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“South-South knowledge sharing is one of the best approaches we have at our disposal to build capacities, as it draws on what has proven to work in improving people’s lives, for the benefit of others.”

Usha Rao-Monari, UN Under Secretary-General and UNDP Associate Administrator, at the Opening segment of Seminar Series on “South-South Cooperation in Cross-Border E-commerce for Poverty Eradication and Global Sustainable Development” (March 2022)



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WFP's 2022 Call for Proposals of the COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund

In May, WFP launched the 2022 Call for Proposals of the WFP COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund.

The objective of this Fund is to provide seed funding and help developing countries rapidly and flexibly respond to the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic through South-South exchanges on the ground.

For the 2022 Round, WFP Country Offices (COs), in consultation with their host governments, were encouraged to submit proposals for South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) projects with a focus on food systems and rural transformation. This round built on the experience of two successful calls for applications in 2020 and 2021.

The thematic focus was in line with the priorities of the donor (China) and the WFP China Centre of Excellence (CoE), which will be facilitating the sourcing of technical assistance from China for implementation of the pilots. These pilots will be enabled by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) in China.

Focus areas for the 2022 Round of Proposals included:

- smallholder value chain development;
- post-harvest loss management and local food systems;
- disaster risk reduction and climate change resilience;
- innovative practices and experience in poverty alleviation and rural development, including the rural e-commerce model, school feeding and nutrition as well.

WFP COs, in line with host government demands, were invited to apply until 15th May 2022 by submitting a proposal through this [online application form](#).

Successful applicants will receive grants of up to USD 40,000 in order to implement a 9-month SSTC Field Project, to address COVID-19 related food security and nutrition challenges at country level, with technical support from China.

Background on the 2022 edition of the COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund

- The WFP COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund was established in 2020 by WFP's Programme—Humanitarian and Development Division (PRO) in Headquarters.
- With financial support from China's government the fund helps developing countries to respond to their food security and nutrition challenges in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The WFP China CoE and the WFP CoE in Cote d'Ivoire (CERFAM) can support COs and their host governments to support the development and implementation of the projects.
- Between 2019 and 2021, WFP has assisted 26 COs across all regions through this fund.
- The WFP COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Pilots have enabled WFP to expand the scope of SSTC engagement both geographically and thematically.
- As country demand for this type of flexible and swift seed funding has increased, the COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund has been replenished by China for a new Call for Proposals in 2022.

COVID-19 SOUTH-SOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND

> 1st Call for Proposals in 2020 - Implementation of 8 Pilots

- **46** proposals submitted worldwide

- **26** pilots in implementation

• Mainstreaming SSTC

food systems, social protection, SBP nutrition, EPR, resilience, climate adaptation, VAM and supply chains.

- **710,000 US\$** blended funds from MARA (China) and WFP



> 2nd Call for Proposals in 2021 - Implementation of 18 Pilots



WFP's Global Work on South-South Cooperation

Launch of the 2022 Round of WFP's Global Task Force on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

WFP's PRO Division launched a Global Task Force on SSTC in May 2022.

The Task Force will contribute to revising [WFP's 2015 Policy on SSTC](#), building on the findings of the WFP SSTC Policy Evaluation in 2021.

The Task Force brings together the perspective and voices from WFP Regional Bureaux (RBx), WFP CoEs, COs and HQ Divisions that are actively engaged in SSTC.

The focus of the 2022 Task Force is to explore WFP's strategic options for (1) mainstreaming SSTC into WFP's 2G Country Strategic Plans (CSPs), and programme of work on saving and changing lives; (2) strengthen WFP's approach to generating evidence and fostering learning on WFP-supported SSTC; and (3) to set in place a peer review for WFP's SSTC Policy Update.

The SSTC Unit in PRO will function as the secretariat and be responsible for submitting the revised SSTC policy to WFP's Executive Board in June 2023.



WFP EVALUATION

Evaluation of the WFP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Policy

Centralized Evaluation Report – Volume II Annexes

OEV/2019/027
Office of Evaluation

October 2021



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WFP Directors' Roundtable Discussion with Valerie Guarnieri, Maha Ahmed, Bishow Parajuli, Patrick Teixeira Pasqualina Di Sirio, Brenda Barton on future pathways to broker SSTC.

WFP's Global Work on South-South Cooperation

WFP launches new flagship publication on findings from WFP's Global South-South Cooperation Initiative with MARA of China

In December 2021, WFP launched a [new flagship publication on WFP's Global South-South Cooperation Initiative with MARA of China](#). The publication consolidated findings from a survey that collected evidence and assessed the results of MARA-WFP initiatives in SSTC.

The publication included both the SSTC Field Pilots Initiative in Ecuador, Kenya, Peru, Republic of Congo and Sri Lanka, as well as the 7 pilot projects enabled through the COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund in the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Jordan, Namibia, Togo and Zimbabwe.

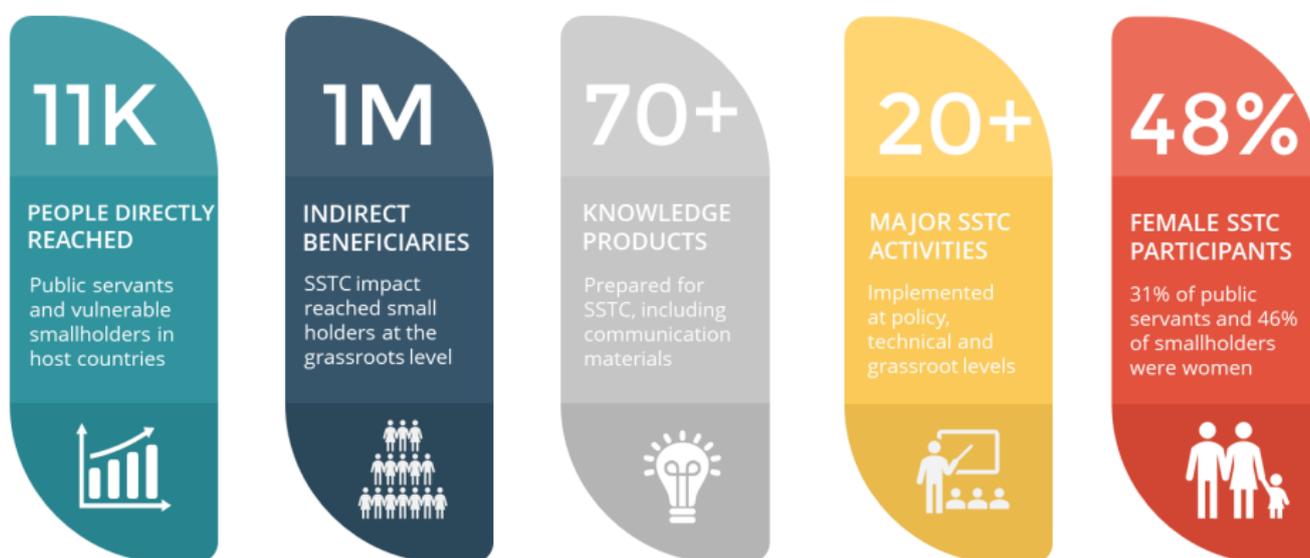
Initial findings demonstrated that MARA-WFP initiatives reached 11k people in 2021— among them are public servants and vulnerable smallholder farmers in host countries. The WFP-MARA initiatives also enabled more

than 20 major SSTC activities, in line with WFP's approach to SSTC that aims to build capacities at policy, technical and grassroots levels.

The survey contributed to WFP's broader efforts to test a new methodology for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) in SSTC. It responds to one of the recommendations of the 2015 SSTC Policy Evaluation and aligns both with WFP's new Corporate Results Framework and the UN System-wide Strategy on SSTC.

The survey included both quantitative and qualitative data to provide insights on WFP-MARA Initiatives. It also included contributions from WFP COs and RBx in relevant locations and was reviewed by the WFP China CoE.

Some of the figures from MARA-WFP Field Pilots Initiative:



WFP Launches Regional Mapping of South-South and Triangular Cooperation Opportunities in East and Central Africa

In March 2022, WFP Regional Bureau in Nairobi (RBN) and the SSTC Unit in PRO finalized the work to develop a Regional Mapping of SSTC Opportunities in East and Central Africa.

The mapping provides an overview of 14 concrete "South-South engagement and investment opportunities" across areas where WFP is supporting host governments address challenges in food security and nutrition.

This includes opportunities in emergency preparedness and response, social protection, school feeding, food systems, and others.

Just as an example, one of the SSTC opportunities mapped includes "promoting inter and intra-regional collaboration on multi-risk monitoring to strengthen early warning systems and anticipatory action in East Africa through WFP-facilitated SSTC".

WFP COs, RBx and CoEs can use the mapping to support the development of upcoming programme and partner-

ship engagement strategies, or formulation of upcoming Country Strategic Plans in the region.

A similar methodology was also applied in WFP Regional Bureau in Dakar (RBD) in 2019 and can be made available to other RBx upon demand to the SSTC Unit in PRO.



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WFP's Global Work on South-South Cooperation

WFP conducts South-South Reviews in Burundi, Senegal and Ghana to support Country Strategic Plan Formulation

Since December 2021, WFP's SSTC Unit, together with SSTC focal points in RBx, have been supporting COs through SSTC Support Packages that include a "South-South Review" and seed funding to support host governments in SSTC.

The most recent countries that benefited from this initiative are Burundi, Ghana and Senegal. WFP plans to expand this support to more countries this year with a view to helping mainstream SSTC in the Second Generation of Country Strategic Plans (CSPs).

South-South Reviews are a methodology developed in-house by WFP that enable dialogue between COs and host governments to capture demand for WFP-facilitated SSTC in food security and nutrition.

South-South Reviews can help COs formulate opportunities for engaging with host government in SSTC when developing their CSPs, and/or expanding collaboration to support its delivery.

So far, a total of 19 countries have engaged in South-South Reviews to jointly identify opportunities for pursuing SSTC with WFP support.

Just as an example, in December 2021, Senegal engaged in a South-South Review to explore strategic opportunities for developing SSTC projects and partnerships.

WFP Senegal developed a Concept Note to leverage seed funding that is part of the SSTC support package. The SSTC project will aim at strengthening Senegal's government capacity to support smallholders' access to

institutional markets, particularly through the school feeding programme. This can be done by facilitating peer learning with countries from the region (Benin and Niger) as well as China.

As another example, during a 7-day mission, WFP Ghana and the SSTC Unit held meetings at policy and technical level with multiple Ghanaian Ministries (incl. Health, Agriculture, Interior and more) and partners that identified:

- 1) Ghana's existing engagement and interest in SSTC (e.g., drivers, motivation, existing partners);
- 2) Entry points for Ghana to engage in SSTC with WFP support and potential partners in the region and beyond; and
- 3) 12 most relevant SSTC investment opportunities for Ghana to explore with WFP support.

Upon demand, South-South Reviews can be made available to other countries that are keen to explore SSTC with WFP facilitation on SDG 2. Requests can be submitted to the SSTC Unit in PRO.



WFP participates in a High-level Event of the FAO-China SSC Programme Phase III

In February 2022, WFP participated in a high-level event on the "FAO-China SSC Programme Phase III: Strengthening SSTC for Global Agricultural Development" which was held virtually by MARA and FAO.

The event aimed to further strengthen the role of the FAO-China SSC Trust Fund and encourage the international community to leverage SSTC as a key instrument to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Recognizing the strong collaboration between WFP and FAO in SSTC, WFP's PRO Director David Kaatrud was invited to share views on how to jointly leverage SSTC with China.

He briefed Ministers of MARA and other senior decision-makers on WFP's progress and achievements in SSTC, including some of WFP's SSTC field pilots in collaboration with FAO.

David Kaatrud highlighted efforts to revise the 2015 WFP Policy on SSTC and what it means for RBA collaboration, and identified strategic pathways for WFP to collaborate with FAO on their FAO-China SSTC Programme.

David Kaatrud also identified some of the concrete entry points to expand Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) collaboration in SSTC with China including:

- Continuing the regular RBA SSTC director-level meeting;
- Exploring joint "flagship initiatives" in the field with RBA ongoing SSTC projects; and

- Joint RBA engagement of Southern and triangular partners for diversified collaborations.

Through this event, WFP and FAO reinforced their commitment to work together on brokering SSTC initiatives in food security and nutrition.



Update from WFP's Network of Centres of Excellence

WFP China Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation (WFP China CoE)

WFP and the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China announce new strategic partnership to accelerate Climate Change Adaptation through SSTC

In December 2021, WFP China CoE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) of China to leverage SSTC for climate change.

The MoU aims to expand cooperation between WFP and MEE to contribute to the common objective of supporting developing countries to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change through SSTC.

Building on that, in 2022, WFP and MEE will join hands to further explore modalities of collaboration to strengthen capacities in partner countries through policy exchanges, capacity development, knowledge sharing and technical cooperation projects.

The MoU is a strong foundation for WFP to support China to begin sharing their expertise in climate adaptation with other developing countries.



Photo: WFP/China

Launch of WFP China CoE's Knowledge Sharing Platform and Cloud School through a WFP-MARA seminar on digital SSTC

In May 2022, the China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration (CIPG) and WFP China CoE jointly hosted a seminar on Digital SSTC with support from MARA.

The focus of the seminar was on digital tools and emerging technology for SSTC. As part of these digital tools, WFP China CoE launched the [SSTC Knowledge Sharing Platform](#) and [Cloud School](#).

The platform showcases experiences, lessons and knowledge products about Chinese rural transformation and poverty reduction.

The Cloud School provides tailor-made courses on food security, nutrition, rural transformation and poverty reduction.

The seminar shared insights on the importance of leveraging technology for knowledge management in SSTC in order to answer to the rising demand for China's expertise. An MoU was also signed by WFP and CIPG at the event.



South-South Cooperation Knowledge Sharing



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Online Workshop on Rice Post-harvest Management in Côte d'Ivoire marks new milestone for China-Africa Rice Value Chain Development Initiative

In February 2022, WFP China CoE and the Regional CoE Against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM) held an online workshop, in light of the continued collaboration on the China-Africa Rice Value Chain Development Initiative with support from the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC).

The workshop leveraged China's expertise to strengthen post-harvest loss management for rice value chain development in Côte d'Ivoire.

As part of the workshop, a total of six training modules were delivered by four Chinese experts from Jiangsu University and Henan University of Technology.

The training modules covered topics such as the operation of tractors, rice processing and post-harvest loss reduction. The topics aimed at responding to needs identified in a previously conducted diagnostic mission.

The workshop adopted a 'training of trainers' approach with participants from the Government, farmers organizations and NGOs in Côte d'Ivoire.

Technical guidance will be developed with information from the workshop to support the participants and smallholder farmers in the future.

The workshop is also part of a series of activities in Côte d'Ivoire, including thematic trainings, demonstration sites, the dissemination of advocacy materials, a diagnostic report and the purchase of small mechanised agricultural equipment.

The SSTC Project highlights the collaboration between China CoE and CERFAM with both CoEs promoting field level engagement and exploring innovative pathways to facilitate SSTC in a joint effort to end hunger in Africa.

Update from WFP's Network of Centres of Excellence

WFP Centre of Excellence (CoE) Against Hunger in Brazil

The Governments of Indonesia and Brazil engage in virtual exchanges on School-based Health and Nutrition Interventions facilitated by the WFP CoE Brazil

In November 2021, the Governments of Brazil and Indonesia participated in the final session of a series of virtual exchanges hosted by WFP Indonesia and the WFP CoE Brazil.

The virtual exchanges enabled the two countries to share knowledge and experience around health and nutrition in schools and to better adapt their programmes in a post-COVID-19 setting.

Informed by a "Fill the Nutrient Gap" study, representatives from Indonesia's Ministries of Development Planning, Health and Education delivered presentations on:

- Indonesia's Policy Guidelines for Improving Nutrition for School-age Children;
- School Health Initiatives as platforms for intervention in health and nutrition programs;
- Reopening of Schools; and
- Experience with Face-to-Face Learning (policy, strategy, implementation and challenges).

The National Fund for Education Development, with support from the Brazilian Cooperation Agency, also shared its experience in the Brazilian National School Feeding Programme (PNAE).

Some knowledge shared from PNAE included legal frameworks, financing, local procurement strategies, guiding policy documentation and covid response and adaptation.

Building on that, government representatives from the two countries, with WFP support, jointly identified relevant topics for further South-South exchanges with next steps being:

- (1) Continuing knowledge sharing between Indonesia and Brazil on cross-sector policy dialogues for enhancing the national policy framework for a healthy food environment and improved nutrition for school-aged children. This is in the context of recovering from COVID-19, as well as the provision of technical assistance for the development and testing of prototype schools;
- (2) Organizing advocacy and policy dialogues on mainstreaming nutrition of school children into the conditional cash transfer social protection programme (PKH). Including the integration of comprehensive nutrition education into PKH family development sessions.



WFP CoE Brazil launches Policy Briefs on Childhood Obesity and Malnutrition in partnership with Brazil, Colombia and Peru

Since 2019, Brazil, Colombia and Peru have leveraged SSTC to share experiences in policies for advancing food security and nutrition.

This collaboration was enabled in the framework of WFP's [Nurture the Future Project](#), in collaboration with the Brazilian Ministry of Health and the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC).

An objective of this collaboration is to develop policy tools, including policy briefs, to share information on how to tackle the multiple burden of malnutrition and obesity.

In May 2021, the [first policy brief](#) was published with a view to informing strategy development by public managers at the local level (municipal and state managers) for the prevention and care of childhood obesity.

Following that, in November 2021, the [second policy brief](#) was released highlighting experiences from Brazil, Colombia, and Peru and outlining some steps for the prevention and care of obesity.

Leveraging knowledge of the 3 countries, the Nurture the Future Project informed the Brazilian National Strategy to tackle childhood obesity.

As next steps, the project aims to continue to strengthen knowledge networks and to facilitate more SSTC via national and international seminars.

Upcoming exchanges will continue exploring remote and cost-effective modalities of SSTC (e.g., seminars, publications, etc.)

To learn more and find out how you can contribute to this project, please visit the [project page](#).



Update from WFP's Network of Centres of Excellence

WFP Regional Centre of Excellence Based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (CERFAM)

Senegal shares its experience in advocating for the school feeding program with 150 actors from around the world with support from CERFAM

In February 2022, the Ministry of National Education of Senegal participated in a virtual workshop to share its experience on financing school feeding with intra and inter-regional partners, with CERFAM's facilitation.

More than 150 actors and decision-makers participated in the workshop, including high-level representatives from Senegal, Benin, Togo, WFP CoE Brazil and the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF).

The workshop was also an opportunity for participants to learn about the experiences from the Global Foundation for Child Nutrition (GCNF), WFP and the CoE Brazil, and the AU Commission for Education, Science and Technology.

Participants also included high-level representatives from Togo and Nigeria, and the President and Vice-President of the network of parliamentarians for school feeding in Senegal.

Some of the experience shared by Senegal includes the establishment of the Group of Friends of School Feeding in Senegal (GAASS) .

GAASS is an informal advocacy network bringing together 20 eminent individuals – that aims to strengthen advocacy with decision-makers and other actors, contribute to the promotion of basic education and increase

the utilization of school canteens.

This South-South exchange responds to some of the challenges faced by developing countries in identifying financially sustainable models for taking full ownership of school feeding programmes.



Photo:WFP/Evelyn Fey

Guinea on the way to reducing post-harvest losses in the rice sector

In February 2022, the Government of Guinea organized a National Workshop for Assessing Post-harvest Losses in the Rice Value Chain, which included participation from China's Henan University of Technology.

This collaboration was facilitated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in Guinea and WFP Guinea CO with support from CERFAM and WFP China CoE.

During the workshop, participants exchanged knowledge and expertise to reduce post-harvest losses by leveraging modern technology and identifying practical solutions for the challenge.

Experts from China also shared good practices for post-harvest management of rice during the drying, storage, processing, and packaging stages.

The objective of the workshop was to:

- Present and validate the report from an analysis conducted in 2021 in Guinea.
- Develop an action plan, focusing on the links in the rice value chain leading to a global roadmap for the reduction of post-harvest losses and its optimization in Guinea.
- Identify potential sources of funding for the execution of the action plan.
- Initiate capacity building actions for national actors through training of trainers in the management of post-harvest losses.

The report and action plan were validated by the government. A roadmap was prepared and will inform the way forward to continue the collaboration between participants and partners.

type of loss	causes	drying	store	milling
quantity loss	exceed grain content in impurities / by-products/reject or due to leakage	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
quality loss	heat damage due to exceed temp	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
	damaged by rats, bird, insect, moldy		✓	✓
quantity loss & quality loss (nutrition loss)	ultra low moisture due to exceed drying	✓✓✓	✓	✓
	high broken kernel rate due to exceed pressure / impact /stress variation/ temp.	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
	high crack kernel rate due to exceed pressure / impact /stress variation/ temp.	✓✓✓	✓	✓✓✓
	over milling due to exceed milling degree			✓✓✓

Regional Outlook: Latin America and the Caribbean

WFP's Global Field Pilot Initiative in Ecuador with support from MARA of China helps Ecuadorian women lead agricultural innovation on the rice-duck integrated farming technique

Since 2019, the Ministry of Agriculture in Ecuador and the Government of China, have continued the strong collaboration in light of the WFP-MARA SSTC Field Pilot Initiative.

In September 2021, they joined hands with WFP's support to organize a demonstration at the Community Social Development Association "La Elvira".

The demonstrations aimed at equipping La Elvira to replicate the rice-duck integrated farming technique in other communities in Ecuador in order to improve access to nutritious food, diversify incomes and reduce household expenses.

This technique is being contextualized in Ecuador with support from experts from China. As key features, the technique utilizes chemical-free production that enables environmentally friendly cultivation practices.

This is complemented by interventions that provide women smallholders with access to credit and resources with a view to enabling their economic empowerment.

In 2022, driven by a clear demand of the national government, WFP will explore opportunities to further scale up the sustainable "rice-duck" model to other regions of Ecuador in collaboration with local partners, including

FAO. For more information about the project see [here](#).



Photo: WFP/Karen Vega

Dominican Republic: On leading knowledge and good practice exchanges for sustainable food systems in the region

In February 2022, WFP held a High-Level Forum on Adaptive Social Protection Policies to discuss strengthening sustainable and resilient food systems in the face of climate change.

The forum marked the successful completion of a SSTC project in adaptative social protection between Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, enabled by WFP's COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund in 2020 and 2021. More than 150 government officials from the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region participated.

As a key speaker, the WFP Regional Director, Lola Castro, participated in the forum. She emphasized the importance of increasing cohesiveness among the involved countries for strengthening institutions and capacities to implement more efficient public policies and social programmes.



Photo: WFP/Miller Choles

SSTC Project: Dominican Republic

The SSTC project in the Dominican Republic enabled the exchange of good practices on adaptive social protection between LAC countries.

The objective was to develop a more integrated response to shocks in the Dominican Republic, including COVID-19.

WFP facilitated virtual dialogues, roundtables, and webinars to exchange knowledge between the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.

Government officials shared best practices related to:

- Public policies and strategies to address overweight and obesity;
- Public policies for risk management and climate change adaptation; and
- Innovative programmes for smallholder agriculture.

The SSTC project also contributed to the design of a Dossier of Good Practices in effective social protection policies in response to COVID-19.

Additionally, a roadmap was developed with prioritized areas to strengthen the cooperation among the 4 LAC countries that took part in the initiative.

Regional Outlook: Africa

The Government of Chad taps into WFP's COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund for Social Protection and Single Registry Mechanisms

In December 2021, WFP Chad and RBD facilitated an online conference with 5 countries (Chad, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Republic of Congo and Kenya) and with the participation of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG), from Brazil.

The event enabled peer learning at policy and technical levels on the management and operation of social registries for social protection. Participants included the Ministries of Economy and Development Planning of Chad and their homologues in Kenya, Burkina Faso, and the Republic of Congo.

In January 2022, Chad participated in a study tour to Kenya to learn about social protection and single registry mechanisms in view of the pandemic. This was key to expand knowledge about the Kenyan experience and gain insights on options to enhance the system in Chad.

Following that, in March 2022, the collaboration continued through a workshop in Chad that helped reflect on how to contextualize learnings from the exchanges with other countries and translate this into tangible actions to enhance Chad's social registry.

The workshop included participation of national stakeholders in Chad, including the Institute of Statistics, the

Ministry of Planning and Budgeting, 4 UN agencies, and multi and bilateral partners.

Experts from the Kenyan Government and 3 WFP teams joined the workshop to provide technical training elements, advice, and support with the facilitation.

The workshop helped to issue recommendations and identify actions to be taken which built on lessons learned from South-South exchanges.

For example, Chad revived the review process of the draft national social protection strategy, to better incorporate and reflect the role and visions for the social registry in Chad in the social protection sector and beyond.



Photo: WFP/Chad

Hybrid Workshop on Strengthening the Nigerian Home-Grown School Feeding Programme

In December 2021, WFP facilitated a hybrid event for knowledge exchanges on the integration of Nigeria's school feeding policy into Nigerian national food systems.

The event included the in-person participation of the Nigerian Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management, and Social Development, the Nigerian School Meals Multi-Sectoral Steering Committee and WFP Nigeria.

RBD and WFP CoE Brazil facilitated the online participation of the Government of Brazil, WFP's School-Based Programmes Division (SBP), and the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Best practices from the Nigerian, Chinese and Brazilian experiences were presented and discussed, as well as global and regional school feeding strategies supported

by WFP divisions in HQ and CoEs.

The event counted with speakers from 6 different WFP offices including HQ, Abuja, Dakar and WFP CoEs Brazil, China and CERFAM.

The workshop supported the Nigerian Government's efforts in further developing their Home-Grown School Feeding Programme.

By introducing national key stakeholders to successful experiences in the design and implementation of school meals in the Global South the Government was able to see first-hand how to catalyze the development of the local economy and related value chains.



Photo: WFP/Nigeria

Regional Outlook: Asia

WFP Jordan and Indonesia Country Offices facilitated SSTC to support strengthening national capacities in disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness and response

In February 2022, the Governments of Jordan and Indonesia leveraged SSTC to exchange experiences in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and emergency preparedness and response (EPR).

This initiative received financial support through seed funding from WFP's COVID-19 South-South Opportunity Fund managed by the global SSTC Unit in PRO.

WFP COs in Jordan and Indonesia enabled a virtual exchange between the two countries to share Indonesia's good practices in impact analysis and risk monitoring focusing on drought upon request of the Government of Jordan.

The virtual exchange also enabled WFP to share its experience as a partner for technical assistance by presenting its innovative [Platform for Real-time Impact and Situation Monitoring](#) (PRISM) that can serve as an inspiration for NCSCM in Jordan.

PRISM is a solution developed by WFP that assesses the potential risks and analyses the impact of climate hazards on the most vulnerable communities, in order to design risk reduction activities and target disaster responses.

A key takeaway of the virtual exchange is that WFP should continue fostering South-South partnerships to enable policy dialogue for optimizing governance systems around drought risk management between Jordan, Indonesia and potentially other countries.

This virtual exchange comes as the first SSTC activity that will complement WFP technical assistance to Jordan's NCSCM in strengthening capacities in EPR, and enhancing the effectiveness and timeliness of the national response to shocks and hazards through establishing a system to improve disaster risk analysis and visualization.

WFP will continue supporting the Government of Jordan throughout this process and brokering SSTC to leverage knowledge and experience that can help countries achieve their national priorities in relation to SDG 2.

Snapshot of the virtual exchange between Jordan and Indonesia



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