

Promoting food and water security through cooperation and capacity development in the Arab region

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Project objective

Promote food and water security in the Arab region through improved and coordinated policy design, strategy development and programme implementation

EA-1: Enhanced capacity to assess impacts of climate change on agricultural production in the Arab region

EA-2: Enhanced capacity for integrated policy development on food and water security in the Arab region

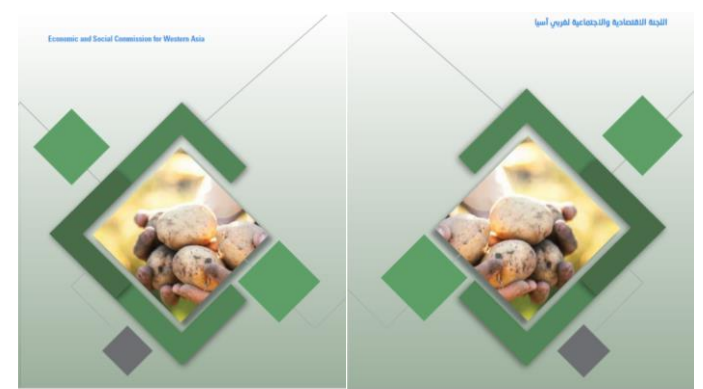
EA-3: Enhanced food safety for local consumers in the Arab region

EA-4: Enhanced assessment capacity of the status of food security in the Arab countries



- Member countries
- LAS and Ministerial Councils
- FAO-RNE
- AOAD
- ACSAD
- Academia

Partners




 Adopting Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Enhanced Food Safety in the Arab Region


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Informed Decision Making for Food Security

EA-4: Enhanced assessment capacity of the status of food security in the Arab countries

To develop a clear set of indicators for monitoring the state of food security at the national and regional levels taking into consideration regional specificities and global directions.

- Consultations lead to reaching consensus on monitoring the state of food security and collecting the necessary data
- Statistical reports are needed to provide adequate information to policy makers on current state and related challenges of Food security at the national level.
- Policy makers are better informed to formulate adequate strategies and development plans to improving national food security status.

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Scope of work

ESCWA is cooperating with FAO and AOAD in monitoring and assessing the status of food security in the Arab region

Mapping

Identification

Development

Application

Of food security policies, institutions, & programmes in member countries.

Of priorities and focus areas, to align with SDG monitoring.

Of a unified monitoring framework for the Arab Region.

For identifying improvement areas for interventions.

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Main Challenges

1- Lengthy process to ensure endorsement of monitoring framework by Countries

Activities Undertaken

- **Review of indicators** used to assess food security and **review of current monitoring systems**, including institutional arrangements, at national, regional and global levels.
- **Development a regional monitoring** system that takes into account the regional specificities.
- **Development of a unified methodology** for data collection and indicator calculations
- Organization of Four Consultative meetings in **2017-2018-2019** for focal points and experts on Food Security Assessment and Monitoring in the Arab Region
- Endorsement of the monitoring framework by AOAD Executive Council- **28 March 2019**

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Main Challenges

1- Data availability

2- Engagement of stakeholders

Remaining Activities:

- Preparing a joint Publication on **“Tracking food security in the Arab region”** that describes the methodology, analyze the indicators chosen and informs of data gaps
- **Training national authorities** (agriculture and statistical offices) on the unified methodology of the food security monitoring system
- Preparation of the first **“Report on the Status of Food Security in the Arab Region”** to be used as a diagnostic tool that describes the status of food security.

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Objectives of the meeting

- **Review the current food monitoring systems in the Arab Region**
- **Present the Food Security Monitoring framework and its relevance for the region**
- **Introduce the selected indicators for monitoring Food Security and related dashboards**
- **Discuss the role of the statistical offices for Monitoring Food Security**

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