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Endeavours has been taken by WFP China COE to continue expanding and deepening South-South Cooperation based on increasing country demand in 2018. Five training workshops and One seminar were organized in collaboration with Chinese partners with great support from Chinese Government, engaging about 90 participants from 26 developing countries. Topics of the SSC activities facilitated by China COE in 2018 are ranging from value-chain development for smallholders, post-harvest mechanization, national grain reserve and warehouse management, disaster risk reduction and climate change, as well as rice fortification and nutrition, all highlighting China's COE's priority areas as per the South-South Cooperation Needs Analysis.

In 2018, DAA country proposals for Zimbabwe, Egypt, Senegal and Kenya were submitted for financing support from South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund and IFAD SSTC Facility. Looking into 2019, China COE will focus on four areas: continuous support to RBs and Cos, alignment with country initiatives, partnerships and RBA collaborations, as well as preparations towards "BAPA+40."

Countries that have been engaged with China COE: Cambodia, Cameroon, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Zimbabwe; Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Niger, Egypt, Uganda, Bangladesh, Peru, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, ROC, Liberia, and Djibouti.

Major Events in 2018

SSC Activities Organized by WFP China Centre of Excellence

1	Training Workshop on Harvesting and Post-Harvest Mechanization to Support Food Security in Asia and Africa	21-27 May	Shanghai, Jiangsu
2	Training Workshop on Value Chain Development for Smallholders through South-South Cooperation	29 July-7 Aug.	Beijing, Zhejiang and Hainan
3	Training Workshop on Youth Leadership Program in the B&R and South-South Agricultural Cooperation	27 Aug.-2 Sep.	Beijing, Heilongjiang
4	Training Workshop on National Grain Reserve and Food System Management	17-26 Aug.	Heilongjiang
5	Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Resilience including Early Warning System and Rapid Assessment	22-23 Oct.	Beijing
6	Training Workshop on Food Processing and Rice Fortification	28 Oct-3 Nov.	Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Hunan Provinces

Advocacy and Promotion for South-South Cooperation

11	2018 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Village Head Forum	11 Apr.	Yunnan
12	2018 China Poverty Reduction International Forum	23 May	Beijing
13	Workshop on Global Poverty Reduction Partnership	5 June	Rome, Italy
14	Regional Consultation on South-South Cooperation for Asia and the Pacific	27-29 June	Bangkok, Thailand
15	National Food Security and Nutrition Meeting	2 July	Algiers, Algeria
16	Forum on Synergy Between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Green "Belt and Road"	7 July	Guizhou
17	Global Solicitation of Best Practice and Solutions on Poverty Reduction	30-31 Aug.	Inner Mongolia
18	First International Forum on Rice Development	7 Sep.	Hunan
19	Third China-ASEAN Agriculture Cooperation Forum	13 Sep.	Nanning
20	6th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific	25-27 Oct.	Wuhan
21	Side Event on South-South and Triangular Cooperation, at the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board in Rome.	27 Nov.	Rome, Italy
22	2018 Global South-South Development EXPO (GSSD Expo)	28-30 Nov.	New York, United States
23	COP24	12 Dec.	Katowice, Poland

I. South-South Cooperation Strategy Shaping

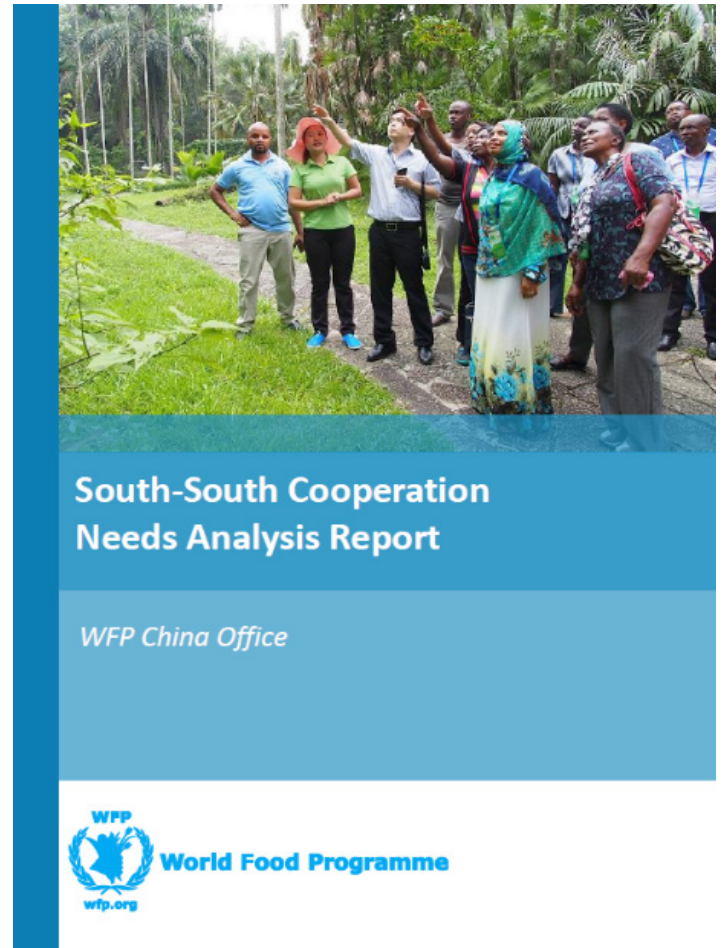
1. In January, WFP China Office released a **South-South Cooperation Needs Analysis Report**. The report aims to

- Set a demand-driven roadmap for the Centre's work for the coming five years, in line with WFP China's Strategic Plan;
- Present a programming framework for collaboration with the host government, line ministries, and Chinese South-South cooperation partners and providers; and
- Identify Chinese solutions and approaches for engagement with the WFP China Centre of Excellence and counterparts in China.

It also explores concrete South-South project pipeline proposals, brokered through the WFP Country Offices and the WFP China Centre of Excellence, building on the ideas of WFP Country Offices from all regions which were collected during WFP China's South-South Cooperation Symposium in May 2017.

2. WFP China has been working on a thematic research which aims to highlight the achievements of China's supportive policies on food security and rural development, and to flagship the successful experience of how Chinese small farm holders benefit from the government support and policy evolution through the past decades. Outcome of this thematic research, a report tentatively entitled as "**China's Food Security Policy Evolution and Its Practices**", is expected to be jointly released by WFP and Chinese government early 2019 at a seminar on the same theme.

3. SSC Team has been very much engaged in **RBA SSC M & E Framework** shaping and indicators identification since January of 2018. An efficient working mechanism has been in place to advance the M&E work. Further external consultation will be made with Chinese counterparts and major players of China's SSC endeavour, e.g., FECC and CICOS



of MARA. SSC Team supported the RBA collaboration with IPRCC and remotely facilitated the successful convention of Global Partnership for Poverty Reduction on 5th June in Rome which connects China's experience to the Global South.

4. South-South Cooperation Database and M & E indicators have been built to support South-South Cooperation strategic programming and infrastructure.

II. SSC Activities Organized by China Centre of Excellence

5. **During 21 to 27 May 2018**, WFP China Office, together with ESCAP-CSAM and Nanjing Research Institute of Agricultural Mechanization of China (NRIAM) jointly organized a **Training Workshop on Harvesting and Post-Harvest Mechanization to support Food Security in Asia and Africa** in Shanghai and cities in Jiangsu. This event is part of South-South Cooperation efforts of China Office based on our 2018 SSC work plan. It brought together 13 delegates from 10 countries including Cambodia, Cameroon, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The training workshop proceeded through lectures, presentations as well as field trips with an overall objective to promote sustainable agriculture in Asia and Africa by sharing China's knowledge and development experience in harvesting and post-harvest mechanization technologies with other countries.



6. **During 29 July to 7 August 2018**, WFP China Office, supported by Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China (MARA), organized the **Training Workshop on Value**

Chain Development for Smallholders through South-South Cooperation in Beijing, Zhejiang and Hainan provinces of China. A total of 11 participants from 5 countries joined the workshop, including technical experts, management personnel for food authority, leading farmers of grain associations from government of Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Cameroon and Senegal, as well as WFP officers from these Country Offices. The training workshop was proceeded with an integrated approach to share China's solutions and technologies on value chain development for smallholder farmers, including lectures and briefings by Chinese experts, technical discussions with agricultural scientific research institutions at national level, and field visits to agricultural processing factories and enterprises in Zhejiang province and Hainan province. In Zhejiang Province, participants paid a visit to Alibaba Headquarters in Hangzhou, and were exposed to E-commerce integration for value chain development in rural China.



7. **During 27 August to 2 September 2018**, WFP China co-organized a **Training Workshop on Youth Leadership Program in the B&R and South-South Agricultural Cooperation (Nurturing Young African Leaders in**



Agriculture) with China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA), China Agricultural University in Beijing and Harbin, China. This program is funded by Chinese government, and supported by UNOSSC, which formed a favourable start for WFP-UNOSSC's pragmatic collaboration as a follow-up of the visit of Special Envoy of SSC of the United Nations.

8. **During 17 to 26 August**, WFP China Office organized the **Training Workshop on National Grain Reserve and Food System Management**, with support from National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration (NAFRA) of China. A total of 17 participants joined the workshop, including technical experts, management personnel for food authority from governments of Niger, Tanzania, Egypt, Uganda, Senegal as well as WFP officers from respective Country Offices and Regional Bureau of Nairobi. Within the ten-day workshop, participants attended the 2018 China Grain Trade Conference in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province and paid technical visits to BeiDahuang Rice Industry Group, Heilongjiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Harbin City, and to local grain quality inspection centre and rural warehouse in Suihua city. In Beijing, the participants also visited COFCO Nutrition and Health Research Institute and Academy of State Administration of Grain. Apart from technical visits, lectures on China grain



industry development and grain reserves system were delivered by Chinese experts both in Heilongjiang province and Beijing.

9. **From 22 to 23 October, Seminar on Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Resilience including Early Warning System and Rapid Assessment** was successfully convened in Beijing, with support from Ministry of Emergency Management and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China. The event was organized by WFP in collaboration with National Centre of Disaster Risk Reduction of China (NDRCC), the central technical agency for disaster reduction and management in China. Around 50 representatives including 18 participants from 6 country governments of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste, and WFP Regional Bureau of Bangkok, Chinese government agencies, academia, and technical agencies attended the Seminar. This two-day event was unfolded with one-day meeting discussion and one-day field visit. The Seminar is perceived as very fruitful and eye-opening, which provides a good landscaping of China's institutes for disaster reduction and climate change resilience building.

10. **From 28 October to 3 November 2018**, WFP China Office organized the **Training Workshop on Food Processing and**



Rice Fortification in Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Hunan Provinces in China. A total of 18 participants from 6 countries joined the workshop, including government representatives at institutional or technical level from the countries that have

raised SSC needs in this area, namely Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste, as well as WFP officers from OSN, RBB, and respective Country Offices. Participants were exposed to China's solutions on food processing and rice fortifying technologies through lectures by Chinese experts, and technical visits to rice processing plants, mills, farmer cooperatives, fortification lines in Zhejiang and Jiangsu Provinces. Participants were also provided opportunity to attend the 16th China International Agricultural Trade Fair and Ministerial Forum



on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture at which Mr. David Beasley, the Executive Director of WFP, delivered an excellent speech.

11. Progress has been made regarding the webpage construction of the **SSC Knowledge-Sharing Platform**. FLA was signed with Agricultural Information Institute of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. The website design and structuring work is ongoing. A Road-play of the platform is done followed by a launch and trial operation.



III. Highlights on Advocacy and Promotion for South-South Cooperation

12. **On 11 April 2018**, the 2018 **Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Village Head Forum** was unveiled in Mangshi, Yunnan, China. Around 300 representatives attended this event from the six countries of China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, including high-level officials, village heads and heads of rural cooperatives. The Forum is themed as **Rural Revitalization through Win-Win Cooperation and Innovation**, which aims to enhance the exchange and cooperation at grass root level, promote sharing of development experience, and explore potential cooperation opportunities. Dr. Sixi Qu, CD of WFP China addressed the Forum by sharing WFP's strategic transformation under the new strategic Integrated Road Map and WFP China Centre of Excellence's engagement to enhance South-South cooperation.



13. **On 23 May 2018**, the 2018 **China Poverty Reduction International Forum** was held in Beijing. About 200 participants from more than 20 countries attended the Forum. The Forum mainly focused on how China's experiences could contribute to a world with no poverty and zero hunger. Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP China,



addressed the Forum by indicating that WFP and China have already entered into a strategic partnership for global hunger solutions and poverty reduction. WFP's support to SDG 2 and SDG 17 in China is centred on demonstrating best practices of poverty reduction with the aim of government replication. Dr. Bing Zhao, Global Coordinator of P4P, shared P4P in Zambia, WFP's ICT-based Technology Application for Poverty Reduction in 2nd session: Information Technology Sharing and Poverty Reduction Practice.

14. **On 5 June 2018**, the **Workshop on Global Poverty Reduction Partnership** was held in Rome, which was co-organized by WFP, IFAD, FAO, IPRCC (International Poverty Reduction Centre in China) and CIIC (China Internet Information Centre). The Workshop themed Promoting Partnerships and Knowledge Sharing to Meet SDG 1 and SDG 2 aims to engage countries and development partners in a discussion on how to enhance knowledge sharing and establish efficient exchange mechanisms to promote the realization of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular of SDG 1 and 2. On this workshop, **Joint Declaration on Strengthening Partnership for Eradication of Poverty and Hunger through Knowledge Sharing, Exchange and Cooperation** was published by WFP, IFAD, FAO, IPRCC and CIIC, to demonstrate their commitment for a strengthened partnership in striving to achieving SDGs, particularly SDG 1, SDG2 and SDG17. Mr. Stanlake Samkange, WFP Senior Director of Strategic Coordination and Support delivered an opening remarks in the event.



15. **During 27 to 29 June 2018**, the **Regional Consultation on South-South Cooperation for Asia and the Pacific:**

Towards the Buenos Aires Plan of Action 40th Anniversary, co-organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), and the Government of Thailand, was held from 27 to 29 June 2018, at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. Dr. JIA Yan, Programme Policy Officer for South-South and Triangular Cooperation of WFP China Office attended this consultation meeting. This consultation meeting provided a forum for participants to review the South-South cooperation trends, challenges and opportunities in the region in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. WFP China Office, in support of WFP Regional Bureaus Bangkok, participated in an exhibition entitled “Good practices for South-South cooperation in Asia and the Pacific in the context of the 2030 Agenda”.



16. **On 2 July 2018**, the **National Food Security and Nutrition Meeting** was held in Algiers, Algeria. Experts from WFP China Centre of Excellence, Brazil Centre of Excellence, HQ P4P, VAM and Nutrition, and senior experts from Regional Bureau of Cairo, were invited by WFP Algeria Office to the meeting on 2 July. Dr. JIA Yan, Programme Policy Officer for South-South and Triangular Cooperation of WFP China



Centre of Excellence, attended this meeting and showcased what China Centre of Excellence has been engaged to facilitate sharing of China’s experience and know-how on agricultural production, value chain management and climate change resilience building through South-South Cooperation.

17. **On 7 July 2018**, Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP China Office attended the **Forum on Synergy Between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Green “Belt and Road”**, which is on the side-lines of the Eco Forum Global Conference in Guiyang city of China. Dr. Qu was invited to address the Forum by sharing WFP’s contribution to Green Development, including endeavour in environmental protection and climate change response. Dr. Qu also highlighted that WFP acts as a good platform to promote China’s high level international engagement through South-South Cooperation by mobilizing resource to support WFP global mission and sharing China’s development experience with other developing countries.

18. **During 30 to 31 August 2018**, the first session of **Global Solicitation of Best Practice and Solutions on Poverty Reduction** was unveiled in Tongliao, Inner Mongolia, China. Upon invitation by International Poverty Reduction Centre of China (IPRCC), WFP China attended the first meeting on solicitation of solutions on poverty reduction. Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP China Office, was nominated as the Panelist to review the international cases. The Expert Panel is composed of the experts from FAO, IFAD, WFP, ADB, WB, IPRCC and China Internet Information Centre (CIIT). Apart from case review, the panel members also discussed the principles for recommendation, selection criteria and the templates for four types of cases on best solution, recommendable mode, policy support, and international experience.

19. **On 7 September 2018**, Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP China Office attended **the First International Forum on Rice Development**, which was unveiled in Changsha, China. The Forum aims to better demonstrate the new achievements and technologies of global rice cultivation and breeding, promote Chinese rice to the world and facilitate the healthy development of global rice industry. WFP was invited as one of the supporting organizations along with FAO and the World Bank. Dr. Qu was invited to address the opening and witnessed the 10th Awarding Ceremony of Yuan Longping Prize in Agricultural Science and Technology.



20. **On 13 September 2018**, as invited by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China, Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP China Office attended **the third China-ASEAN Agriculture Cooperation Forum** in Nanning, China. The Forum is themed as “Building a Shared Community of Regional Development by Sharing Agriculture Development Experience and Consulting Rural Development Strategies”. Dr. Qu shared WFP’s commitment to a Zero Hunger world under SDG 2 through South-South Cooperation by elaborating WFP’s Integrated Roadmap and WFP China’s priority areas for SSC. It was further flagged by Dr. Qu that WFP will be dedicated to work together with China and ASEAN countries for a shared community and a world without hunger through BRI and economic corridors in this region.

21. **From 25 to 27 October 2018**, Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative of WFP in China attended **the 6th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific** which was held in Wuhan, China. The forum was co-organized by ESCAP-CSAM, China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association, China Agricultural Mechanization Association and China Association of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers aiming at facilitating discussions on opportunities and key constraints on the private sector in



member countries in relation to sustainable agricultural mechanization, and reviewed the solutions for creating a favorable business environment in the field. Dr. Qu delivered a speech on WFP China South-South Cooperation engagement highlighting the collaboration between WFP China and ESCAP-CSAM, in particular, the partnership with private sector.



22. **On 27 November 2018, a Side Event on South-South and Triangular Cooperation**, on the margins of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board in Rome. The event focused on the WFP’s role in brokering South-South and triangular cooperation in the areas of nutrition, school meals, and shock-responsive safety nets - all of which are at the heart of equipping countries to bridge the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. This event counted as a thematic consultation, which was part of the preparations of the Second High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation in 2019. H.E. Rep. Dun Niu, Permanent Representative of PRC to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture, attended the event on behalf of Chinese Government and shared China’s experience in linking smallholder farmers to markets to highlight the strengthened joint efforts of the Government of China and WFP for South-South Cooperation.

23. **From 28 to 30 November 2018, 2018 Global South-South Development EXPO (GSSD Expo)** took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. As invited by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), WFP China Office attended related activities during the GSSD Expo. This year’s GSSD Expo was organized under the overarching theme “Showcasing Institutions Supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation in preparation for the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40)”. The Expo offered thematic solutions forums for discussion as well as a

Directors-General and National Coordinating Authorities Forum to facilitate exchanges and showcase countries and international organizations' efforts and achievements in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation for



sustainable development.

24. **On 12 December 2018, during the 24th session of the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP24) in Katowice, Poland,** Dr. Sixi Qu, Representative/Country Director of WFP China Office attended in the **High Level Forum on South-South Cooperation on Climate Change** which was jointly organized by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in China Pavilion during the session of the COP24 in Katowice, Poland. The objective of the Forum is to promote pragmatic partnership and harness the co-benefit of climate action in Southern countries. Senior representatives from governments, international organizations, academic institutes as well as private sectors attended the Forum. In the Thematic Discussion on Climate Action and Poverty Eradication at the Forum, Dr. Qu highlighted the WFP's contribution to the global climate policy process and the operations in combat global climate-related disasters. He also shared WFP China office's South-South Cooperation in addressing climate change challenges and its efforts in



partnership building with private sectors in China.

25. *Apart from the above mentioned events, WFP China also attended:*

- **24 to 27 April**, UNDP Workshop on China's South-South Assistance to Disaster Recovery Efforts in Beijing
- **25 June**, Global Bamboo and Rattan Congress in Beijing
- **13 July**, the 5th Workshop on New-type of Urbanization and Social Integration of Migrants in Beijing
- **14 August**, China-Africa Cooperation Poverty Alleviation Forum in Beijing
- **4 September**, Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing
- **6 September**, the fourth edition of the Investing in Africa Forum (IAF) in Changsha
- **27 September**, Council Meeting of China Agricultural Association for International Exchange Association in Beijing
- **27 September**, Workshop on "China-Africa Agricultural Technology Transfer: Impact, Mechanism, and Partnership Building" in Beijing
- **27 September**, the First International Forum on Agricultural Cooperation of BRI, Dunhuang, Gansu
- **16 October**, celebration activities of World Food Day in Hangzhou, Zhejiang

- **26 October**, Global Agriculture Investment Forum, Beijing
- **2 November**, Ministerial-level Forum on Global South-South Cooperation in Agriculture in Changsha, Hunan



- **9 November**, A View into China Salon on Governance Capacity Building in the New Era in Beijing
- **15 to 17 November**, 2018 E-agriculture Solutions Forum in Nanjing, Jiangsu



IV. Exploring Financing Channels for South-South Cooperation

26. WFP China Office kept close working with **Zimbabwe, Senegal and Egypt** country Offices for jointly preparing DAA proposals for **South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund (SSCAF)** application in 2018. WFP China Office has completed the submission of DAA proposals for Zimbabwe, Egypt and Senegal on 11 June.

27. **Kenya DAA proposal** was submitted to **IFAD SSTC Facility** based on RBA collective approach. Kenya DAA was first proposed at the SSC Demand-driven Symposium in 2017.

Through rounds of discussions with Kenya Office and consultations with HQ, the DAA proposal in Kenya focuses on small holder empowerment under climate change for better value chain development.

28. Efforts has been made to explore potential with Ministry of Ecology and Environment regarding financing for hardware donation to support **Zimbabwe DAA for solar-driven irrigation scheme**. Discussions have been taken to further advance the process.



V. Partnership and Networking for South-South Cooperation

29. Close collaboration has been maintained with Chinese government agencies as Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, State Food and Strategic Reserves Administration, Ministry of Emergency Management, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, CICET of Ministry of Commerce, etc.

30. Working communication and technical exchange has been kept with Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Academy of South-South Cooperation of China Agricultural University, Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Normal University, Nanjing Agricultural University, and Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University to forge links with technical experts on food security and value chain development. In terms of food processing, PHLM and storage, and nutrition, good collaborative relations have been kept with National Academy of Food Sciences

of NAFRA, Food Storage Academy, Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as Jiangnan University. With regard to disaster management, a stable collaboration has been built with National Disaster Reduction Centre.

31. Upon intensive discussions and official approval from MARA, the MOU on Strengthening South-South Cooperation for Food Security and Nutrition has been developed, ready for signing on an agreed occasion with NAFRA. Consultations have been made with CITIC Construction to align SSC efforts in Southeast Asia and Africa. The LOI between WFP and CITIC Construction is ready for endorsement.



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