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

Progress made towards the implementation of the SIDA funded project

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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

Partners

- Member countries
- LAS and Ministerial Councils
- FAO-RNE
- AOAD
- ACSAD
- Academia
Adapting Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for Enhanced Food Safety in the Arab Region
EA-4: Enhanced assessment capacity of the status of food security in the Arab countries

Informed Decision Making for Food Security

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 led to increasing the scientific knowledge as well as reaching consensus among national focal points on monitoring the state of food security and collecting the necessary data.
- Statistical reports 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.
Informed Decision Making for Food Security

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

Activities Undertaken
- Regional monitoring system and unified methodology for data collection and indicator calculations;
- Three Consultative meetings 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

Remaining Activities:
- Training national authorities on the methodology of the monitoring system for Food Security
- 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 and identifies improvement areas of possible interventions.

Main Challenges

1- Lengthy process to ensure endorsement of monitoring framework by Countries
2- Data deficiencies
3- Engagement of stakeholders
Thank you