

**Country Programme Evaluation Series**

# **Evaluation of FAO's contribution to the Republic of Moldova**

**Management reponse**

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<p><b>Recommendation 1.</b></p> <p>Future country programmes should continue building upon the main national priorities, focusing on thematic areas of support, reflecting its comparative advantages and capacities while being contextually responsive and adaptive to development changes and challenges.</p> <p>FAO needs to continue the strategic engagement with the Government and stakeholders offering a strong comparative advantage in providing relevant technical and policy advice to support strategic priorities and issues. FAO's continued support in these priority areas may be built upon and further enhanced by identifying new opportunities, approaches and interventions that promote a shift from policy and institutional development to their practical application in the field, focusing on concrete and feasible results.</p> <p>In developing the new programme cycle, FAO should consider investing in sector-specific reviews to identify strategic areas of its engagement within the framework of the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF).</p> <p>FAO may further strengthen its involvement in providing highly specialized technical expertise in formulating strategies, plans, policies and</p>	Accepted	<p>Continue to engage with the Government in identifying the priorities and providing its technical support and policy advice in relevant areas.</p> <p>Identify new opportunities, approaches and interventions focusing on concrete and tangible results within the formulation of the new CPF for the period of 2023–2027.</p> <p>Engage actively in the formulation and implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework.</p> <p>Design and implement new national projects which will further provide technical support and policy advice including highly specialized technical expertise.</p>	FAO country office in Moldova with the support of FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and relevant technical unit from FAO headquarters.	31/12/2027	Yes

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<p>frameworks, and offer innovative approaches and solutions.</p> <p>Besides, FAO may focus on country projects versus regional projects. As the evaluation noted, these offer opportunities for improved efficiency and better targeting of financial resources while better catering to country development priorities.</p>					
<p><b>Recommendation 2.</b></p> <p>In addition to periodic review of development context, to ensure longer-term sustainability of these results FAO should enhance its monitoring of progress, impediments and risks to programme implementation. It would support the Organization to effectively use lessons learned and the knowledge generated for the continuous refinement of programmes in consultation with key partners towards effective and sustainable results.</p> <p>FAO has underscored the importance of innovation, including sustainable, innovative approaches and digitalization in agriculture and new technologies. FAO may enhance its organizational mechanisms for project monitoring and reporting, specifically at the Outcome level.<sup>6</sup> Innovative approaches towards more robust monitoring, inclusive at the country level, could efficiently and effectively inform project management if the activities undertaken resulted in the desired changes,</p>	Accepted	<p>Enhance the monitoring system within the new CPF and programmes.</p> <p>Design and implement new projects using innovative tools as well as support the country in digitalization of agriculture.</p>	FAO country office in Moldova with the support of FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and relevant units from FAO headquarters.	31/12/2027	Yes

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made no changes, or sparked unintended ones. It would be beneficial in tracking progress made towards achieving the higher-level outcomes and better target efforts such as capacity building. The FAO Country Office may also seize opportunities for innovation by tapping into knowledge and experience by concretely supporting sustainable, innovative approaches, new technologies and digitalization in agriculture while facilitating full national ownership of interventions.					
<p><b>Recommendation 3.</b></p> <p>FAO should further strive to support the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, nutrition, a better environment and a better life, leaving no one behind and effectively using its comparative advantages.</p> <p>Guided by the principle of inclusiveness in sustainable agriculture and rural development, the FAO Country Office may do so by:</p> <p>i. Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns through efficient and inclusive food and agriculture supply at the local level, championing green innovation and supporting small-scale producers ensuring resilient and sustainable agri-food</p>	Accepted	<p>Support inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food system in Moldova through integrating and implementing the four betters in the country. Namely, the four betters and proposed objectives will be included in the UNSDCF and CPF as well as implemented accordingly.</p> <p>Collaborate with the Government in including relevant activities in the national policy framework</p>	FAO country office in Moldova with the support of FAO Regional office for Europe and Central Asia and relevant units from FAO HQ	31/12/2027	Yes

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<p>systems in a changing climate and environment.</p> <p>ii. Optimizing the social conditions of the value chain actors by strengthening the value chains, ensuring that all actors benefit fairly and equitably from food loss and waste reduction, food availability, income generated and access to resources.</p> <p>iii. Developing more inclusive and efficient agri-food systems, supporting implementation at the policy and enterprise level of trade agreements, global standards and support to domestic markets and export diversification.</p> <p>iv. Enhancing its support in developing national capacities for sustainable management of natural resources and making the agricultural sector more resilient to climate-induced risks.</p>					
<p><b>Recommendation 4.</b></p> <p>Considering the potential for enhanced collaboration, inclusive in mobilizing significant resources in priority areas of its programming framework, FAO may further identify new possible areas for partnerships and resource mobilization and expand its engagement in joint activities.</p> <p>Particularly in the face of main global trends and challenges (i.e. COVID-19), enhanced collaboration and strategic partnerships</p>	Accepted	<p>Conclude new partnerships with the development partners, including UN agencies.</p> <p>Facilitate the dialogue among civil society, government and development partners on relevant policy issues in agriculture and food system.</p> <p>Strengthen the country office capacities in mobilizing more financial resources for the implementation of the country programme.</p>	FAO country office in Moldova with the support of FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and relevant units from FAO HQ	31/12/2027	Yes

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<p>building would support the Organization to address the root causes of problems and respond to the new demands and expectations in the upcoming United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework to ensure FAO's impact at the country level.</p> <p>The Organization may do so by considering potential complementarities and synergies around the priority areas of the UNSDCFs and forming potential partnerships, also formulating partnerships and communication action plans around specific technical workstreams. FAO may use the above-referenced action plans to promote cooperation and coordination, information sharing, and produce policy and advocacy content based on forward-looking analysis proposing practical solutions based on FAO experience and scientific knowledge.</p> <p>Localized approaches such as multi-stakeholder engagements at the country level could further complement these action plans. The Organization could use its comparative advantage in facilitating policy discussion among civil society, government and international partners on food security, nutrition and broad issues of sustainable agricultural development where FAO could offer its technical expertise.</p>					

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