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“South-South Cooperation is a powerful tool as we advance, together, towards the Sustainable Development Goals and fulfill the promise to leave no one behind.”

[António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations]



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What's happening in Rome?

WFP Country Offices engagement in South-South Cooperation increases to 74% !

The engagement of WFP Country Offices in South-South Cooperation has seen an upward trend over the past 3 years. In 2017, **74%** of WFP Country Offices have been engaged in supporting their host governments on South-South initiatives that promote country-led progress on zero hunger (versus **48%** in 2014).

WFP Country Offices engaged in South-South Cooperation



Take a look at the 2017 highlights in our [Overview of 2017 WFP initiatives on South-South cooperation](#). It includes the latest SSC initiatives supported by WFP's Regional Bureaux, achievements of WFP's Centres of Excellence in Brazil and China and WFP's global partnerships.

You can contact Carola.Kenngott@wfp.org, Global SSC Coordinator in OSZ, for further information.

WFP's preparations begin for the second High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation !

WFP has started to prepare its engagement at the **second High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation** to be held in **Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March 2019**. The conference will mark the 40th anniversary of the adoption of the 1978 [Buenos Aires Plan for Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing countries \(BAPA+40\)](#). The conference will aim to review the global trends in

South-South and triangular cooperation. This includes the progress made by the international community, in particular the United Nations, in supporting and promoting such cooperation and identifying new opportunities for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Take a look at the [outcomes of the first High Level Conference on South-South Cooperation](#) in Nairobi (2009) to see what has been achieved in this area already.

WFP, FAO and IFAD work together on a joint M&E framework for SDG 2 South-South initiatives



The UN Rome-Based Agencies (RBA) have formed a working group to design a **joint methodological and technical guidance for monitoring and evaluation** of South-South initiatives that contribute to **SDG 2**.

On 5th April, the Directors of the three RBA working on South-South cooperation (SSC) came together to

discuss the coordination of their efforts, review their RBA work programmes and set milestones to start **joint preparation for the Second High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires**. The joint M&E framework for SSC is one of the key deliverables of the RBA for the conference.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Get engaged! Showcase your Country Office's work in the UN-wide publication on Good Practices in South-South and Triangular cooperation for Sustainable Development.

The Secretary General's Special Envoy on South-South cooperation has called for good practices from WFP for the upcoming UN-wide publication on ["Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development"](#). It will feature the most innovative South-South practices, supported by the UN system, and is an opportunity for WFP Country Offices to present their work in front of **donors and the G77+China**. If you are interested to participate, get in touch with Ragini.Malik@wfp.org (OSZ) and share your story by **11 May 2018**. You may find the [template](#) here useful for preparing your case.

Good Practices in
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WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil

WFP Centre of Excellence in Brazil facilitates knowledge sharing on school-meals benefits

The following initiatives, supported by the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil, have enabled knowledge sharing on school meals' benefits in 2018:

1) **African Union study for school feeding**: This study synthesizes the outcomes and multi-sectoral returns from school feeding in the African Union (AU) member states. It showcases the benefits of the home-grown school meals model for community development, social protection and employment creation. The study proposes seven recommendations for AU countries to improve and scale these initiatives up. To read more click [here](#).

2) **African Day of School Feeding**: Under the theme "Enabling governance to advance African children and youth potential through promoting sustainable school feeding programmes", the African Union celebrated the 3rd African Day of School Feeding on March 1st in Zimbabwe. It marked Africa's commitment for an enabling environment for governance in the area of school meals. To read more click [here](#).

3) **Lusophone Community Meeting on School Feeding Programmes**: The representatives of nine countries of the Community of Portuguese Language



Laos PDR school visit. Photo: WFP/Mariana Rocha

Countries (CPLP) met in Brazil on 14-15 March for an international seminar on the sustainability of school meals programmes. To read more click [here](#).

4) **Exchange with Laos PDR on zero hunger**: A Brazilian delegation went on a mission to Laos PDR from 19-23 February for knowledge exchange on different approaches to achieve zero hunger and focus on improving [Laos PDR school meals programme](#). To read more click [here](#).

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WFP China Centre of Excellence

Call for grassroots approaches in Southeast-Asia to boost rural revitalization through SSC

The WFP China Centre of Excellence participated in a "Lancang-Mekong Village Head Forum" in Yunnan, China in April. It was co-hosted by the **Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Affairs of China (MARA)** and the **People's Government of Yunnan Province**. It focused on "rural revitalization through win-win cooperation and innovation". The event aimed at enhancing cooperation at grassroots level and promote the sharing of development experiences among countries along the Lancang-Mekong river. These include **China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam**.

Over **300 representatives** from the **six countries** were present at the forum. Participants included high-level officials, village heads, heads of rural cooperatives and delegates from relevant industries, academies and research institutes.

At the forum, Dr. Sixi Qu, Country Director of WFP China, shared WFP China's South-South cooperation



Dr. Sixi Qu delivering keynote speech at the Lancang-Mekong Village Head forum Photo: WFP/ Yan Jia

strategy. He called for support and collaboration in the sub-regions along the Lancang-Mekong river through grassroots SSC initiatives which can foster young farmers' entrepreneurship and contribute to rural revitalization. Click [here](#) to read the full article. To learn more, please contact, Qiang.Li@wfp.org, SSC Officer in the WFP China Centre of Excellence.



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What is happening in the regions?

Southern Africa: Zimbabwe is expanding South-South Cooperation with Namibia

WFP Zimbabwe hosted a delegation from the Government of Namibia and the WFP Namibia Country Office in February, as they undertook a “look-and-learn mission” to see how different WFP programmes are being implemented.



Mission participants interviewing beneficiaries at a local shop. Photo: WFP/Francis Mupazviriho

It was led by the Namibian Permanent Secretary, Mr. I-Ben Nashandi from the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare. He expressed interest in learning about best practices related to WFP’s “SCOPE” Platform and integrated beneficiary management systems at WFP Zimbabwe.

The delegation met with the WFP CO management and learned about “SCOPE” as a **transacting platform** and its potential for an **integrated beneficiary management system**. Site visits were conducted to showcase WFP activities in action. The delegation also interacted with different communities in the Rushinga region where successful community assets have been created to withstand climatic shocks.

“WFP Zimbabwe is supporting the Government of Zimbabwe in developing innovative ways to improve resilience in communities and social protection programmes, including through pioneering platforms like SCOPE” said WFP Country Representative and Director, Mr. Eddie Rowe. He highlighted the benefits of South-South cooperation to inspire change in this area across countries.

The cooperation between Namibia’s Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and Zimbabwe’s Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare will soon be strengthened through a **Memorandum of Understanding** under the existing Namibia-Zimbabwe Joint Commission.

To learn more, please contact: [Ashley Baxstrom](#), Head of Donor Relations, WFP Zimbabwe.

African Risk Capacity: Five Years of Pan-African solutions against natural disaster risks

The [African Risk Capacity \(ARC\)](#) marked its 5th anniversary as a Specialized Agency of the African Union in November 2017. It is the leading institution in disaster risk financing, deploying innovative, objective and transparent parametric mechanisms that spearhead discussions around disaster risk management and climate change in Africa.



General Mohamed Béavogui and H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat. Photo: African Union Commission

Here are some achievements of the ARC initiative:

- **33 African governments** constitute as the ARC Agency and fortify their disaster risk management systems through intra-African collaboration;
- **8 countries** have transferred risk to ARC Insurance Company Limited which is the mutual insurance facility owned by the African governments;
- **\$36.8 million in payments** have assisted over **2.1 million people** across Senegal, Mauritania, Malawi, and Mali against the impacts of drought over the past few years;
- UK, Germany, Canada, Switzerland, USA, Sweden, and the Rockefeller Foundation support ARC by funding its capacity building programme and contributing capital to **ARC Ltd’s pool**.

ARC will continue to forge partnerships with governments and private sector institutions across Africa in the future. For more information, please contact Chinedu.Moghalu@wfp.org or visit the [ARC website](#). Click [here](#) to explore our case study on ARC.

What is happening in the regions?

Western Africa : Regional Mapping of South-South cooperation opportunities

One of RBD's ongoing initiatives on South-South cooperation in the West Africa region is a **regional mapping of South-South opportunities**. The mapping captures country demands in areas such as school meals, social protection and safety nets, empowerment of smallholder farmers, nutrition and emergency preparedness. These country demands are then matched against possible South-South partners and their technologies, national models, expertise and technical assistance, which can help to address those gaps. The aim is to provide Country Offices with a practical overview of collaboration opportunities that they can use to broker South-South cooperation more systematically within West Africa when designing their CSPs and iCSPs.

The mapping, which is supported by OSZ, builds on a series of consultations with selected Country Offices as well as with RBD Heads of Units. It also includes opportunities scoped through the engagement with WFP



WFP Senegal Photo: WFP/Jenny Matthews

Centres of Excellence in China and Brazil. Upon completion of the mapping in July 2017, RBD COs will be able to incorporate the most relevant SSC opportunities into their CSPs. This initiative has been inspired by a RBJ-OSZ project in 2017, when a regional South-South mapping was developed for the first time in WFP for the Southern Africa region. For further information contact, William.Affif@wfp.org and Miranda.Sende@wfp.org RBD, or Carola.Kenngott@wfp.org in OSZ.

New tool to support WFP Country Offices: "Pointers for South-South cooperation" for your CSP design!



Are you looking to incorporate South-South opportunities more systematically into the design of your CSP? Is your government approaching you for help in connecting them with other Southern partners to tackle a specific hunger challenge or to share their own innovations? Then this announcement will be of interest to you: WFP CO and RB can tap into the support of OSZ's global SSC team when seeking to incorporate **South-South opportunities in the design of their CSP**. Through a simple desk review and drawing on **WFP's global "pool of SSC solutions"**. The SSC focal point in Rome can help you to identify options for SSC to address the needs and gaps identified in the Strategic Review and to help implement your CSP Strategic Outcome Areas by tapping into the support from other countries. The **"SSC pointers"** is a 2-3 page overview of SSC opportunities tailored to your line of sight which you may find helpful for CSP design. For a reference examples of existing SSC pointers or to learn more, you can contact Carola.Kenngott@wfp.org in OSZ.

Upcoming events!



Asia-Pacific:
Regional Experience
Sharing Workshop on
Nutrition

•The WFP Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific is organizing a regional workshop on **"enhancing evidence-based policy dialogue & nutrition impact through social protection platforms"**. The workshop will be hosted on **3-4 May 2018**. Contact Kimberly.Deni@wfp.org for further information.

WFP China: Training
Workshop on
Harvesting and Post-
Harvest
Mechanization

•WFP China is preparing for a training workshop on **"harvesting and post-harvest mechanization to support food security in Asia and Africa"**. It will be hosted on **21-27 May, 2018** in **Nanjing, China**. Contact Yan.Jia@wfp.org for further information.

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