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“The growing trend among Southern countries to look not only to reducing poverty within their own borders but also to raise the development prospects of other developing countries is exhibited across a range of countries, including strong emerging economies and other South-South pivotal countries.”

[Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General, United Nations]



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Upcoming WFP Policy on South-South and Triangular Cooperation



OSZ is consolidating WFP’s upcoming policy and approach towards supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation. It aims to strengthen WFP’s existing work at the country level and to expand WFP’s ways to engage with developing countries to support progress on the objectives of the Zero Hunger Challenge and the emerging Sustainable Development Goal on ending hunger.

By supporting developing countries in helping each other, WFP contributes to putting in place the practices required to achieve a world with Zero Hunger. This requires mobilizing more resources and calling on additional expertise, skills, capacities and innovations – many of which already exist in developing countries.

As a basis for the policy, OSZ has conducted a preliminary mapping of South-South initiatives within WFP. The mapping showed that WFP already supports South-South Cooperation in many aspects of its work, zero hunger strategies, school meals, nutrition, the P4P initiative, procurement, sustainable agriculture, resilience, disaster risk reduction and safety nets. Four case studies have been developed to explore the roles through which WFP facilitates South-South Cooperation

WFP has also stepped up its engagement within the UN System on South-South and Triangular Cooperation. WFP actively participated in the

Global South-South Development Expo in Washington, D.C. (November 2014) - a UN platform aimed to showcase the most innovative practices in South-South.

Stanlake Samkange, OSZ Director, promoted the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil’s approach to South-South learning before an audience of Directors-General of International Development Cooperation Agencies from developing countries. WFP’s joint work with FAO on the “Purchase from Africans for Africa Programme” was also presented during the Expo.

The case studies are available [here](#). The draft policy is accessible [here](#).

What is WFP’s Value Added in supporting South-South Cooperation?

- **A global and deep field presence in over 75 countries**
- **Credibility as trusted partner to facilitate the sharing of country experiences, knowledge, and practices related to ending hunger and improving food security and nutrition**
- **Proven experience in the emergency response and development domain**
- **Effective mechanisms for triangular cooperation, including the WFP’s Centre**

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Coming up next: OSZ Technical Service Pool

WFP Country Offices will soon be able to access a repository of experts, as part of OSZ’s upcoming “Technical Service Pool Initiative”, which has been developed to provide access to high quality, reliable and timely technical support, specific skill-sets and competencies in specific areas. For further information, please contact hq_tsp@wfp.org.

Highlights in 2014 around the development of the WFP South-South Policy

- * Zero Draft of WFP Policy on South-South and Triangular Cooperation developed.
- * Successful round of consultations on the policy in-house and with WFP's Executive Board.
- * Light mapping of WFP supported South-South initiatives, and development of four case studies that explore WFP's role in South-South Cooperation.
- * Support to highlight the successes of WFP's Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil, and WFP's work on South-South Cooperation at the regional and country level.
- * Engagement of WFP at the Global South-South Development Expo in Washington, D.C., showcasing its most innovative practices from the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil and the joint WFP-FAO-Brazil project "Purchase from Africans for Africa". Informal Rome-based agency exchange on South-South activities kicked off during the Expo.
- * Started to develop tools and to provide support to technical teams to integrate South-South Cooperation into the work of OSZ Divisions, e.g. in the area of value chains and comprehensive vulnerability analysis and assessment.
- * Contribution to the UN-system wide Task Team on South-South Cooperation, informing the UNDG Working Group on Sustainable Development.

Snapshot: WFP's South-South work in action



P4P cooperation with the African Economic Research Consortium

WFP, through its pro-smallholder agricultural and market development initiative "Purchase for Progress (P4P)", has supported the establishment of a data and knowledge management "hub" dedicated to local and regional procurement within the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC). AERC is a continental initiative, engaging 35 collaborating African universities.

The "hub" provides technical monitoring and evaluation support to twenty African, Central American and Asian countries piloting P4P. It also serves as a knowledge platform for developing countries to share lessons and best practices. Results of the partnership include the successful conduct of P4P regional peer reviews, led by academic experts from different African countries, that were held in El Salvador, Zambia and Ghana.

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WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil: changing the way WFP operates

What is the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger?

The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger represents a unique partnership between WFP and the Government of Brazil. It makes the Brazilian and other experiences in addressing the Zero Hunger Challenge available to developing countries.

The Centre advocates for the development of nationally owned, sustainable programmes and policies on school feeding, social protection, food security and nutrition. It has helped to change WFP's ways of operating by strengthening its tools and capacities for engaging with governments in the design and implementation of national programmes.

For more information or to contact the Centre directly, click [here](#).

The Centre's work in action: Partnership with Bangladesh

The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger supported Bangladesh in exploring the options for developing a school feeding programme linked to local agriculture.

Drawing on Brazil's experience with a Zero Hunger strategy, Bangladesh examined ways of linking school feeding to broader policies and programmes for food and nutrition security. The findings will inform Bangladesh's decision on whether to include school meals linked to local producers in its longer-term vision and transition plans.



Raising WFP's profile at the 2014 Global South-South Development Expo

What is the Global South-South Development Expo?

The Global South-South Development Expo is a United Nations system-wide global event for South-South Cooperation. It features best practices from developing countries, UN agencies, private-sector enterprises and civil-society organizations. The 2014 Expo in Washington, DC., served to establish innovative partnerships, South-South, North-South, triangular and public/private, so that the impact of successful practices can be scaled up.

WFP's engagement at the 2014 Expo

In the High-level Forum of Directors-General from cooperation agencies (national and international), Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Director of WFP's Policy and Programme Division, spoke to WFP's contribution to end hunger through facilitating South-South

Cooperation. At the example of the cooperation between WFP's Centre of Excellence in Brazil and Bangladesh, he highlighted the partnership's experience in scaling up country-owned efforts to advance food security and nutrition. He also spoke to the importance of providing a space to develop and test innovative approaches in home-grown school feeding.

In addition, WFP's joint work with FAO and the Governments of Brazil and Malawi on the "Purchase from Africans for Africa Programme" was presented during a side event.



Stanlake Samkange, OSZ Director (right), 2014 South-South Expo.

Coming up next: WFP South-South Community of Practice

An online **community of practice** hosted on WFP's teamwork space will soon be launched to support WFP staff working on South-South Cooperation to stay connected. The space will serve as a "one stop shop" for colleagues looking for information, implementation guidelines, tools, templates, best practices and to get engaged in initiatives and upcoming events on South-South Cooperation. For access to the space, please contact Igor.Bazemo@wfp.org.