural resource management and land degradation neutrality;
- institutional reform, training and national capacity enhancement.



Reaching out to Central Asia, the Caucasus and beyond



Turkey provided financial support totalling USD 30 million to date



28 projects have been implemented to date



The new phase of the partnership programmes involves 19 projects

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