

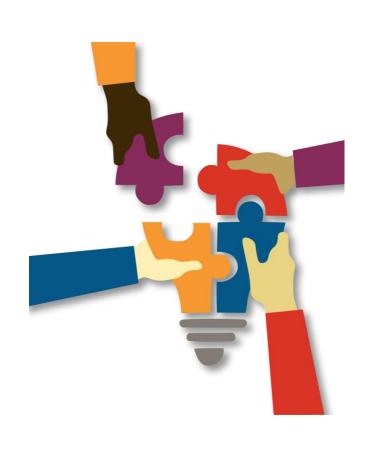
Capacity development activities using FAO toolkit and eLearning academy resources during Covid19 in Eastern Africa

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Why transitioning to nutrition-sensitive and sustainable food systems

690 Million

people are undernourished

149 Million stunted

∼50 Million wasted

1 of 3

Adults is overweight/obese

30-40% of

food produced wasted

1.5 times

Enough food than needed

3 billion **people** cannot afford healthy diet

One third of

harmful green gas emissions

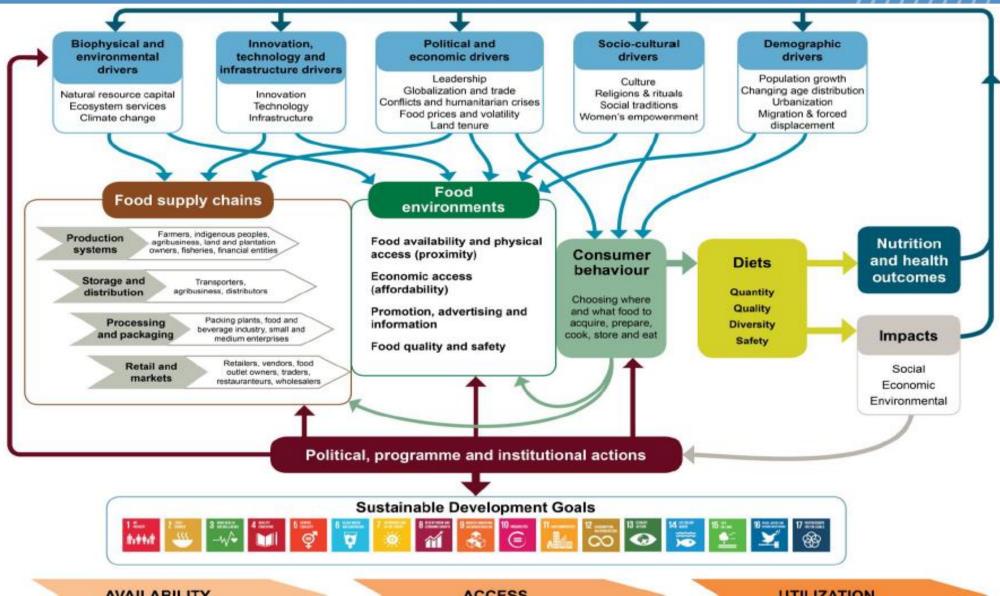
Source: 2020 SOFI.

Food systems transformation: Beyond rhetoric to action

Building sustainable food systems that works for people and the planet i.e. inclusive, sustainable / environment friendly, Resilient, Efficient, and provide nutritious and safe diets

- Food systems champions
- Food systems assessment
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Enabling environment for transformation
- Multilevel capacity for transformation

Food Systems



AVAILABILITY

ACCESS

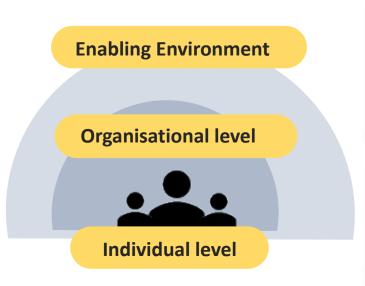
UTILIZATION



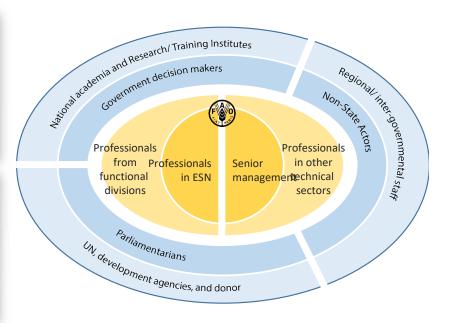
FAO Capacity Development Roadmap

Objective

To enhance Member States' capacities to design and implement context-appropriate and evidence-informed coherent food-systems policies and actions that promote healthy diets for all from sustainable food systems.







CD dimensions

Functional capacities

CD targets



Overview of SFE Capacity building activities

- Individual level capacity strengthening workshops
 - Rwanda (Feb. 2019), Kenya (March 2019) and SFE (Nov. 2019)
 - Eritrea and Somaliland (Completed)

Enabling environment

- Eastern Africa Parliamentary Alliance for FSN
- 6 national alliances (Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda)
- Training manual on NSA (regional, country and subnational)
- Thematic guidance note for nutrition mainstreaming
- FN act or Model laws



A blended approach to capacity building

- COVID19: adaptation of a 3-5 day face-to-face to 5 day blended workshop
 - Format of delivery
 - Duration
 - Content

Blended methodology

- Face-to-face presentations by national stakeholders on context specific topic
- Virtual live session presentation from the TOOLKIT and Q & A
- Self guided learning FAO's eLearning academy modules (selection)
- Face-to-face facilitated group work

Theory of Change - Capacity strengthening workshop in Eritrea (January 2021)

Implementation

Level of intervention Where?

Capacity assessment Baseline and needs

Interventions How?

Outputs What Competencies?

Immediate Outcomes

Results

Intermediate **Outcomes**

and evaluate

monitor

nutrition sensitive policies, programmes and interventions in Eritrea

Sustainable capacity to design, plan, implement,

Impact

National:

Members of the **National Technical** Committee for **Food and Nutrition** Security (NTC)

SubNational:

Staff involved in implementation of MIHAP programme

outcomes & National Technical Committee for Food and Nutrition Security (NTC)

members and project staff understanding and capacity to improve nutrition

Integrated Household Package (MIHAP), aimed at improving nutrition

enhance capacity and skills to better design

Need to better understand nutrition and to

agriculture, livestock, fisheries and

aquaculture and environment related policies and

programmes to improve their impact on nutrition outcomes

ORGANIZATION

INDIVIDUAL

ENVIRONMENT

ENABLING

Nutrition objectives and indicators

Appraisal of the MIHAP programme

- Appraisal of national policies, strategies and plans on agriculture, livestock, fisheries, environment
- Nutrition governance and multisector coordination
- General principles and recommendations for nutrition mainstreaming
- Sector specific case studies
- Sector specific options for interventions in nutrition
- Presentation from experts on key technical concepts
- Sharing of experience and good practices among stakeholders
- · Self-guided learning
- · Presentation and appraisal of MIHAP
- Case studies / experiential learning

Collective awareness and commitment for NSA

- Knowledge and skills to appraise nutrition sensitivity and mainstream nutrition in relevant policies, strategies and plans
- Approach and tools to increase nutrition sensitivity
- Multisectoral inclusive policy processes
- Nutrition mainstreaming
- Strengthened NTC efficiency and sector commitment to nutrition
- Individual awareness and commitment to NSA
- Skills to implement MIHAP with objective of improving nutrition
- Capacity to design, plan, monitor and evaluate NSA policies and programmes
- Support other stakeholders on NSA

- Common understanding and vision for nutrition among NTC members
- Strengthened NTC and enhanced coordination of various sectors
- Policies, strategies, plans, programmes and interventions are more nutrition sensitive
- Nutrition mainstreaming culture is embedded in sectoral structures to allow systematic action for nutrition in day to day work
- Individuals with skills and confidence to implement MIHAP with nutrition goals
- Sustainable technical capacity to design, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate nutrition sensitive policies, programmes and interventions in Eritrea

and affordability Eritrea diets in access, availability, consumption of healthy production, Increased

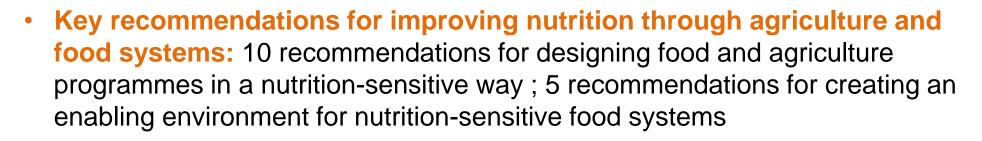
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

TOOLKIT for NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

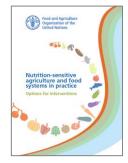
www.fao.org/nutrition/policies-programmes/toolkit







 Designing nutrition-sensitive agriculture investments. Checklist and guidance for programme formulation: Key questions, tips, and sources of information for situation analysis, programme design, monitoring and evaluation, in order to operationalize the Key recommendations



- Nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food systems in practice: options for interventions: 20 interventions with the potential to improve nutrition, organised around 4 key functions of the food system cross-cutting issues
- Compendium of indicators for nutrition-sensitive agriculture
- Compendium of indicators for nutrition-sensitive agriculture: Guidance on a range of indicators for monitoring and evaluating the nutritional impacts of agricultural investments

Resources from the eLearning Academy

Pre-workshop

- Improving nutrition through agriculture and food systems (3h)
 - https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=307
- Design and monitor nutrition-sensitive agriculture and (4h30) food systems programmes

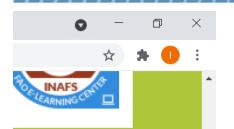
https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=603

During the workshop (afternoon)

- Nutrition, food security and livelihoods. Basic concepts (30 min)
 - https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=194
- How to conduct a nutrition situation analysis
 https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=393
- Sustainable Food Value Chain for Nutrition (2h30)
 - https://elearning.fao.org/course/view.php?id=566





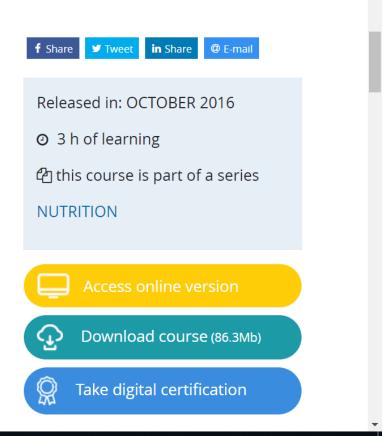


Using two realistic scenarios, this course illustrates the linkages between agriculture, food systems, and nutrition, and describes existing opportunities for integrating nutrition into food system policies, investments, and programmes. The course offers a series of examples of nutrition-sensitive policies and interventions, as well as an overview of the main initiatives and commitment on nutrition.

This course is also available as a downloadable package in **Russian**. The translation and adaptation into Russian language and to the conditions of Europe and Central Asia was carried out by the Eurasian Center for Food Security (ECFS) and the project "Developing Capacity for Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Selected Countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia" funded by the Russian Federation.

System Requirements

The *online version* of this course runs on the main web browsers. Preferably you should use Internet Explorer, Safari, Chrome and Firefox.





































Time	Session / activity	Responsible	Format
	Pre-workshop activities (5 to 17 January 2020)		
5 – 17 January 2021	Improving Nutrition through Agriculture and Food Systems	Participants	Self-guided learning
	Design and monitor Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food		
	Systems Programmes		
Time	Monday 18 January		
09:00-09:30	Opening addresses :	1. Mr. Saeed A.	Remarks
		Bancie (FAO	
		Rep. Eritrea)	
		2. H.E Mr.	
		Arefaine Berhe	
		(Minister of	
		Agriculture.).	
	Introduction and objectives of the workshop		
		Mr. Amanuel	
		Negassi (Adviser	
		to the Minister)	

Time	Tuesday 19 January		
08:30-09:00	Recap of day 1 & Feed-back from group work	FAO Eritrea (Tedros and Eden)	Live session
09:00 – 10:45	Main entry points for Improving Nutrition through agriculture and food systems: • Agriculture to Nutrition Pathways • Key recommendations for improving nutrition through agriculture and food systems Options for nutrition interventions along the agriculture and food system processes and infrastructure	SFE	Live session
10:45 -11:00	Health Break		
11:00 – 12:30	Applying the key recommendations targeting the root causes of malnutrition for improving nutrition through agriculture	FAO ER	Facilitated group work
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break		
13:30 – 16:00	Sustainable Food Value Chain for Nutrition (2 h 30)	Participants	Self-guided learning



Challenges and lessons learnt

Lessons learnt

- Self-guided learning (eLearning Academy) very helpful: all participants completed – downloadable version
- Cost effective two time cheaper than face to face training
- Leverage expertise from different lawyer in FAO: HQs, SFE, Country
- Require experienced persons on site to coordinate the logical or act as general facilitator
- Require the on-site resource person to be fully part of the planning process and fully master the instructions for the facilitated group work
- Technical working group supporting the project implementation



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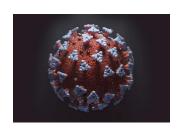
Challenges

- Social distancing measure at the gathering place: 2 rooms
- Technological challenges venue and virtual participants
- Group work interaction and clarification
- Internet access different outside FAO and out of hours
- Limited computer for eLearning modules FAO to make it office
- eLearning academy requires more time for planning and ensuring the pre-workshop self guided modules are done.

Summary

Food Systems Statu Quo: more malnutrition and associated health and economic costs, more food loss and waste and more harmful greenhouse gas emissions

Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work in Nutrition and CD roadmap provide a basis to strengthen capacity in support of food systems transformation for healthy diet



COVID19: challenged capacity building initiatives that requires the physical presence of facilitator and technical content experts

eLearning academy modules **provides an interesting** alternative to mitigate travel restriction;





Blended approach to capacity happened to be a cost-effective alternative to face-to-face capacity building in time of COVID19



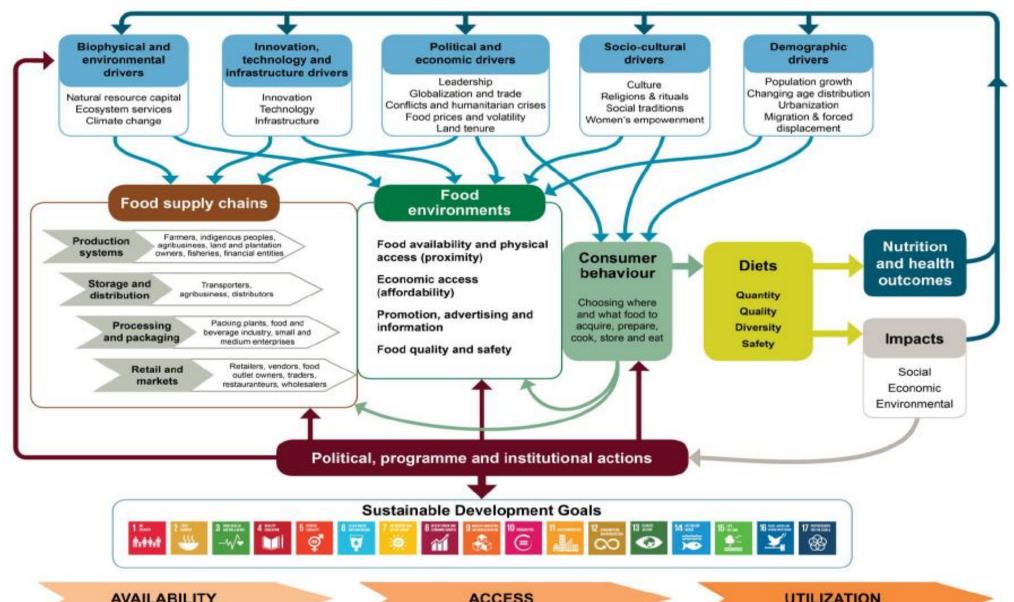
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SFE target for Capacity building activities

FAO Subregional Office for Eastern Africa Nutrition Support strategy (2019-2024)

- All Member States have capacities to mainstream and monitor nutrition in their policies, strategies, investment plans and programmes
- At least 5 countries have established national parliamentary alliances for FSN
- At least 50% of Member States have nutrition sensitive agriculture/rural development policy, strategy or investment plans

Food Systems



AVAILABILITY ACCESS UTILIZATION

Actors in the Food System

Activities in a food system are driven by the behavior of a set of actors, such as:

- Consumers
- Buyers
- Traders
- Processors
- Farmers
- Food Preparers

- Chefs
- Government
- Researchers
- Suppliers
- Bankers
- Extension agents

Resources Way Forward

Access to further resources and support!



E-library on nutritionsensitive programming (toolkits & E-learnings)



A network of nutrition focal points

Wide range of resources available on **ESN** website

