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Major events in 2017

SSC activities organized by WFP China Centre of Excellence

1	Symposium on Demand-Driven South-South Cooperation	11-12 May	Beijing
2	Cambodia SSC Mission on Smallholder Farmers' Capacity, Food Fortification and Grain Reserve System	11-15 Sep	Beijing, Jiangsu
3	Seminar on Building Smallholders Resilience under Climate Change through Value Chain Management	19-21 Sep	Yunnan
4	Training Workshop on Post-Harvest Treatment and Storage Management for Smallholder	20-27 Oct	Jiangsu, Yangzhou, Chengdu, Wuhan

Advocacy and Promotion for South-South Cooperation

5	7th Meeting of BRICS Minister of Agriculture and BRICS Agricultural Cooperation Forum	16 June	Nanjing
6	China-Arab States Agricultural Cooperation Forum	6-9 Sep	Ningxia
7	China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation Forum	11 Sep	Nanning
8	3rd China Investing In Africa Forum	25-27 Sep	Dakar
9	Side event at COP 23: Building Smallholders Resilience to Climate Change through South-South Cooperation	16 Nov	Bonn, Germany
10	Side event at GSSD EXPO: WFP's South-South Cooperation Approach: Building the Network of Centre of Excellence for South-South Cooperation	28 Nov	Antalya, Turkey
11	"Thematic Solution Forum 7 "Accelerating Country-led progress towards Zero Hunger through joint and complementary efforts of RBAs" at GSSD EXPO	28 Nov	Antalya, Turkey
12	Thematic Seminar on DAA programmes at the 4th Conference of China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation	11 Dec	Haikou

Key Achievements

- I. Strategies developed for South-South Cooperation
- II. SSC activities designed and implemented based on country demand and 2017 work plan
- III. Partnership building under SSC framework enhanced in a progressive way
- IV. Resource mobilization for China-WFP South-South Cooperation Trust Fund



I. Strategies developed for South-South Cooperation

SSC Needs Analysis

The Symposium on Demand-Driven South-South Cooperation convened in Beijing on 11-12 May 2017 laid a key step to ensure WFP China Office's SSC initiatives are driven by the demand of developing countries.



- WFP China Office identified four thematic areas and three levels of modalities for South-South cooperation which are recognized by countries at the Symposium.
- More than 120 participants from WFP headquarter, 3 Regional Bureaus and 25 Country Offices, as well as the Chinese government institutions, private sector, academia and UN agencies joined a fruitful discussion within the two-day event.
- 38 proposals comprising 15 DAA projects and 23 short-term programmes for SSC collaborations from the participating countries have been collected. Summary Report on the collected proposals has been accomplished based on the SSC needs assessment conducted in the run-up to the Symposium.

Identification of Four SSC Thematic Areas & Three Modalities

Four SSC Thematic Areas

- Value chain development and market access for smallholders
- Supply Chain strengthening including processing, PHLM and storage systems
- Climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction and resilience building

- Implementation of national zero-hunger and nutrition strategies

Three SSC Modalities

- Policy level - Expert advice and policy support to governments on food security and nutrition issues
- Institutional level - Knowledge sharing and technology transfer through study tours, training and online exchange platforms
- Grassroots level - Foster leadership among a new generation of smallholder farmers with DAA Projects (Demonstration in Asia/Africa by Asians/Africans)

SSC Strategies Advocacy

Underscored the key role of South-South Cooperation for building smallholders' resilience to climate change through jointly organizing **the side event titled Building Smallholders Resilience to Climate Change through South-South Cooperation** conducted on November 16, 2017 in China Pavilion at COP23 in Bonn, Germany.



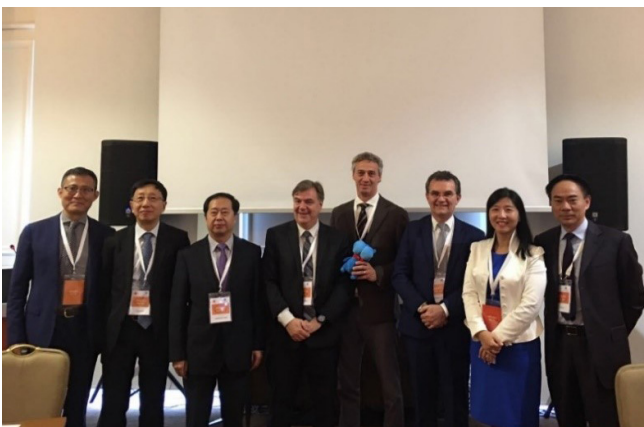
- Showcased a partnership intervention towards climate action and sustainable development. The multi-sectorial approaches are needed to think out of the Box.
- South-South cooperation may help the relevant stakeholders tap into more funding sources in combat of climate change.
- An Initiative on Joint Action for Building Smallholders' Resilience to Climate Change through South-South Cooperation highlights the commitment of ESCAP, FAO,

IFAD and WFP to enhance collaboration amongst United Nations entities, countries and relevant institutions of China to support smallholders to deal with the challenges of climate change.

Elaborated how the WFP China Office achieves South-South Cooperation strategy through innovation and partnership building by facilitating **the side event titled WFP's South-South Cooperation Approach: Building the Network of Centre of Excellence for South-South Cooperation** organized by WFP on November 28, 2017 at 2017 GSSD EXPO in Antalya, Turkey.



- Presented the commitment to the efforts for partnership building and further creating synergies and complementarities between the RBAs, as well as increasing the visibility on the benefits of South-South and Triangular Cooperation and the concrete results that can be achieved through this alternative development mechanism.



Flagship the programme on fostering young generation of lead farmers in Africa ("Demonstration in Africa by Africans", abbreviated as DAA) through organizing the **Thematic Seminar on DAA programmes** at the 4th Conference of China-Africa Agricultural Cooperation on December 11, 2017 in Haikou, China.

- Presented the two Centres of Excellence of Brazil and China deploys different and effective South-South cooperation principles and modalities, driven by the demand of the countries that reach out for the support of the Centres.
- The network of Centres of Excellence has become WFP's most important mechanism for promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation to facilitate country-led efforts to improve food security and nutrition.
- Participation of CADFund and Alibaba Group strengthened strategic partnerships with public and private sector partners to support South-South and triangular initiatives for the achievement of Zero hunger (SDG2).



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- Served as the entry point for design and implementation of the DAA programme in proposed countries by engaging more with private sector, which is deemed as one of innovations by WFP China COE to advance South-South Cooperation.
- DAA Country initiatives for Zimbabwe, Egypt, Sudan and Nigeria were analysed through separated panel discussions to identify technical content, cooperation modality, key partners, as well as accessible funding resources.
- Demonstrated WFP China Office innovation approach for South-South Cooperation by engaging more WFP with relevant stakeholders, particularly, private sectors.
- China-Africa Development Fund co-chaired the meeting

with WFP China Office and demonstrated strong commitment in collaboration with WFP for small holders' value chain development. It has been articulated that concrete actions be taken to fulfil the newly signed MOU on South-South Cooperation for Food Security and Zero Hunger with WFP.

- Representative from Alibaba Group attended the Thematic Seminar. More discussion will be held with Alibaba to synergize WFP's DAA with the Africa Youth Entrepreneurship Fund by Alibaba.

Presence at (i)7th Meeting of BRICS Minister of Agriculture and BRICS Agricultural Cooperation Forum; (ii) China-Arab States Agricultural Cooperation Forum; (iii) China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation Forum; (iv) The 3rd China Investing In Africa Forum.



II. SSC activities designed and implemented based on country demand and 2017 work plan

Cambodia SSC Mission on Smallholder Farmers' Capacity, Food Fortification and Grain Reserve System visited Beijing and Jiangsu province, China on 11-15 September 2017.

(Participant countries: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cameroon, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

- The delegation was composed of 17 participants including several Cambodian ministries, non-government actors and representatives from the WFP Cambodia Office. During this six-day mission, the Cambodian delegation had a chance to exchange policy views with China's Ministry of Agriculture and State Administration of Grain in Beijing. In addition, the group travelled to Jiangsu province to observe and capture China's successful practices on grain reserve systems and nutritional kernel production for rice fortification.
- Possible next steps: i) there is a keen interest from all especially the Cambodia Ministry of Economy and Finance regarding the management of the food reserve system using an automated 'smart' warehouse system which was impressively demonstrated in China. ii) CARD suggested an exchange of Chinese researchers and experts to share knowledge, develop guidance and build capacity for national officials the development and management of food reserves. iii) Cambodia Ministry of Agriculture wants to learn more from China's experience in school meals (which is similar to the Cambodia HGFS model where schools purchase the food from suppliers) and the potential for linking to cooperatives and the promote livelihood of smallholder farmers.
- Over 40 participants including representatives of United Nations agencies, officials from the Chinese Government and Yunnan's provincial government, and delegates from 12 Asian and African countries reviewed Chinese national policies, innovative technologies and good practices relevant to building resilience against climate change.
- Discussed common constraints and challenges for the recommend possible solutions; A technical visit to Yuxi (Yunnan province) showcased the solar-driven irrigation scheme implemented in this drought-prone area.
- Promoted effective partnership and collaborations towards joint delivery initiatives for small holder resilience building along value chain management
- Participants to the Seminar urged for greater South-South Cooperation to assist smallholder farmers combat the adverse impacts of climate change.
- Identified SSC Needs to combat climate change for smallholder farmers: i) Irrigation development and modernisation: Water harvesting; Drip irrigation; Conservation farming. ii) Mechanisation programmes for farm operations: Accessing new technologies suitable for smallholder farmers; Machinery appropriate for conservation farming. iii) Crop and livestock research for tolerant varieties and breeds: Strengthening cooperation with research and academic institutions; Improving productivity. iv) Rezoning of the agro-ecological zones.



Seminar on Building Smallholders Resilience under Climate Change through Value Chain Management was conducted on September 19-21 in Kunming, Yunnan province of China



Training Workshop on Post-Harvest Treatment and Storage Management for Smallholder was conducted on 20-27 October in Beijing, Yangzhou, Chengdu and Wuhan, China; *(Participant countries: Cameroon, Niger, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zimbabwe)*

- 15 participants from 6 countries joined the workshop, including technical experts, management personnel from government of Cameroon, Niger, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, as well as WFP officers from these Country Offices.
- Lectures delivered by senior officials of Chinese food authority provided an overview of China's national grain reserve and storage system.
- Participants witnessed the best practices and efficient mechanization techniques for reducing post-harvest losses for smallholder farmers in Jiangsu, Sichuan and Hubei provinces of China.
- Study visit to food processing facilities and equipment manufacturing and field visit to grain storage and management at both provincial and community level enabled direct exchange among the participants and Chinese providers of solutions.
- The workshop also provided a platform for the participants to strengthen institutional capacities, and to forge linkages with Chinese providers of solutions in this area as well as with their "peers" from other developing countries that are facing the same issues.

- Experience/technology/modern storage facilities learned from the workshop could be used for reference for undergoing/planned national project or activity on warehouse management in developing countries, e.g. Cameroon, Sri Lanka, etc.



Start-up preparation for DAA initiatives in Zimbabwe was launched.

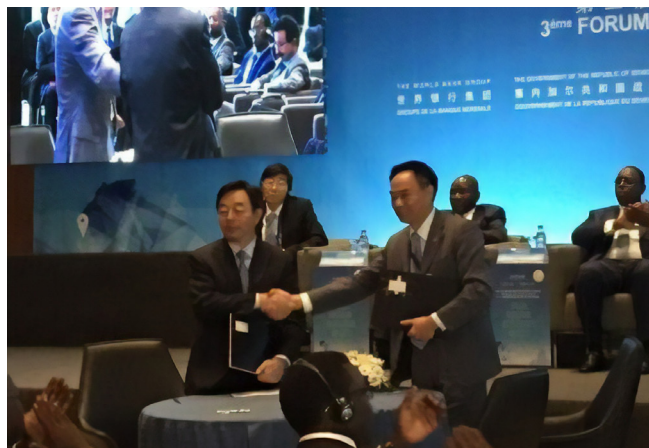
- Rounds of discussion for DAA initiatives in Zimbabwe has been conducted among WFP China Office, WFP Zimbabwe Office and possible private sector partners, including the preparation of concept notes, prioritised crops, selection of participants, financial resources, etc. At the Thematic Seminar on DAA programmes in December, DAA initiatives in Zimbabwe was analysed as priority project through panel discussion to identify technical content, cooperation modality, key partners, as well as accessible funding resources.

III. Partnership building under SSC framework enhanced in a progressive way

1. In September 2017, a MOU was signed between WFP and China-Africa Development Fund (CADFund) on Strengthening SSC for food security and nutrition. As follow-up of the concretization of the MOU, CADFund was invited to participate the WFP side event at the 2017 GSSD EXPO and the Thematic Seminar on DAA to discuss how private sector and public fund could support small holders on value chain development through South-South Cooperation.

2. A MOU between WFP and China State Administration of Grain (SAG) on SSC is currently under discussion. A ministerial level delegation from SAG visited WFP HQ in this September, which provides opportunity to start potential strategic partnership with the central grain authority in China to leverage more expertise, policy consultancy and technical support in national grain reserve and storage management areas as prioritized SSC demands.

3. A MOU between WFP and Alibaba Group on SSC is under preparation. Alibaba Group was invited by WFP China Office to elaborate how private sector and public fund could support small holders on value chain development through SSC at the WFP side event of the



4. 2017 GSSD EXPO. More efforts will be taken to synergize WFP's DAA with the Africa Youth Entrepreneurship Fund by Alibaba. The collaboration between WFP China Office and Alibaba Group will promisingly be expanded to wider scope for SSC to bring more engagement of private sector.

5. A MOU between WFP and CITIC Construction on SSC is under preparation. Strategic partnership would be established through possible collaboration on grain reserve system and small holder capacity building in Southeast Asia.

IV. Resource mobilization for China-WFP South-South Cooperation Trust Fund

In August of 2017, a proposal was handed over from ED to the Government of China for a US\$30 million investment for China-WFP South-South Cooperation Trust Fund for a five-year period from 2018 to 2022. This SSC Trust Fund, once established, would be independent of and in addition to the annual regular contributions and emergency funding

Government of China provides to WFP. The Trust Fund will focus on sharing China's experience in tackling hunger and poverty with other developing countries through South-South Cooperation in the four priority areas. This collaboration will support China in playing a more important role in addressing global hunger and poverty.

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