Developing Capacity for Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Selected Countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia

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Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection Pilot

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Improved Policies, Legislations and Programs

Comprehensive Approach on Food Security, Nutrition, Social Protection and Food Systems
Country Level

ARMENIA
Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program
Linked to Agricultural Sector
3 Schools

School Gardens:
1. Small Greenhouse for School
2. Medium size Greenhouse for School and selling surpluses
3. Large Greenhouse for school and neighboring schools

School Food and Nutrition Approach
1. Nutrition Education
2. Building local procurement linkages
3. Developing capacity on sustainable agriculture and nutrition

Pilot Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection
100 Families

“Cash Plus” approach links the national social protection programme providing family benefits to households with children with livelihoods options: small scale agricultural innovations, training and extension services community nutrition education.

Technological interventions
1. Drying, grading and packaging dry fruit plant
2. Greenhouse
3. Milk processing plant
4. Drip irrigation and anti-hale seedbeds

Establishment of the National Committee for Food Security and Nutrition

Intersectoral – multistakeholder with two layers:
1. Technical experts from different sectors and ministries
2. Decision making layer at the level of Deputy Minister/Minister

Consultative Body for the National Security Council

Advocacy, Communication and Awareness raising

1. Raising Political Awareness and commitment on the SDGs
2. Promoting coherent approach at national level and link it to the regional and global levels

Improved Capacities for Result Oriented Policies, Legislations and Programs

1. Comprehensive National Strategy on Food Security and Nutrition
2. Participation on the assessment the School Feeding Program and National Strategy for Sustainable School Feeding
3. Operational plan of the Food Security Concept Paper
4. Review and Drafting of the Agricultural Law
Country Level

TAJIKISTAN
### Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program Linked to Agricultural Sector

- **20 Schools/Communities**

**School Gardens/Community Gardens:**
1. Cold Frames/seedbeds with irrigation
2. Seeds, hand tools and training.
3. Decision on School or Community is with Parent Associations

**School Food and Nutrition Approach**
1. Nutrition Education
2. Developing capacity on sustainable agriculture and nutrition

**“Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth through Matching Grants”** leverage remittances of migrant workers to investment in family agriculture: invest 50% of funds for the small scale project and attract 50% of funds from the project plus the knowledge and professional guidance of FAO.

### Pilot Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection

- **100 Families**

**Technological interventions**
1. Grants (cash and/or equipment);
2. Capacity development: good agricultural practices; manufacturing; use of equipment; Business skills (financial, accounting and managerial); enterprise development; business plans preparation; Food safety and hygiene; marketing.
3. Policy advocacy.

### Support to the National Food Security Council and its Secretariat

**Building National Consensus for a Comprehensive Approach:**
1. Support to establish the Secretariat
2. Develop its technical capacity.
3. Promote inter-sectoral dialogue, work with Parliamentarians, SUN.
4. Promote participation of MoA in working group on school feeding program.

### Advocacy, Communication and Awareness raising

**Raising Political Awareness and commitment:**
1. Promoting FS, Nutrition and SP Republican Healthy Life Style Centre
2. Promoting Child Nutrition and social policies (UNICEF - WHO)
3. Promoting coherent approach at national level and link it to the regional and global levels

### Improved Capacities for Result Oriented Policies, Legislations and Programs

1. Support setting of SDGs indicators, surveillance and reporting to include FSN, SP indicators.
2. Drafting of the National Sustainable School Feeding Strategy.
3. Support the drafting of the Strategy on Migrant Labour to include FSN, SP and agriculture.
4. Review the proposed Law on Migrants.
• KYRGYZSTAN

Country Level
## Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program Linked to Agricultural Sector
### 30 Schools

### Logistic Centre:
1. Lab for Food Safety Certification
2. Refrigerated Store Vegetables
3. Fruit and Vegetables drying and canning.
4. Storage and packing
5. Containers distribution to schools.

### School Food and Nutrition Approach
1. Certification - nutrition education
2. Building local procurement linkages

## Pilot Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection
### 80 Families

### “Productive Social Contract/CASH+”,
- Supporting beneficiaries of the current Monthly Benefit for Low-Income Households with Children Program to obtain regular transfers and link them to agricultural interventions

### Technological interventions
1. Nutrition-sensitive (small-scale) productive interventions
2. Technical training
3. Nutrition education
4. In-kind/input transfers (fertilizers)
5. Identification of potential markets

## Support to the National Food Security Council

### Building National Consensus for a Comprehensive Approach:
1. Support setting of SDGs indicators
2. Strengthening policy and decision making on Comprehensive Approach.
3. Widening the debate: include SP, cross sectoral meetings, etc.
4. Mobilization of policy champions, national technical experts, etc.

## Advocacy, Communication and Awareness raising

### Raising Political Awareness and commitment:
1. Roza Otunbayeva Initiative
2. Advocacy for Parliamentarians
3. Promoting Child Nutrition and social policies (UNICEF)
4. Promoting coherent approach at national level and link it to the regional and global levels

## Improved Capacities for Result Oriented Policies, Legislations and Programs

1. Refinement of the Food Security Concept Program to include SP, nutrition.
2. Revision of the Food Security Law.
3. Develop legislative frameworks for school procurement and food certification.
4. Support the National Statistics committee to further development of SDGs indicators
Global and Regional
**Improved capacities in governments and other relevant stakeholders on the food Security and nutrition**

1. **Global** - Support the organisation of "2016 Global Child Nutrition Forum".
2. **Global** - Support the organization of one global event in the sphere of food security, nutrition and social protection policies (conference/forum)
3. Promote the exchange of experiences and lessons learned with other regions in particular from countries that adopted Zero Hunger Initiatives by South-South and Triangular Cooperation Exchange: Training, field studies, exchange of policy experts, parliamentarians.

**Coordination, Advocacy, Communication and Awareness raising**

1. **Global** - Interact with global political processes leading to zero hunger to provide policy-oriented norms and standards on food security, nutrition and social protection linkages (ICN Follow up, CFS, UN Standing Committee, Codex Alimentarius)
2. **Regional** - Promote the harmonization of approaches to food security, nutrition and social protection in the Eurasian region and policy coherence in the EAEU Member States: Exchange of experts, Regional Technical Meeting, Parliamentarians Cooperation.
3. **Regional – Global**: Enhancing strategic and operational capacities for food security, nutrition and social protection political commitment and engagement
   1. Providing advocacy and raising awareness and project’s visibility on the importance of food systems, food security, nutrition and social protection linkages: Raising awareness, visibility activities: UNICEF, WHO, ECFS, Russian Academy Medical Sciences, SUN, Secure Nutrition Knowledge Platform, FSN Forum.
   2. Foster knowledge sharing in an inclusive and transparent policy dialogue: Networking and on line consultations and discussions

**Improved Capacities for Result Oriented Policies, Legislations and Programs**

1. **Regional** - Compile best practices and lessons learned for policy dialogue on food security, nutrition sensitive social protection and school feeding programs (policy briefs, technical documents)
2. **Global** - Development of normative content in support of the new joint S01/S03 Program on strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection.
Global Policy Frameworks
SDG’s - ICN2 – CFS
Provide guidance, enhance strategic capacities increase political commitment and engagement

Global Level

Inter-Regional Exchanges
Foster Knowledge Sharing

Global/Regional Consultations

Regional Level
Best Practices, Capacity Development, Policy Dialogue, Harmonization of Approaches

FAO Normative Program
Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection

Experiences on FSN/Social Protection in other Countries in ECA Region

Armenia
Comprehensive National Strategy on Nutrition
- Cross Sectoral Coordination (FSN Council)
- Review of current policy/Legal environment
- Field Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program (School Garden)
- Field Pilot Productive Social Contract/CASH+

Kyrgyzstan
Comprehensive Food Security Concept Program
- Cross Sectoral Coordination (FSN Council)
- Review of current policy/Legal environment
- Field Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program (Logistic Centre)
- Field Pilot Productive Social Contract/CASH+

Tajikistan
Comprehensive Program on Food Security and Nutrition
- Cross Sectoral Coordination (FSN Council)
- Review of current policy/Legal environment
- Field Pilot School Food and Nutrition Program (School/Community Gardens)
- Field Pilot Matching Grants Scheme