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“A manifestation of solidarity amongst developing countries, South-South cooperation continues to significantly drive progress. Its role has been emphasized in the 2030 Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Paris Agreement on climate change and the Agenda for Humanity. Now it is time to match these commitments with actions.”

[Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General, United Nations, 2016]



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What's happening in Rome?

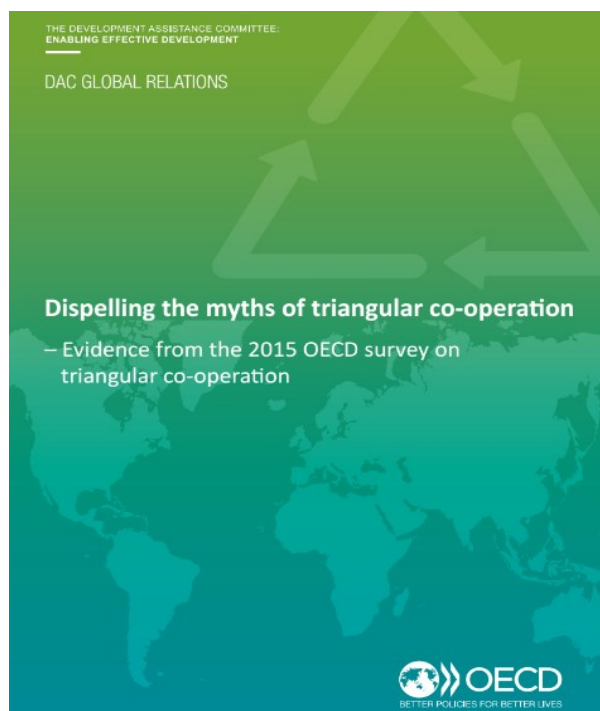
OECD recognizes WFP as one of the top 3 triangular cooperation partners in the UN system

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has shared the results of their 2015 survey on triangular co-operation, in which WFP is recognized as one of the top 3 most dynamic UN agencies facilitating triangular cooperation.

60 countries and international organisations (including WFP) provided detailed information on over 400 triangular co-operation programmes, projects and activities in the survey.

We are pleased to share with you the report "Dispelling the myths of triangular co-operation - Evidence from the OECD 2015 survey on triangular co-operation", which summarizes and analyses the survey findings, as well as a factsheet, which provides a brief overview of the main findings. Please find the full report [here](#), and click [here](#) for the 2-page summary.

For further information on this report, you can contact carola.kenngott@wfp.org in OSZ.



Applying a “South-South perspective” to Country Strategic Planning

OSZ's South-South cooperation team has started to support WFP Regional Bureaux and Country Offices to apply a “South-South perspective” during the development of Country Strategic Plans (CSP).

With the help of a new tool called “**South-South reviews**”, a country's position and priorities as a partner for South-South and triangular cooperation are being captured. Available South-South cooperation partners are being identified, and “**South-South investment opportunities**” for WFP Country Offices are being formulated, which feed into the development of capacity development strategies as well as in resource mobilization and advocacy plans.

South-South reviews have already been conducted and tested in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Colombia. In Colombia, the review was conducted jointly with the South-South cooperation team from RBP, and as part of a broader PG/RBP/OSZ effort to capture and explore opportunities for advocacy, communications, resource mobilization and South-South cooperation during the CSP process.

If you are interested to hear more on the South-South review tool, you can contact the South-South cooperation team in OSZ (carola.kenngott@wfp.org).

Call for Action: Communication materials for 2016 Global South-South Development Expo in Dubai

Promote your South-South initiatives as part of **WFP's communication package** at the **2016 Global South-South Development Expo!** The South-South Expo will be held in Dubai, UAE, from October 31st to November 3rd, bringing together developing countries and their development partners - including governments, organizations and specialized agencies of the UN, private sector, civil society organizations and the donors in UAE region. It will be a venue to share and scale up South-South solutions that contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We are currently organizing the set-up of a **WFP communication booth** at the expo, to promote WFP's work on South-South cooperation (SSC) with the wider SSC community. If you would like to make use of this opportunity, feel free to **share any flyers, brochures or best practices on your South-South initiative with us by 19 October**, so we can help promote your work as part of WFP's communication package. For further information, please get in touch with Sun Choi (sun.choi@wfp.org) in OSZ.

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WFP Centre of Excellence: What's new?

WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil

The WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil (CoE Brazil) plays an important role in fostering partnerships between developing countries through South-South cooperation. In the last few years the centre has been focusing its efforts on **enhancing regional cooperation** by creating networks to facilitate sharing and learning amongst developing countries.

In 2015, an **African School Feeding Network** was formalized in Senegal to foster the exchange of knowledge on school meals among African countries. In August 2016, representatives of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka met in Paro, Bhutan, and decided to establish a **South Asian School Feeding Network**, with WFP as the facilitator. Click [here](#) to find out more on the meeting in Bhutan.

The CoE Brazil also co-hosted the **18th Global Child Nutrition Forum (GCNF)** in September 2016. Held in Yerevan, Armenia, the forum was themed “Building Powerful and Durable National School Meal Programs”. Participants acknowledged that South-South cooperation has

played a very important role in the learning and sharing of solutions, and also reaffirmed the leadership role of the centre together with key government and other partners. It was also agreed that regional networks are an effective mechanism for fostering South-South exchange.



Photo: WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil/ Peter Rodrigues.

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Proposed WFP Centre of Excellence on Food and Nutrition Security in India

In January 2016, a letter of intent on the establishment of a WFP Centre of Excellence on Food and Nutrition Security in New Delhi, India, was signed by the Honorable Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution from India and WFP's Executive Director.

In August 2016, an Indian delegation, led by the Minister, visited the WFP Centre of Excellence Against Hunger in Brazil for a fact finding mission. The delegation studied the Brazilian food and nutrition security policies, as well as food production and distribution systems. They held discussions with the Brazilian Minister of Social and Agrarian Development, Minister of Agriculture, and President of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa).

Following this experience, India announced their proposal to establish a WFP Centre of Excellence for Food and Nutrition Security in New Delhi which will serve as an umbrella organization to bring together all relevant ministries and organizations in India and put forward a focused and comprehensive response to food and nutrition security.



Photo: WFP/ Isheeta Sumra.

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals and India's National Food Security Act, the centre will support reform in public sector programmes.

It will also serve as a knowledge hub, and facilitate the sharing of good practices across the country. Contributing to South-South cooperation, the centre will be a strong reference for middle-income and developing countries who want to learn from the Indian experience.

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WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation in China

Established in April 2016, the WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation in China works as the hub to enhance South-South and triangular cooperation by sharing China's experience in food security, nutrition, and poverty alleviation with other developing countries.

As one of the centre's first initiatives, the WFP-China **South-South Cooperation Policy Dialogue Tour** in support of rural transformation was held from 31 May to 9 June 2016. With 16 delegates participating – 13 government officials and 3 senior WFP Country Office staff from Kenya, Mozambique and Zimbabwe – the event focused on WFP's important role in bridging the gap between China and developing countries who are interested in China's expertise in achieving food security.

The delegation visited Beijing, Anhui and the Jiangsu province to observe China's approaches on rural transformation and development. They also attended policy dialogues with policymakers from the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) to learn about the Chinese experience in rural reform policies, poverty alleviation through industrial development and agricultural mechanization, and other poverty relief methods.

On 4 June 2016, a **China-RBA (Rome-based Agencies) Roundtable Meeting on South-South Cooperation** was held in Xi'an where WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin delivered a keynote speech. The Roundtable was held to discuss how to strengthen the South-South partnership between China and the RBAs, foster innovative cooperation mechanisms, and take joint actions to contribute to global food security, poverty alleviation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



WFP's Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin (centre) with delegates at the WFP-China South-South Cooperation Policy Dialogue Tour. Photo: WFP/Yan Jia.

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What's new in WFP Liaison Offices?

WFP Office to the African Union

On 16 September 2016, the African Union Commissioner and Department of Human Resource Science and Technology **launched a continental school feeding study**, to be conducted by the Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) in Cape Town, South Africa. The study is supported by the WFP Centre of Excellence against Hunger in Brazil and the WFP Liaison Office to the African Union.

The study was one of the key recommendations made through an African Union Decision (Assembly/AU/Dec.589 (XXVI)) by heads of states and governments during the 26th African Union Summit in January 2016. It focuses on the relevance and impact of school meals in AU Member States. It is anticipated that the study will serve as the entry point for discussing the next steps for scaling up and improving school meals programmes in Africa. It aims to understand how school meals can, and are, contributing to Africa's development.

The methodology of the study which will be applied in 20 countries, has been officially approved by the African Union Commission.



Photo: Commissioner (HRST), EPRI research team and Thomas Yanga (WFP). Photo: WFP/Wanja Kaaria.

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What is happening in the regions?

Intra-African exchange on Kenya's Home Grown School Meals Programme

In July 2016, Kenya hosted a delegation of 8 participants from the Southern Africa Regional Bureau, Country Offices and Government representatives from Zambia and Namibia to learn more about the Kenya Home Grown School Meals Programme. The exchange visit to Kenya was intended to provide exposure to the delegates on how the **Home Grown School Meals (HGSM) Programme in Kenya** is working and provided an opportunity for knowledge exchange and learning to inform improved implementation of sustainable and cost efficient HGSM programmes.

Governments are becoming increasingly interested in understanding how HGSM programmes can be implemented and scaled up in their countries. For this, they are turning to WFP for technical advice. In countries such as Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia, WFP provides technical and implementation support to inform models for governments to scale up HGSM and to link programmes to local agricultural production.

In Kenya, WFP began supporting the government to design and establish a national school meals programme along with a plan for transitioning schools from the WFP-supported programme to a nationally-owned programme in 2008, and the

Kenyan HGSM Programme was launched in 2009. The hand-over is progressing well; WFP's implementation responsibilities continue to decrease and the focus has shifted to supporting and strengthening the programme through technical assistance.

The visit by the Southern African delegation also supports the implementation of the AU decision on school feeding and the [Continental Education Strategy for Africa](#).



Photo: Home Grown School Meals Programme exchange visit to Kenya. WFP/Rosie Bright.

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WFP Tunisia: A partner for capacity building in Tunisia and beyond

The WFP Country Office in Tunisia is operating as a policy and technical adviser to the Tunisian Government, through a portfolio of capacity reinforcement activities in the country aimed to strengthen the national school meals programme. South-South activities are promoted to strengthen this effort.

The Country Office organized South-South exchange visits for the Tunisian Government to Brazil and to the Russian Federation to experience the effective implementation of school meals programmes. These visits served as a catalyst for creating a **“Sustainable School Meals Strategy” for Tunisia**.

Building on these experiences and supported by WFP the Institute of Strategic Studies of Tunisia has championed the sharing of experiences, best practices and lessons learned in the area of school meals programme implementation over the past year.

The Institute is closely participating in and contributing to a **regional initiative on “Advancing Nutrition, Education and Social Protection in Middle East and North Africa region”**, which is spearheaded by RBC.

Furthermore, South-South exchanges are taking place not only between governments, but across the public and private sectors in Tunisia and beyond. One such example has been an awareness and fundraising event, which took place in Tunis, to benefit the national school meals programme. As an outcome of this event, a platform for sharing knowledge and experiences between the Tunisian Ministry of Education and private sector companies, such as Sodexo, was implemented.

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