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“Success in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require a renewed global partnership that unlocks support from many actors and many sectors. The spirit of mutual respect and solidarity that has characterized South-South Cooperation since its earliest days can help reinvigorate and inspire a renewed global partnership “

[Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General, United Nations, 2015]



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What's happening in Rome?

WFP featured in the United Nations Publication of the 19th High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation

During the 19th High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation (16-19 May 2016), the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) released a publication on [“Good Practices in South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Development”](#).

The first in its series, the publication showcases the best practices in South-South cooperation within the UN system, grouped according to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It was shared with Heads of States and ministerial representatives of G77 countries during the session.

In the report, WFP's work is featured in seven case studies, associated with SDG 2, 10 and 13:

- The work of the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil;
- Strengthening governance for nutrition in Guatemala (RBP);
- Reducing disaster risk in Africa through African Risk Capacity (ARC);

- The Purchase from Africans for Africa programme.

WFP's work has also been highlighted in three additional case studies in the publication which were submitted by FAO, ILO and the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre. Click [here](#) to access the full report.

Good Practices in
South-South and Triangular Cooperation
for Sustainable Development



WFP's South-South Community is now live



WFP's online [Community on South-South and triangular cooperation](#) was launched in May 2016. If you are working in a WFP Regional Bureau or Country Office, the new WFP Community will help you to

- connect with other WFP colleagues working on South-South cooperation around the globe ;
- share your experiences and questions on South-South cooperation;

- showcase your South-South project;
- exchange practical tools and job aids;
- participate in upcoming events; and
- engage with WFP's Centres of Excellence.

Joining the community is simple: just click [here](#) to join the discussion (log in with your WFP global credentials). We are looking forward to seeing you online!

Event: Purchase from Africans for Africa International Seminar meets in Rome

From 2 to 4 May 2016, WFP and FAO jointly organized an international seminar on “Strengthening local food systems for inclusive growth: Scaling up Purchase from Africans for Africa” in Rome. The event facilitated policy dialogue and knowledge exchange among government representatives and key stakeholders, including farmers' organizations, from seven African countries: Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger and Senegal. Click [here](#) to read about the seminar outcomes. You can contact wfp.paa.africa@wfp.org or francesco.slaviero@wfp.org for further information.

WFP Centres of Excellence: What's new?

WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation in China

WFP and China enter a new era of partnership to end global hunger

On 2 March 2016, WFP and the Government of China entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen their partnership for ending global hunger. Under the framework provided by the MOU, the WFP China Office serves as a **WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation** to enhance South-South and triangular cooperation, while supporting China's domestic efforts to ensure food security and nutrition and developing public-private partnerships for mobilizing resources to support WFP global operations.

The Centre will help share China's rich experience in food security, nutrition improvement and poverty alleviation with other developing countries, by facilitating policy dialogue, technical training, expert deployment, policy research, and other activities pursuant to Sustainable Development Goals 2 and 17.

On 1 April 2016, Mr. Sixi Qu took up his duties as the Director of WFP's China Office. Mr. Qu brings extensive experience in government and international organizations to the role, and will lead the Centre's work in sharing China's solutions in hunger and poverty reduction with other developing countries. For further information, you can contact jichang.ai@wfp.org (China) or christopher.hopwood@wfp.org (OSZ).



WFP's Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin (centre) with colleagues from the China Country Office and a WFP delegation during a June visit. Photo: WFP/Yiwen Zhang.

WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil

Kenya visits Brazil to learn about Brazil's social development programmes

From 9 to 20 May, 18 representatives of the Government of Kenya and the WFP Country Office travelled to Brazil to learn about the integration of social policies and programmes in the areas of nutrition, hunger, minimum income, school feeding and smallholder farming. The Kenyan delegation went on a field trip to visit

- A poultry cooperative that provides organic eggs and chickens for the school feeding and other social programmes;
- A fish farm cooperative that provides 3 tons of fish per month to help feed 750 vulnerable families;
- A popular restaurant that serves 2,000 meals per day at the price of 0,30 US dollars; and

- A preschool, where the delegates spoke to nutritionists, school staff and children.

At the end of the visit, the Kenyan delegation prepared an action plan to elevate the discussion on social protection to a higher level in the government.



Photo: WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil/Isadora Ferreira.

International seminar on social policies

From 10 to 13 May, the 11th International Seminar on Social Policies for Development was held in Brasilia. The event gathered 250 participants, including 70 governmental delegations from five continents, to learn about Brazil's strategies to fight hunger and social inequality. The seminar included lectures on conditional cash transfer,

unified registry systems, food and nutrition security policies and access to water. Participants also engaged in field trips to see first-hand some of the programmes.

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What's happening in the regions?

Mozambique: Building continental capacity on the Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA) study through a regional training in Maputo

The Cost of Hunger in Africa (COHA) study is a pan-African initiative led by the African Union Commission (AUC). It is supported by WFP and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The study explores the economic and social costs of undernutrition at the national and continental level, and helps to advocate for national investments in nutrition.

From 6 to 10 June 2016, a Cost of Hunger in Africa study (COHA) training workshop was held in Maputo, Mozambique. It was hosted by the Government of Mozambique through its Technical Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition (SETSAN).

The workshop focused on transferring skills and strengthening the capacity of governments on the continent to apply the methodology of the COHA

studies. During the workshop, WFP facilitated training sessions on data collection, entry and analysis. Governments also had an opportunity to learn about the results, challenges and lessons learned of previous studies.

Experts from Mozambique, Mauritania, Mali, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo all participated in the training, and are now equipped to implement COHA study in their respective countries. This training responds to a call made by the African Heads of State and Governments to scale up the conduct of the study continent-wide.

For more information on the COHA initiative, please contact wanja.kaaria@wfp.org from the WFP Liaison Office in Addis Ababa.

Zimbabwe: "South-South review" to identify opportunities for operationalizing Zimbabwe's Country Strategic Plan

In April 2016, the WFP Country Office (CO) in Zimbabwe commissioned a "South-South review" with the support of the Policy and Programme Division (OSZ). The mission informs the preparations of the CO to operationalize Zimbabwe's Country Strategic Plan.

The aim was to analyze some of the already existing work that the WFP Country Office is undertaking in terms of South-South cooperation, as well as to identify concrete "SSC investment opportunities" as part of a broader strategy towards country capacity strengthening and technical assistance for the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan.

The review was conducted in three steps:

- **Overview of the "national picture** which helps to understand where Zimbabwe currently stands as a partner for South-South cooperation (beyond its engagement with WFP).
- **Review of existing experiences of WFP support on SSC per Strategic Result Area.** In the case of Zimbabwe, the review showed that the WFP Country Office has already been strongly engaged in supporting South-South

cooperation in three out of five strategic result areas of Zimbabwe's Country Strategic Plan. Examples include the support that is being provided through the WFP Brazil Centre on the drafting of a school feeding policy, as well as previous investments by China on capacity strengthening of small-holder farmers.

- **Identification of "South-South investment opportunities" for the WFP Country Office.** These opportunities will be narrowed down to the "top 3" opportunities, which will inform the implementation of the Country Strategic Plan.

As a follow up, Zimbabwe was part of a study tour in China in June 2016, organized by the WFP China Office and the Ministry of Agriculture, to further explore collaboration opportunities. For more information, please contact susanne.quadros@wfp.org (CO ZIM) or carola.kenngott@wfp.org (OSZ).



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