



South-South Quarterly Newsletter

"In the future, we expect that a wide range of actors and partners will add to the story of South-South and triangular cooperation, expanding the base of knowledge.

We hope that, in another forty years, development practitioners will look back at this stocktaking of the state of South-South and triangular cooperation with a sense of pride in what we began here and in what will have subsequently been accomplished. "

[Jorge Chediek, Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on South-South Cooperation]

What's happening in Rome?

WFP Global Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation



On the 15th and 16th of October, WFP's Programme Division (PRO) hosted a **Global Meeting on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) in Rome**. The meeting brought together **50** participants including 10 Country Directors, 5 WFP Regional Bureaux (RBx), 3 Centres of Excellence (CoE) and HQ divisions.

Over the past few years, WFP's work on SSTC has grown tremendously, with over **73%** of WFP COs engaged in SSTC with their host governments to date. The objective of the meeting was to discuss **WFP's future strategic options as SSTC broker for SDG 2**.

Valerie Guarnieri, Assistant Executive Director, highlighted the strong potential for SSTC to contribute to **WFP's shifting role from a 'deliverer' to 'enabler'**. SSTC **expands WFP's capacity** to strengthen country capacities for SDG2 in the run-up of 2030.

During the event, the **priorities** from the regions were heard in a regional roundtable and sessions on "voices from the field". Lessons from operationalizing SSTC **field projects** and experiences from WFP's growing network of Centres of Excellence were discussed.

David Kaatrud, Director of Program (Humanitarian and

Development) at WFP HQ emphasized the **three key takeaways**:

1. WFP engagement in SSTC has been recognized as an important strategic opportunity for WFP Country Offices to position themselves, notably on the **"changing lives agenda"**.
2. SSTC is an important means for the implementation of the **second generation of Country Strategic Plans**.
3. There are opportunities for **synergies and strategic alignment** among SSTC partners.

A set of **concrete follow-up actions** were agreed:

1. **Launch of a WFP SSTC Task Force** to further explore WFP's strategic options on (1) managing risks and opportunities related to SSTC; (2) WFP SSTC delivery models; and (2) matching future demands and SSTC offers.
2. **Global SSTC Helpdesk**: Consolidation of a targeted SSTC service package for colleagues in the field, building on the needs and priorities discussed at the global meeting.
3. **Fostering WFP's global seed funding initiative** to continue supporting COs to realize SSTC project opportunities in the field.
4. Facilitating a **network for learning**, exchange and knowledge brokering with WFP Centres of Excellence.

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South-South Match.com: Where Demand Meets Supply

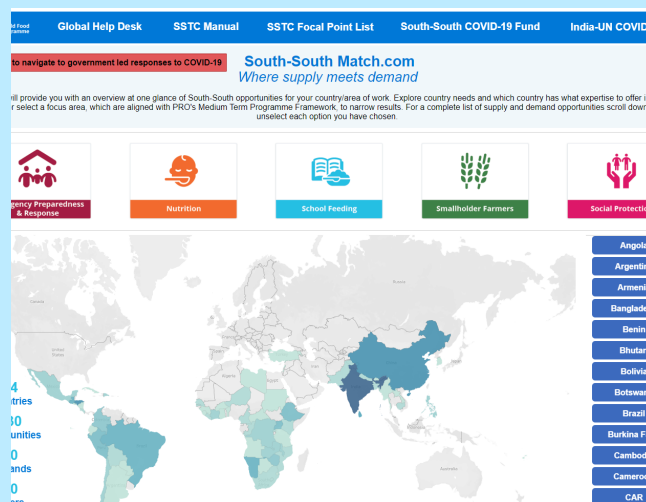
WFP's Programme Division, in collaboration with OSN, and interested WFP RBx, CoEs and technical functions, has developed a global knowledge matching platform for WFP COs in order to **broker SSTC**.

The new platform, called "[South-South Match.com](https://www.south-south-match.com)" serves as a **"one-stop shop"** for **WFP Country Offices and Regional Bureaux** to get an **overview** of country demands and available knowledge, expertise and technologies from countries in the developing world.

The platform helps to

- **"Match"** demand and offer.
- **Identify** the most relevant SSTC cooperation partners.
- **Explore** the most relevant SSTC opportunities for each specific country context, so WFP COs can start the dialogue with their host governments.
- **Expand** WFP's knowledge base as visibility as SSTC partner.

To display new solutions or opportunities on the platform you can contact your CO or request for support from the **Global Help Desk** on South-South Cooperation click [here](#) or contact Gabriela.Dutra@wfp.org and Katherine.Gaylord@wfp.org.



Global Initiatives

WFP Receives First Contribution for SSTC from the India-UN Development Fund

The [India-UN Development Partnership Fund](#) awarded US \$1 million to WFP Zimbabwe to support **smallholder farmers** in drought-prone regions.

WFP Zimbabwe is the **first WFP CO** to have received a contribution from the Fund which was created by the **Government of India in 2017** to promote South-South cooperation among developing countries. The Fund is managed by the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC)** and implemented in collaboration with UN agencies.

The project in Zimbabwe will aim at enhancing the **resilience of smallholder farmers** by increasing small grains production, productivity and improving market access.

Application to this fund is a **member-state driven process**. **Agriculture, natural disaster recovery, climate resilience, and employment & livelihood** are among the priority areas of the fund.

Priority is given to Least Developed Countries, Land-locked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Responding to the interest raised in the SSTC Global Meeting, **WFP Zimbabwe** and the **WFP SSTC team** developed a guidance note for COs on how to apply for the fund.

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The 2019 Global Child Nutrition Forum: Supporting Peer Learning and Technical Assistance for School Feeding Programmes

From **December 2nd-6th**, the 2019 [Global Child Nutrition Forum](#) was held in Siem Reap, **Cambodia**. This Forum's edition was organized by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF), the Royal Government of Cambodia, and several WFP divisions and offices - CoE Brazil, CO Cambodia, RBB and OSF.

This year the forum was held in partnership with **the Kingdom of Cambodia Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport**, which hosted the forum. This marks the **first time** the forum has been held in the **Southeast Asia region**.

The forum's recommendations this year include a call for **governments to commit political will and funding**; for country leaders to **adapt data management systems** for transparency and accountability; and to **explore innovative models to improve school feeding systems** and their efficacy.

The forum also emphasized the need for **all those involved** in child nutrition to encourage interactions with **farmers and local communities** to increase participation and knowledge of **nutrition and food safety** among those most vulnerable. The recommendations can be found [here](#).

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Global Child Nutrition Forum 2019

New Global Initiatives: SSTC Pilot Projects in the Field

What is WFP's Seed Funding Initiative for SSTC Pilot Projects in the Field About?

- In 2019, WFP has launched a Global Seed Funding Initiative with support from the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA), which helped to realize a first wave of SSTC pilot projects in the field.
- Country-driven projects in Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Kenya and the Republic of Congo are being jointly implemented by WFP COs, with support from PRO, WFP China, and respective RBx in partnership with FAO and respective host governments.
- The projects aim to create benefits for the most vulnerable people on the ground, building on WFP's existing work and operational capacity in supply chain, value chain and market access support.
- Each pilot leverages China's successful experience in reducing poverty and hunger through diverse SSTC modalities (e.g. farmer-to farmer exchange, in-field training, advocacy, investment promotion)
- Technical assistance is facilitated in cooperation with WFP and FAO, and at WFP's side, particularly through the WFP China Centre of Excellence and WFP's network of SSTC partners, supported by Country Offices, Regional Bureaus and relevant Technical Divisions.

Pilot Project in Ecuador: Strengthening the Capacity and Market Access of Rural Smallholder Women



In Ecuador, WFP's pilot project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAG) in order to support vulnerable smallholder farmers to **achieve food security and improve their livelihoods**, with a particular focus on **empowering rural smallholder women**.

The project is being implemented through **two key components**: i) strengthening the **capacities of MAG's** officials to expand their reach and provide more effective extension services to vulnerable smallholder families; and ii) strengthening the **role of rural women** in the formulation of Ecuador's rural development policy through South-South policy advocacy and peer-learning within Latin America.

Just as an example of the pilot's activities, the **Government of Ecuador** in collaboration with **WFP, FAO and WFP CoE China** organized a series of workshops, on-the-job training and field demonstrations in order to strengthen the capacities of **smallholder farmers**, with a focus on **women's empowerment**.

WFP and FAO complemented this effort by supporting the Ecuadorian Government to develop **policies that strengthen the role of rural women and increase their access to market opportunities** in Ecuador.

From September 23rd-29th, two Farmers Organizations' leaders and two technicians from the Ministry of Agriculture of Ecuador participated in a **farm stay in China**.

Participants learned new management skills and techniques on how to diversify crops and improve access to markets through **peer learning** and **in-field demonstrations**.

The project also enabled **South-South policy advocacy** by providing a platform for intra-regional peer learning and **networking of rural women leaders** in Ecuador, Peru and Guatemala. A series of **12 roundtables** with **744 rural women** were organized in Ecuador in order to foster the role of rural smallholder women in rural development policies.

Peer learning sessions with **Peru, Honduras and Guatemala** have been organized by the Ministry of Agriculture with support from WFP and FAO, which brought female lead farmers together with Ecuadorian smallholder women. The women shared their experiences and identified entry points to influence public policies in order to **overcome gender inequalities** and promote the role of **women in rural development**. Three rural women organizations' leaders from Peru and Guatemala, one Guatemalan human rights and gender specialist, 77 MAG authorities and technicians, 13 NGO delegates and international organizations were engaged in this effort.

The findings from the peer learning discussions fed into **knowledge products** and **recommendations** for the formulation of Ecuador's upcoming **public policies**. Key recommendations from Ecuador's **rural policy** were presented by **lead farmers**. One such presenter was **Claudia Gomez from Honduras**, and the Ministry of Agriculture at the **"Day of the Rural Woman"** [October 15th], in Quito, to raise awareness and advocacy for policy actions to **support women smallholder farmers**.

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Global Initiatives: Seed Funding for Pilot Projects in the Field

Pilot project in the Republic of Congo: Linking Cassava Production to School Feeding

The **key objective of the pilot** project in Congo is to design a participatory and evidence-based strategy for improving farmers' capacity to develop the **cassava value chain** and increase **local community ownership** and participation in HGSP programme's implementation by engaging key stakeholders of the local cassava value-chain as well as key government institutions.

Cassava is a traditional food source in the Republic of Congo and—if well processed and linked to markets—bears potential to reach more people for a life without hunger and malnutrition in Congo.

The pilot project will contribute to the **preparation phase of a larger RBA-led cassava value chain initiative** by helping smallholders connect with the HGSP pilot programme as one key entry point to **enhance local cassava-growing farmers' access to market**.

The project will leverage WFP's **strong operational capacity** and **deep field-level presence** to reach out to the most vulnerable smallholders.

Just as an example of the projects activities, from **October-December**, both the training of smallholder farmers and a food product study were conducted.

The training was delivered by the Agricultural Technique Demonstration Centre (**CDTA**) in partnership with Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (**CATAS**) using a combination of training sessions, in-field demonstrations (farmer field schools) and on-the-job coaching.

The training targeted Farmers **Organizations leaders** and **extension services government officials** who, in turn, commit to train local smallholder farmers in order to **strengthen their capacity** to supply high yielding and disease resistance varieties of raw cassava to the local market.

The **food product study** assessed the specific demands of the Congolese market and will contribute to the design of a suitable range of **cassava products**. The study will recommend **key features** for the cassava products that processors would produce for the market and for the **WFP school feeding program**.

These initiatives are part of a **3-phase project** to be implemented by the **RBA** in partnership with the **Government of the Congo**, to improve the local **cassava value chain**.

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Pilot Project in Sri Lanka: Peer Learning for Smallholder Farmers on Climate-Resilient Agriculture, Post-Harvest Management and Value Aggregation



The joint **WFP-FAO** pilot project in **Sri Lanka** aims to **enhance vulnerable farmers' resilience** against recurrent natural shocks. The focus of the project is on strengthening the capacities of selected smallholder farmers as well as relevant Government officials in the Sri Lankan Ministry of Finance, Economy and Policy development and Ministry of Agriculture in the areas of climate-resilient agriculture, post-harvest management and value aggregation.

The pilot project has been designed so that it complements and leverages the activities of the existing **WFP Sri Lanka 'R5n project'** (USD 6 million WFP Resilience Building Project) which aims to

improve smallholders' resilience to droughts, through direct support to 21,600 people living below the poverty line in climate-shock-prone districts in Sri Lanka.

First, a **rapid assessment** was conducted to identify farmers' and government officials' learning needs and was carried out under WFP's coordination for the **supply chain** and **access to market** component of the project.

The **results of this assessment** helped to inform a mission of **10 Sri-Lankan farmer leaders** and **government officers** to China in December for a "train-the-trainers" initiative. The smallholders also participate in a series of **peer-learning sessions** and **in-field demonstrations** in **Sri Lanka** focusing on climate-resilient agriculture production practices, post-harvest management, farm mechanization and value aggregation.

The pilot will inform a **scale-up phase** to further expand a larger **RBA-facilitated SSTC strategic project** in the coming year which can focus on additional districts and provide a holistic support to smallholder farmers throughout the **value chain**.

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WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil

WFP Centre of Excellence Brazil's Work in Enhancing Knowledge Exchange on School Feeding



In **September and October**, WFP CoE Brazil participated in a **series of Webinars** in order to share its expertise and experiences in working with **host governments** on SSTC, nutrition sensitive school feeding and M&E.

WFP CoE Brazil contributed to the discussion with a focus on the following topics:

1. In order to promote cooperation and internal partnerships among WFP COs, WFP shared its experience with [WFP Brazil's efforts on Country Capacity Strengthening in The Gambia and Lesotho](#).

2. WFP CoE Brazil contributed to a discussions on ['Leveraging South-South Cooperation to scale-up work on maternal and child health'](#). This discussion highlighted experiences from different countries using SSTC to encourage knowledge sharing and technology transfers.

3. WFP CoE Brazil also participated in a webinar on [monitoring and evaluation](#) (M&E) of SSTC initiatives linked to home-grown school feeding. This webinar discussed SSTC M&E objectives, lessons learned and challenges in capacity development and how to take M&E forward in **SSTC**.

These webinars contributed to knowledge sharing of lessons learned across WFP and aimed to promote **multi-sectoral collaboration**.

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Uganda's Study Tour to Brazil: Lesson's Learned in Social Protection Programmes

From **November 18th-22th**, key ministers from the **Government of Uganda** participated in a study tour facilitated by WFP Uganda to the **WFP CoE Brazil**.

The **study tour** enabled the government of Uganda to learn about initiatives of the Brazilian Government in order to explore the linkage between smallholder agricultural development to school feeding, social assistance programmes for poverty reduction, food security, nutrition and capacity building.

The tour included meeting technical experts in the **Brazilian government** and in **WFP CoE Brazil** related to the **national school feeding programme** and **field visits** to the surroundings of Brasilia to learn more about the implementation of **social protection policies** in action.

As a follow-up action, the Government of Uganda will establish a **think-tank** to take forward **key aspects** learnt from the Brazil mission in Uganda at both national and local levels.

The **think-tank** is comprised of political leaders, policy makers and experts from the study tour.

The Government of Uganda will organize a **round table** discussion on how to link education policies, school feeding and nutrition to national food security, agriculture and nutrition policies as well as overall **national development plans**.

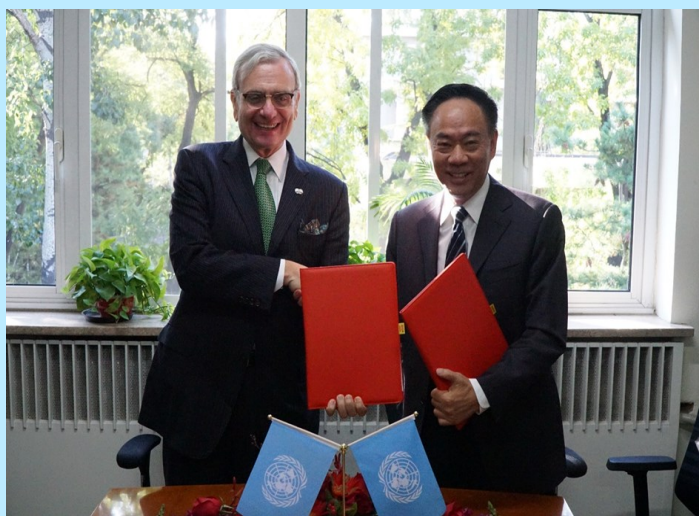
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WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

WFP China Centre of Excellence

WFP China Centre of Excellence Signs Statement of Intent with United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to Promote Joint Actions for Developing Countries



On **October 25th**, WFP China CoE and [UN Office for South-South Cooperation](#) (UNOSSC) signed a **Statement of Intent**.

The purpose of the statement was to **promote joint work** on capacity development, peer learning and knowledge exchanges among youth, smallholder farmers and entrepreneurs from **developing countries**.

The statement was signed by **Dr. Qu Sixi**, Country Director of WFP China CoE, and **Mr. Jorge Chediak**, UNOSSC Director and Envoy on South-South Cooperation.

Both **WFP China CoE** and **UNOSSC** have agreed to provide young entrepreneurs from the global South with access to **skills development trainings, technologies and seed funding support** through joint activities.

These activities include the "[Youth4South \(Y4S\): Advanced Youth Leadership Programme](#)", the "[Demonstration in Africa by African's](#)" (DAA) initiative and the UNOSSC "[Youth Entrepreneurship for the South](#)" (YES) programme, among others.

The **WFP-UNOSSC partnership** will enable sharing China's solutions to help **develop value chains and build resilience against climate change** in rural areas of other developing countries.

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Fostering China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation in Hainan, China



On **December 9th-10th**, 2019, the WFP China CoE, jointly with colleagues from WFP's Strategic Partnership's Division, Programme Division and Supply Chain attended a **high-level forum on China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation** in Hainan, China.

The forum brought together a wide range of government counterparts (e.g. MARA, CIDCA), academia and private sector partners from China as well as developing countries in Africa, in order to **take stock** of the current state of **China-Africa collaboration** and identify op-

tions to expand their partnerships across the **three dimensions of South-South cooperation**: Economic Cooperation, Technical Cooperation and Political Collaboration.

WFP China organized a Policy Seminar on Value Chains and E-Commerce which explored potential future strategic options for China-Africa collaboration facilitated by WFP.

A **field trip to demonstration sites of the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Science** on the second day of the Conference provided the participants with an opportunity to explore China's rich experience in agricultural development.

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WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

Regional Centre of Excellence Against Hunger and Malnutrition in Abidjan

CERFAM, WFP Congo, Benin, and Côte d'Ivoire Partner for Innovative Solutions in Cassava Production

Since August 2019, the **Ministry of Agriculture of Côte d'Ivoire**, in partnership with **WFP Congo**, **CERFAM** and the **Ministry of Agriculture of Benin** and **WFP Benin** have been working together to support the Republic of Congo in improving cassava value chain for 60 farmers and members of 12 farmer's cooperatives in the Bouenza area.

A group of experts and women members of cooperatives from **Côte d'Ivoire** and **Benin** were deployed to **Republic of Congo** to facilitate training in the fabrication of equipment and transformation of cassava in diversified products such as **attiéké** and **gari**.

Gari and attiéké, made from **fermented cassava** in the Republic of the Congo, are produced through **traditional methods**, mainly by hand with outdated technology.

The collaboration started with a high level mission from both countries and CERFAM, in November, who had the dual objective to kick off the collaboration and conducted an in-depth **field assessment** of farmers' situation for cassava production both in equipment used and transformation methods.

Two trainings took place during **four weeks**, one in the fabrication of high-quality machines for transforming cassava into **attiéké** and **gari** and the other in how to process cassava with the machine using a more efficient method.

Seven machines were fabricated and enhanced the line of production, which changed the food chain for these farmers and made them more competitive in terms of productivity and quality.

The **technology transfer** and **training session** from experts and members of cooperative introduced **innovative techniques** that help to produce efficient machines and will contribute to an improved access to markets.

WFP Congo and **CERFAM's** role in this project is to facilitate the exchange and transfer of **knowledge and technology** and to participate in the development of the **cassava value chain** in the Republic of the Congo through the use of innovative techniques accessible to the population in order to achieve the **"zero hunger"** objective.

The next phase will consist of a continuous dialogue and exchange for supporting the **Government of the Congo** to include these practices into their national policies and programmes for sustainability.

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CERFAM and WFP China Centre of Excellence organize Workshop on Reducing Post-Harvest Losses Through Innovative Technology

From **November 23rd-24th** in Abidjan, a workshop on **"Investing in Good Practices and Innovative Technologies to reduce Post-Harvest Losses and contributing to improving Food Security and Nutrition"** was co-organized by CERFAM and the WFP China Centre of Excellence. It was held on the sidelines of the **International Exhibition of Agriculture and Animal Resources of Abidjan (SARA)**.

The workshop brought together **70 experts** from different UN agencies, regional and international institutions, the private sector, universities, research centres and the governments of Africa and China to share their experiences on how to **sustainably manage post-harvest losses**.

At the end of the workshop, participants agreed on the **essential role of South-South cooperation** in providing opportunities for **strategic partnerships** and alliances to **promote affordable** post-harvest technologies and techniques in Africa and enable smallholder farmers and agro-processors to benefit from them.

Key messages emerging from the workshop include: encouraging and supporting governments in post-harvest management through innovative technologies and good practices with local context awareness;

evidence generation; increased participation from smallholders in post-harvest management policy; and strengthened investment from the private sector in new technologies.

The recommendations of the workshop will serve to identify **concrete actions** to reduce post-harvest losses and contribute to "zero hunger" and rural development in Africa.

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What is Happening in the Regions?

South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Asia

India's Study Tour to Costa Rica: Sharing Lessons Learned on Rice Fortification Policies

From 3-8 November, a delegation from the **Government of India** participated in a study tour to Costa Rica coordinated by WFP India, the Nutrition Division of WFP HQ and RBP.

Participants were able to explore **good practices** from Costa Rica's **food fortification system**. The **agenda** covered implementation, quality control, policy formulation, monitoring and production of **fortified rice**.

The study tour included **policy dialogues** and **field visits** to fortified rice kernel production factories.

The delegates identified the following topics of particular interest: the formation of a **National Commission of Micronutrients**, establishing a command **and control centre** for monitoring the roll out of fortified foods, working with **associations of rice millers** rather than with individual entities, and considering a **re-assessment** of the **Indian rice fortification standards**.

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South-South Review in India: Top Investment Opportunities Identified in Consultation with the Government of India



In **November**, the WFP Country Office (CO), WFP's Global SSTC team in the WFP Programme Division in Rome and RBB conducted a joint **"South-South Review"** in **India**.

The review helped to take stock of where India stands as partner for SSTC and identify and prioritize the most relevant **"South-South investment opportunities"** for WFP India in the context of its Country Strategic Plan (CSP).

Consultations with **government representatives**, including the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Human Resources Development, the National Disaster Management Authority, and the Food Safety and Standards Authority, formed the basis for the review.

The South-South review led to the formulation of 10 SSTC investment opportunities, included the following ones that were identified as the **"top 3"**:

Investment Opportunity 1: *Strengthen India's role as a partner for institutional capacity strengthening for disaster management agencies' recovery and relief efforts at the district level within India as well as in the ASEAN region and Southern Africa.*

Investment Opportunity 2: *Enhancing national capacities within India and neighbouring countries (e.g. Nepal, Afghanistan), to prevent food losses by promoting skill upgrade in the management of grain reserves, ware-houses and storage facilities.*

Investment Opportunity 3: *Strengthening India's role as food assistance provider for WFP's humanitarian activities in developing countries abroad by responding to the Government of India's request for facilitating and handling South-South twinning arrangement that provides India's surplus grains to countries that face chronic food shortage.*

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South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Latin America and Caribbean Lebanon Learns from Peru's Social Protection Programmes in Cash Based Transfers



From **2-6 September**, a delegation of **12 officers** from the **Ministry of Social Affairs of Lebanon** (MoSA) were hosted by **WFP Peru** in coordination with **RBP** for a peer learning initiative on social protection.

The delegation met with authorities from the **Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion** (MIDIS) in Peru to **exchange good practices** in terms of institutional organization to guide the design of safety net programme implementation in the context of **Lebanon**.

The visit to **Peru** helped to explore how Peru is implementing its social protection programmes, particularly with the use of **cash based transfers**.

The delegates travelled to the **Piura region** in Peru and learnt about Peru's experience with **five social protection programmes** and explore how the programme is implemented on the ground.

These programmes are called Cuna Más, Qali Warma, Juntos, Pensión 65 and FONCODES. For further information, click [here](#).

This project was supported and facilitated by **RBP** and the WFP Country Offices in **Lebanon and Peru**. To read more, take a look at the news article [here](#).

The **peer learning initiative** contributed to an increased awareness and understanding of government partners of how safety net programmes work and what role the government can take on in order to assist the most vulnerable population through **social protection systems**.

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Memorandum of Understanding for Strengthening South-South Cooperation in the Works for WFP Peru and the Peruvian International Cooperation Agency (APCI)



On 4th October, the **Minister of the Peruvian International Cooperation Agency (APCI)** had a meeting with WFP Peru to work towards the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on SSTC**.

The MoU seeks to **develop a strategy for SSTC** to strengthen the role of Peru to share its experiences in areas such as **social protection, disaster risk reduction and more**.

Based on the good experience with existing SSTC experiences, the Peruvian government has identified opportunities to strengthen their capacity in systemizing Peru's experience and SSTC offer, and decided to provide easy access to **information and opportunities related to SSTC** with Peru.

WFP Peru will support APCI on this endeavour and

take active steps to prepare and systematize information in order to address capacity gaps in this area.

The preparation and signing of the MoU is being supported by RBP.

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What is Happening in the Regions?

South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Africa

Global Centre of Transformative Food Assistance to be Developed in Addis Ababa

From 4-6 November, the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) of the Government of Ethiopia hosted a three-day event on food systems in Addis Ababa with support of WFP Ethiopia. The focus of the event was on **"Transformative Food Assistance: Leveraging Humanitarian Food Assistance to Transform Food Systems Worldwide"**.

The event was held to build consensus on policy reforms, institutional innovations, and investments "toward transformative food assistance". **150 participants** from partner Governments, UN agencies, donors, NGOs, and others from countries around the world joined the event.

Peter Rodrigues, WFP Centre of Excellence in Brazil's Deputy Director, attended the event in Addis to showcase WFP's SSTC principles and the available technical/remote assistance tools that can support rural development and capacity strengthening of smallholder farmers.

Participants discussed the potential of establishing a **Centre for Transformative Food Assistance** in Ethiopia in the near future. The Centre would develop best practices and methodologies; provide technical assistance and capacity building support; broker

partnerships; develop information and advocacy materials; and facilitate peer learning on food systems **across countries**.

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Training for Local Humanitarian Organizations in South Sudan on Supply Chain Management



A round of training to be conducted by researchers from the **University of São Paulo's Centre for Innovation of Logistic Systems** in Brazil is scheduled by the Logistics Cluster in South Sudan for **January 2020**. This training follows the success of the training on advanced **humanitarian logistics** done in January 2019, **45** participants from **25** humanitarian organizations in South Sudan were trained.

In the next round, the researchers will deliver **four separate sessions**, targeting more than 100 mid-to-senior level managers working in logistics, procurement and warehousing in humanitarian organisations operating in **South Sudan**.

The **objective of the training** is to introduce logistics

concepts and strategies to promote informed decision making among humanitarians and encourage **cost efficiency**.

The training is in line with the WFP-led Logistics Cluster **South Sudan's** strategy to increase the effectiveness of the humanitarian response in the country by supporting logistics personnel with the knowledge and skills to perform effectively in their roles.

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First round of training in Juba, South Sudan January 2019

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