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“Three years ago, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is ambitious. It is transformational. And it simply cannot happen without the ideas, energy and tremendous ingenuity of the countries of the South.”

[António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General]



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What's happening in Rome?

South-South Cooperation as driver for progress on SDG 2— Discussion with WFP's Executive Board



Photo: WFP side event on SSTC at the Annual Meeting of WFP's Executive Board. WFP/Giulio Napolitano

On November 27, WFP organized a side event on South-South and triangular cooperation (SSTC) at the margins of its Annual Executive Board Meeting. The event focused on **the role of South-South Cooperation in advancing country-led progress towards zero hunger**. The discussion was moderated by WFP Director of Policy and Programme, Denise Brown.

To set the stage, AED Amir Abdulla highlighted that South-South cooperation is critical to reach the 821 million hungry people in need.

Board members, including China, Egypt, Sri Lanka, India, and Guatemala shared their experiences and discussed

opportunities for collaboration with other countries in rural resilience-building, social protection, and nutrition.

China shared its experience in lifting millions of people out of hunger through policies in rural development. **India** spoke about innovative technology for social protection. **Sri Lanka** raised the importance of regional peer learning to advance rice fortification. **Guatemala** highlighted the role of social protection in reaching people living in poverty, and **Egypt** emphasized the need for more **intra-Africa collaboration** for smallholder farming. FAO's and IFAD's perspectives reflected the strong partnership that already exists among the three Rome-based Agencies (RBA) in this field of work.

Board members suggested to set up joint RBA **South-South activities in rural resilience-building** in 2019 in the field. Another suggestion focused on the need to **connect countries by creating dialogue spaces** back-to-back to WFP's Executive Board meetings.

To close the event, Lauren Landis, Director of Nutrition, summarized the key highlights from the discussion. She echoed the panelists' message that **SSTC is an essential and cost-effective means of achieving SDG2**, which can very well complement WFP's existing efforts.

For more information, you can contact carola.kennigott@wfp.org in OSZ, watch the [recording*](#) of the session and check out our [collection of country experiences](#) related to this event.

"From Fragility Towards Resilience Building": WFP's message at the Global South-South Expo in New York

WFP, FAO and IFAD jointly organized a discussion on the role of South-South cooperation in rural resilience-building at the 2018 [Global South-South Development Expo](#) in New York. The expo is a yearly event organized by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation, (UNOSSC) which brings together the international community, UN agencies and G77+China to showcase innovations in developing countries to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The title of the RBA session at the 2018 Expo was ["From Fragility to Resilience in Rural Settings - the Role of South-South Cooperation"](#). Helder da Costa, General Secretary of the [G7+](#), moderated the discussion. The G7+ is a voluntary association of countries that are or have been affected by conflict and are now in transition to the next stage of development.

Panelists highlighted the relevance of South-South cooperation to help countries in transition to prepare for

shocks and build rural resilience. This way, **hard-won development gains do not face set-backs** during times of shocks.

WFP has also made a strong statement during the Expo's **High-level Forum of Directors General for Development Cooperation (DG Forum)** on 30th November 2018. In front of government representatives and Directors-Generals of international cooperation agencies, Jean-Pierre de Margerie, WFP Deputy Director of Policy and Programme, highlighted that disasters and shocks have contributed to the reversal of the positive trend of hunger reduction. **Supporting and investing in SSTC is critical to strengthen resilience and livelihoods of people living in extreme poverty and vulnerable situations.**

For more details, you can watch the recording of the RBA session [here](#). You may also want to take a look at the recording of the DG Forum with a click [here](#).



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WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil

Mozambique revises proposal for school feeding strategy with support from WFP CoE Brazil

The WFP Centre of Excellence (CoE) against Hunger in Brazil, alongside other partners, has supported the Government of Mozambique with the **review of a proposal for a national school feeding strategy**.

The strategy is an essential component for the **implementation of Mozambique's national school feeding programme** (called "Pronae").

The centre helped to share Brazil's experiences in **monitoring school feeding programmes**. It also provided recommendations to the government with regards to the need to adopt **a school feeding law in Mozambique** to regulate the programme and **include school feeding in longer-term government plans**.

The visit took place in the Mozambican Province of Tete, where one of the pilot projects of Pronae had been implemented. It included a visit to Matambo Community Primary School for participants to see how

the programme works in practice.

The mission formed part of a larger collaboration between the WFP CoE against Hunger and Brazil and the Government of Mozambique, which aims to **consolidate and expand "Pronae"** through South-South cooperation.



Photo: WFP/Mariana Rocha

São Tomé and Príncipe: cost-benefit analysis of school feeding

From September 24 to 28, the WFP CoE against Hunger in Brazil undertook a mission to São Tomé and Príncipe in order to support the government to assess the **return on investment** of school feeding in São Tomé and Príncipe.

The assessment included an analysis of the local food market. It aimed to capture the impact of the school

feeding programme on the reduction of post-harvest food losses and on meals costs.

The results of the cost-benefit assessment will inform the handover of the school feeding programme in São Tomé and Príncipe from the World Food Programme to the government.

For more information [click here](#).

Brazil's contribution to enhancing SSTC in the framework of the 2030 Agenda



Photo: WFP/Giulio d'Adamo

The Brazilian Cooperation Agency organized a side event during **WFP's Annual Executive Board Meeting** in November. The event aimed to review the lessons

and results achieved through the work of the WFP Centre of Excellence (CoE) against Hunger in Brazil.

The meeting showcased **Brazilian tools, mechanisms and Brazil's normative framework** that allow the country to contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through South-South cooperation.

The event also highlighted the **African Union Commission's** experience to advance school feeding across the African continent with support from the WFP CoE against Hunger in Brazil.

Panelists emphasized the contribution that school feeding linked to smallholder farming can make to improving social safety nets. To learn more about the event, you can watch the recording of the session [here](#).*

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What is happening in the regions?

WFP Centre of Excellence in China

Equipping developing countries in Africa and Asia to process food and fortify rice

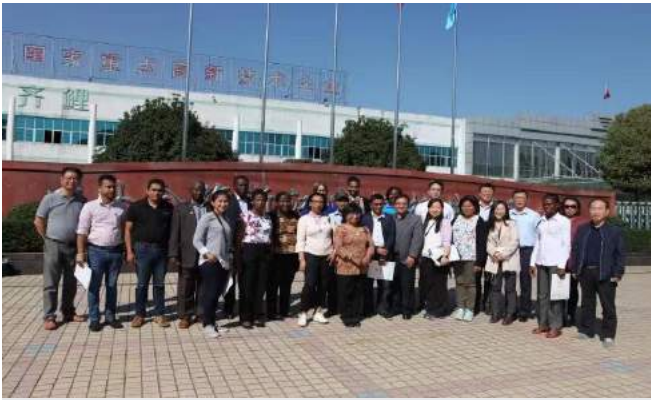


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The WFP China Centre of Excellence, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China (MARA), organized a seven-day training workshop on food processing and rice fortification from October 28 to November 3.

The workshop enabled 18 participants from **6 countries** (Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste) to learn about China's experience and gain access to **technologies related to food processing and rice fortification**.

The participants went to **visit rice processing plants, mills, and fortification lines** in Zhejiang and Jiangsu. They had the opportunity to **forge connections with a wide range of Chinese partners, and to build a peer learning network** among themselves.

The initiative aims to equip countries to develop effective national and voluntary policy approaches on rice fortification and to advance their techniques in this area.



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Disaster risk reduction seminar in Beijing

The WFP China CoE organized a two-day seminar on **Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Resilience** in Beijing from October 22 to 23. The event was organized by WFP in collaboration with the National Centre of Disaster Risk Reduction of China (NDRCC), the central technical agency for disaster risk reduction in China.

The objective of the workshop was to share China's evolving disaster management system including its **early warning system and its rapid assessment methodology**. **50 participants from 6 countries** (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste) attended the training.

The workshop included **discussions with experts on China's policies and exchange of experiences in disaster management and climate change response**. A **technical visit** to NDRCC and China's Meteorological Administration was organized by WFP as well.

The workshop aimed to expand the participants' **exposure to effective policies and models for disaster**

preparedness, disaster risk reduction, resilience building, early warning and rapid assessment by linking Chinese solution providers in this area with technical counterparts from other developing countries.

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A new WFP Centre of Excellence coming up in Côte d'Ivoire — opening on March 4, 2019

On October 5, WFP and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of a WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition in West and Central Africa.

The Centre will focus on sharing experiences of countries in the region in areas such as **family farming, postharvest loss management, malnutrition control, convergence of nutrition, community resilience, and social protection**. It will serve as a knowledge hub to strengthen food security and nutrition in the region.

For more information, you can [click here](#).



Photo: WFP/Isadora Ferreira. Vice-president of Côte d'Ivoire, Daniel Kablan

Safe use of drones: Collaboration between Mozambique's and Madagascar's Disaster Management Offices



Photo: WFP/Katarzyna Chojnacka

offices from **Mozambique** (INGC) and **Madagascar** (BNGRC). As both countries face similar natural disaster risks including cyclones, earthquakes and floods, they are suitable partners to collaborate with each other in this area.

The main objective of this exercise was to equip the countries to **safely use drones in support of humanitarian operations**. The training covered issues such as the set up of national coordination mechanisms, practical flight exercises and data processing.

The training enabled an **exchange of best practices between Mozambique and Madagascar**, as government representatives from both nations presented strategies and ideas on how to use **UAS technology in emergencies**.

For more information about this South-South initiative, [click here](#).

WFP organized a **ten-day practical training** on Advanced Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) with facilitators and participants from **governmental disaster management**

WFP at the Global Child Nutrition Forum 2018

The Global Child Nutrition Forum, the largest annual international conference on school feeding, celebrated its 20th Edition from 21-25 October 2018 in **Tunis**. A record number of 363 representatives from 59 countries participated in the event, including 30 high-level authorities such as ministers and deputy ministers. WFP Executive Director David Beasley opened the event with a keynote speech. Around 40 WFP Offices attended the forum.

During the discussions, participants acknowledged the need to strengthen **ownership for school feeding programmes** and to ensure the **provision of sufficient and regular funds from national budgets** to cover all

adolescents and children benefitting from those programmes. For more information, you can [click here](#).



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Zimbabwe participates in Agricultural Youth Leadership Programme in China

With support from WFP, two Government officials from Zimbabwe gained first-hand experience in agricultural development thanks to a South-South initiative supported by WFP in Zimbabwe.

Mr. Simba Mupodyi, Chief Agricultural Economist of the Marketing and Trade Section of the Zimbabwe Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr. Thue Ndlovu, District Manager of Agritex in Bulawayo, attended a programme called "Youth Leadership programme in South-South Agricultural Cooperation".

The programme was jointly organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and the China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture between August 27 and September 1.

During a **one-week workshop and study tour**, participants learned about **China's experience in the formulation and implementation of agriculture policies**. They learned about the Chinese government's support and **the role of markets in**

promoting agricultural development.

They also visited a modern farm in China to learn about **industry-agriculture linkages in the management of agricultural value chains**. The workshop enabled 30 participants from African countries to engage in a dialogue with peers and exchange lessons in **poverty reduction through agricultural development**.



Photo: Courtesy of Prof. TANG Lixia, China Agriculture University.

Launch of WFP case studies in UN-system wide collection of best practices in South-South and triangular cooperation.

To celebrate the UN Day for South-South Cooperation on September 12, **WFP's work in nutrition, social protection, CBT, school meals, P4P, resilience-building, twinning, and emergency response has been published** as part of a UN system-wide collection of case studies.

The publication was launched by the UN Office for South-South Cooperation.

This collection includes WFP experiences in support of Fiji's response to tropical cyclone Winston, Kenya's National Home-grown School Meals Programme and

Chile's support to smallholder farmer communities to improve nutrition in Guatemala and Honduras.

To access the publication, you can click [here](#).

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Call for Action: RBA collaboration in the field



Do you see an opportunity to start a new South-South cooperation activity in the field? Maybe one which could be jointly supported by WFP, FAO and IFAD? Or are you aware of a well functioning RBA programme, which could benefit from a South-South exchange?

If so, we are looking forward to hearing from you! Contact OSZ's South-South Cooperation Team (carola.kenngott@wfp.org).

RBA collaboration to jointly broker South-South cooperation is one of WFP's priorities in 2019.

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