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Foreword by WFP China Country Director

Dear Colleagues,

WFP China's South-South Cooperation has been featured by demand-driven actions and country-led initiatives through a systematic, three-dimensional (policy-technical-community), and institutionalized approach by WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation. Partnership and innovation are the two important components for technical cooperation, knowledge sharing, know-how transfer and innovative financing opportunities.

Since 2016, WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation has carried out 25 policy, management and technical trainings for more than 2,000 agricultural officials, technicians and key farmers in more than 40 countries.

In 2020, WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation has successfully organized 13 webinars on e-commerce for value chain development, post-harvest loss management, disaster risk reduction and climate change resilience building in collaboration with Chinese ministries and technical partners. The webinars have reached a broad coverage of more than 1700 participants from over 40 developing countries. Among these activities, even virtually, China's experience in e-commerce stands as a shining example of how smart solutions and digitalized approaches could serve poverty reduction and rural transformation.

Extensive partnership augmented WFP China's engagement in South-South Cooperation. Collaboration with WFP Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition fortified our support to Africa countries in Post-harvest Loss and Food System Management. Joint efforts were made by WFP China through a tripartite partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to co-organize a webinar on Climate Smart Mechanization for Dryland Agriculture for Central Asian Countries. Rome Based Agencies' commitment to global food security and zero hunger against COVID-19 was flagged through an online-offline Seminar on Global Partnership for Poverty Reduction.



Apart from the aforementioned, WFP China supported country endeavour for climate change adaptation in Sri Lanka, smallholders' post-harvest loss management in Kenya, integrated farming skills for livelihood improvement, in particular for rural women, in Ecuador, and cassava value chain development in Republic of Congo in 2020.

Colleagues and Friends,

The year 2020 is a tough year of challenges and tests against the pandemic across the world. We shall embrace the year of 2021 with more confidence and resilience, looking forward to an innovative, strategically re-shaped and concerted South-South journey for WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation in China.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Qu Sixi', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Qu Sixi
Representative/Country Director
WFP China Office

CSP Strategic Outcome 4

Selected developing countries assisted in enhancing food security and nutrition in line with their prioritized SDG 2 targets by 2030

Starting from 2016, WFP China Office functions as a WFP Centre of Excellence for Rural Transformation (WFP China COE) to enhance South-South Cooperation. The Centre helps to share China’s rich experience in food security, nutrition improvement and poverty alleviation with other developing countries to achieve the 2030 SDG.

The WFP China COE works in four thematic areas: Value Chain Development and Market Access for Smallholder Farmers; Supply Chain Strengthening, including Processing, Post-harvest Loss Management, and Storage Systems; Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Resilience Building, and Implementation of National Zero-hunger and Nutrition Strategies.

We work at three levels of policy, institutional and grass-root, in order to provide policy support, technical

solutions and practical knowledge on food security and nutrient for other developing countries through policy dialogue, consultations, national programming, knowledge sharing and knowhow transfer.

WFP China is also formulating a South-South Cooperation initiative as “DAA” with objective to foster rural entrepreneurship for young generation and help youth employment in agricultural related sectors in Asian countries. Apart from our efforts on post-harvest loss reduction and storage management, e-commerce and value chain development to enable smallholder farmers’ better access to market is one of the most prioritized engagement to absorb more valuable experiences and solutions from China for innovative rural transformation and digital agricultural development in other developing countries.



WFP China COE Engagement in 2020



Policy Level				
No.	Activity	Date	Venue	
1	8th China Taobao Village Forum	25-27 Sep.	Hebei	
2	World Food Day and 3rd National Grain Trade Conference	19 Oct.	Fujian	
3	The Agricultural Hi-Tech Forum in Yangling	22 Oct.	Shaanxi	
4	South-South Cooperation Review and Strategy Analysis Meeting	3-4 Nov.	Jiangsu	
5	Global Agro-industry Ecology Conference	12-14 Nov.	Zhejiang	
6	High-level Opening-up China and the World Forum	14-15 Nov.	Hainan	
7	2020 International Seminar on Global Poverty Partnerships (Online)	24 Nov.	Gansu	
8	South-South Cooperation Network Annual Meeting	24-26 Nov.	Chongqing	
9	Contributing to a More Sustainable Society– Reducing Food Loss and Waste Conference (Online)	3 Dec.	Beijing	
10	South-South Cooperation Technical Training Seminar	2-5 Dec.	Sichuan	
11	Policy Dialogue: UN China’s Experience in Strengthening Food Systems amid the Response to COVID-19(Online)	11 Dec.	Beijing	
12	International Forum on Sharing Poverty Reduction Experience(Online)	15-16 Dec.	Beijing	
13	The Belt and Road Forum for Building Beautiful Countryside	22 Dec.	Gansu	
Institutional Level				
No.	Activity	Date	Form	
14	Improving on-line WFP South-South Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Platform	All around the year	Online	
15	Webinar on E-commerce and Rural Value Chain Development	Module I: Policy on Rural E-commerce Development Enhancement and Digital Countryside Strategy	29 Jun.	Online
		Module II: E-commerce for Value Chain Development in Rural China	6 Jul.	Online
		Module III: Rural Taobao-Village and Poverty Reduction	13 Jul.	Online

		Module IV: E-commerce Cases and Online Business Fostering	20 Jul.	Online
		Module I: COVID-19 Coping Strategy on National Food Security and Grain Reserve	6 Aug.	Online
16	Webinar on Post-Harvest Loss Management	Module II: PHLM and Warehouse Management—How the System is operated	12 Aug.	Online
		Module III Grain Trade, Food Market and Financial Supporting Strategies to Secure Food Security and Food Supply Chain against COVID-19	19 Aug.	Online
17	Joint Webinar on Good Practice and Knowledge Exchange Initiatives		2 Sep.	Online
18	International Symposium themed by “The Power of Rural E-commerce: Experience from China—Taobao Village Opens a Digital and Inclusive Growth Path for the World”		26 Sep.	Online
19	Webinars on Disaster Risk Reduction Management	Module I: Strategic Disaster Risk Mitigation & Emergency Response	22 Sep.	Online
		Module II: Digitalized Risk Surveillance	29 Sep.	Online
20	Training Workshop on Climate Smart Mechanization for Dryland Agriculture in Central Asian Countries		30 Sep.	Online
21	Joint Webinar on Exchange and Learning on Improving Value Chain to Support Sustainable Food System (Brazzaville)		16-17 Dec.	Online/Offline

Grassroot Level

No.	Activity	Date	Venue
22	Sri Lanka Project: Resilience Building for Smallholder Farmers against Climate Risks (online)	All around the year	Sri Lanka
23	Kenya Project: Improving the Transformation Segment of the Food System in Arid and Semi-arid Lands (online)	All around the year	Kenya
24	Ecuador Project: National Capacity Strengthening in Support of Small Farmers and Market Access(online)	All around the year	Ecuador
25	RoC Project: Strengthening Capacity of Smallholder Farmers to Supply Fortified Cassava Products to Local Markets (online)	All around the year	Republic of Congo

I. South-South Cooperation Strategy Shaping



A **South-South Cooperation Review and Strategy Analysis Meeting** was organized by WFP China COE in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province during 3-4 November.

The meeting reviewed WFP China COE's endeavour in the three years (2017-2019) and analysed the evolving needs from developing countries that are strongly interested in South-South Cooperation with China through WFP China COE. About 70 representatives joined the meeting in person from strategic and technical partners as Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs(MARA), Ministry of Emergency Management(MEM), National Administration of Food and Strategic Reserves(NAFRA), China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchange(CICETE), National Center for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation(NCSC) etc., and other UN agencies.

A virtual session was convened during the meeting with 57 participants from WFP Headquarters(HQ), Regional Bureaus(RB), Country Offices(CO) and Centre of Excellences(COE), United Nations Office of South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to focus on the South-South Cooperation enhancement and further engagement with WFP China COE.

To better leverage China's experience through South-South Cooperation, WFP China COE restructured Four Prioritized Areas as

- **Value Chain Development for Smallholders,**
- **Post-harvest Loss Management and Food Systems,**
- **Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Resilience**
- **Innovative Poverty Alleviation Initiative**

The last priority is particularly based on the China's rich experience of poverty reduction achievement. Before the meeting, online survey was extended to some 15 countries to collect ideas, suggestions and engagement initiatives with WFP China COE from demand side.

WFP China COE's also updated Three Modalities for South-South implementation:

- **P: Provide policy support through roundtables, high-level visits and research;**
- **T: Support technical cooperation through exchange visits, study tours, workshops, expert deployment, Country Pilot Projects and DAA (Demonstration in Africa/Asia/Latin America by Africans/Asians/Latin Americans),**
- **K: Support South-South Cooperation knowledge sharing by expanding the function of current platform and launching WFP-China South-South Cooperation Cloud School with other developing countries based on demand-driven approach and needs analysis.**

The Three Modalities are restructured as necessary for more effective WFP China COE with large emphasis on digitalized tools and platform deployed for South-South Cooperation. The meeting serves as a milestone for WFP China COE's development. Based on the outcome, South-South strategic pathways identified shall be embedded in the new CSP (2022-2025) and put into implementation.

Policy on Rural E-commerce Development Enhancement and Digital Countrywide Strategy



第八届中国淘宝村高峰论坛



The elaboration on rural e-commerce development and digital informatization and policy

Organized by Centre of Excellence
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II. South-South Cooperation Engagement by WFP China Centre of Excellence

CSP Activity 4: Provide governments with expert advice and policy support on food security and nutrition issues

1. The **8th China Taobao Village Forum**, themed by “China Taobao Village: Moderate Prosperity & Small Yet Beautiful-E-commerce Powers Rural Development; Digital Village Drives Well-off Society” was held in Suning County of Hebei Province in China from **25 to 27 September**. Dr. Qu Sixi delivered a keynote speech at the ceremony focusing on the e-commerce development from various aspects, emphasizing e-commerce functions as the facilitator promoting the global food security and digitalized technology benefits the social and economic development worldwide, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The **World Food Day and 3rd National Grain Trade Conference** were convened on **19 October** in Fuzhou, Fujian Province. This year’s theme of the World Food Day is “Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together. Our Actions are our Future.” As countries around the world suffer the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, World Food Day is launching a call for global solidarity to help the most vulnerable people to recover and make food systems more sustainable, stronger and resilient to shocks.

The third National Grain Trade Conference is a new edition in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, following the previous two sessions in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province in 2018, and Zhengzhou, Henan Province in 2019. Dr. Qu Sixi was invited to present at the grand conference while learning more about China's new advances in food and nutrition, which could be leveraged via South-South Cooperation to benefit more developing countries.



3.The Agricultural Hi-Tech Forum in Yangling, Shaanxi Province was convened on **22 October**. Dr. Qu Sixi, Representative/Country Director of WFP China Office, and Dr. Yan Jia, Programme Policy Officer, participated in the forum. The Letter of Intent (LOI) among the ESCAP-CSAM, WFP and the Administrative Committee of Yangling Agricultural High-Tech Industry Demonstration Zone was signed during the Forum. The LOI focuses on the promotion of innovative and proven sustainable agricultural mechanization technologies and practices through technical assistance and sharing of expertise based on the South-South Cooperation approach engaging other developing countries, least developed countries, or economies in transition where possible.



4.South-South Cooperation Review and Strategy Analysis Meeting organized by WFP China COE was held in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province during 3-4 November.

The meeting reviewed WFP China COE’s endeavour in past three years and analysed the evolving needs from developing countries that are strongly interested in South-South Cooperation with China through WFP China COE. Seventeen representatives from strategic and technical partners, MARA, MEM, NAFRA, CICETE, NCSC, etc. and other UN agencies joined the meeting.

To better leverage China’s experience through South-South cooperation, WFP China COE restructured Four Prioritized Areas as Value Chain Development for Smallholders, Post-harvest Loss Management and Food Systems, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Resilience, and Innovative Poverty Alleviation Initiative which is particularly based on the China’s rich experience of poverty reduction achievement. During the meeting, the group discussion was organized to discuss solutions under each prioritized area. A virtual meeting was convened with 57 participants from WFP HQ, RBs, COs and COEs and UNOSSC to focus on the South-South cooperation enhancement and further engagement with WFP China COE. Mr. Stanlake Samkange and Mr. David Kaatrud delivered opening and closing remarks separately.

WFP China COE’s planned new working modality in next CSP was also presented at the meeting to be discussed. In the next working period, the updated three-level modalities will be called as PTK modalities: P: Provide policy support through roundtables, high-level visits and research; T: Support technical cooperation through exchange visits, study tours, workshops, expert deployment and DAA, and K: Support South-South Cooperation knowledge sharing by expanding the function of current platform and launching WFP-China South-South Cooperation Cloud School with other developing countries based on demand-driven approach and needs analysis. The three-level modality is restructured as necessary for more effective South-South Cooperation.

The meeting serves as a milestone for WFP China COE’s development and with the result from the meeting, next step strategy will be embedded in the CSP and implemented.



5.Global Agro-industry Ecology Conference was held during **12-14 November** in Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province. The Forum is focusing on Integrated Industry Development in Rural China and looking into future perspectives for innovative paths for rural prosperity. Dr. Qu Sixi and Dr. Jia Yan participated in the Conference and Dr. Qu Sixi delivered a keynote speech at the Conference. He addressed that a harmonious integration of industry and ecology will undoubtedly promote the coordinated development of rural areas and it is also an important area of cooperation between WFP and China.



6.High-level Opening-up China and the World Forum was held during **November 14-15** in Haikou, Hainan Province. The forum focused on the topics of China’s higher-level opening-up and economic globalization, China’s new development pattern and its domestic and international dual circulation etc. Dr.Qu Sixi and Dr. Jia Yan participated the event. Dr. Qu Sixi addressed a speech at the Forum and highlighted the importance of China’s opening-up in poverty reduction and sharing experience with other developing countries.

7.2020 International Seminar on Global Poverty Partnerships was held on **24 November** through Zoom and in Longnan, Gansu Province. Dr.Qu Sixi and Dr.Jia Yan participated in the Seminar and the field visit. The Seminar on Global Poverty Reduction Partnerships is an institutional conference co-hosted by FAO, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), WFP, the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), and the China Internet Information Center (CIIC). It already took place in Rome and China for three consecutive years, and plays an important role in strengthening global poverty reduction partnerships among the concerned agencies.





on **3 December** in Beijing and through Zoom. Dr. Jia Yan participated the Zoom Conference and addressed a keynote speech.



10. The South-South Cooperation Technical Training Seminar organized by the Centre of International Cooperation Service, MARA was held during **2-5 December** in Chengdu. The Training Seminar aims at discussing the improvement of China's agricultural foreign aid in other development countries and brainstorming the new solutions in the post COVID-19 era. Dr. Jia Yan participated the Seminar virtually and shared WFP's South-South Cooperation work during the Seminar.

8. South-South Cooperation Network Annual Meeting was held in Chongqing during **24-26 November**. Dr. Qu Sixi and Dr. Jia Yan participated in the meeting.

The 2020 South-South Cooperation Digitalized Economic Development Forum & the 25th Annual Meeting of China South-South Cooperation Network is organized by CICETE in collaboration with Chongqing University and Chongqing Municipality International Culture Exchange Centre. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Network, which now is taking shape of a consortium for practitioners and supporters for South-South Cooperation course.

9. Contributing to a More Sustainable Society—Reducing Food Loss and Waste Conference was organized by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark in Beijing and the World Resources Institute

11. International Forum on Sharing Poverty Reduction Experience organized by IPRCC was held during **15-16 December** in Beijing and online. Mr. Stanlake Samkange participated the online Forum and delivered keynote speech. The Forum aims to share experience and insight on poverty reduction with representatives from various countries, so as to enhance confidence in the fight against poverty and make joint contributions to the achievement of relevant goals of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

12. Policy Dialogue: UN China’s Experience in Strengthening Food Systems amid the Response to COVID-19 was held on **11 December** both online and in-person. The Policy Dialogue was co-hosted by interested UN entities. The UN entities engaged with their Chinese partners, including government agencies, academia or leading think tanks to present the relevant actions taken in China to strengthen food systems and ensure food security amid the pandemic. Dr. Qu Sixi participated in the Dialogue and delivered a keynote speech. Dr. Qu believes that a resilient food system secures people’s health and food access by all. However, there is a long way to go to achieve global food security and zero hunger. He also pointed out that China’s experience in food system management can benefit more developing countries.

13. The Belt and Road Forum for Building Beautiful Countryside was held on **22 December**. Dr. Qu Sixi and Dr. Jia Yan participated the Forum and field visit. Dr. Qu Sixi delivered a keynote speech pointing out that WFP will actively carry out innovative projects to support China’s rural revitalization and cooperate with China to raise resources to support other developing countries on capacity and resilience building. The forum is focusing on rural planning and governance, rural industry development, culture and tourism development. It also provided a good opportunity to exchange experiences, expand knowledge, discuss cooperation and boost development.



CSP Activity 5: Knowledge-sharing through study tours, training, technology transfer and online exchange platforms

14. The web-based **WFP South-South Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Platform** provides an enabling environment for partners to publicize demand and share solutions. Collaborating with Agricultural Information Institute of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, WFP China COE keeps maintaining and enriching the platform.

WFP South-South Cooperation Knowledge Sharing Platform is composed of three columns and seven sections, a total of 209 pieces of information was uploaded into the platform this year including news, videos, reports, policies etc. A total of 4799 visitors from 22 countries including Zambia, Kenya, Thailand, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Senegal, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, etc. have visited the platform.



15. The **Webinar on E-commerce and Rural Value Chain Development** was held on **29 June, 6, 13, and 20 July**. During the all 4 episodes of the webinar, 205 attendees from 49 countries attended the webinar.

During the 4 episodes, 7 senior experts dedicated in China's rural e-commerce sector were invited to give presentations in the webinar. Experts shared China's experience on promoting rural transformation and development by interpreting China's policy system of agricultural informatization and digital countryside development strategy, analysed how Information and Communications Technology (ICT) can effectively contribute to the digital countryside development, showcased China's good practices

on poverty reduction that could affect profoundly on other developing countries over the world, and illustrated Chinese rural e-business entrepreneurship, online shop operation and e-commerce management.

The webinar has not only provided an opportunity for in-depth communication on how e-commerce contributes to agriculture and rural transformation, fostering rural entrepreneurship and the overarching goal of eradicating hunger and inequality and achieving SDGs, but also presented the possibility facilitating poverty reduction innovatively under the background of rapid technology development in modern society as a South-South cooperation knowledge-sharing platform.



16. The **Webinar on Post-Harvest Loss Management** jointly organized by WFP China COE, CERFAM, and WFP PRO-Food Systems and Smallholders Support with the support of UNOSSC, MARA and NAFRA was successfully unfolded on **6,12 and 19 August**.

The dialogue was focused on topics such as experiences in policy supporting system on grain reserve management and storage management to help countries mitigate the impact of COVID-19, and to share innovative adoptions and ICT-approaches for market access to reduce post-harvest losses. A total of 9 experts from African Union, Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD),

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), NAFRA, African Development Bank (AfDB), Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), etc, shared their insights into the topics. The event attracted 499 participants from 68 countries.

Webinar series on Post-Harvest Loss Management

Good Strategy for Food Security—Good Practice for Storage Management

Module 1: COVID-19 Coping Strategy on National Food Security and Grain Reserve

Date and Time: Thursday 06 August 2020, 12:00 GMT

Zoom Conference

To register : <https://bit.ly/3feAbXN>

Dr. Sixi Qu Moderator Director, WFP China	Mr. Jorge Chediek Opening remarks Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation	Mr. David Kaatrud Opening remarks Director of Humanitarian and Development Division, World Food Programme
H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko Keynote Speaker Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union	Mr. Wang Shihai Speaker Deputy Director, China Grain Research and Training Center	Dr. Roger Blein Speaker Expert in Food Security in West Africa, Bureau Iissala

17. A Joint Webinar on Good Practice and Knowledge Exchange Initiatives organized by the African Union Commission (AUC), CERFAM, the WFP China COE and UNOSSC, was launched on **2 September**. 104 participants from 38 countries participated in the Webinar.

The dialogue focused on the important role of knowledge exchange and good practices in influencing and informing decision-makers in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

Joint Webinar on Good Practice and Knowledge Exchange Initiatives

HIGHLIGHTING GOOD PRACTICES IN ENHANCING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Date and Time: Wednesday 2 September 2020, 12:00 GMT

Language: English with interpretation in French

Zoom Conference

To register : shorturl.at/mtBEI

Dr. João Bosco Moderator Special Advisor to the President, Mozambique	Mr. Jorge Chediek Opening remarks Director, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation	Mr. Chris Nikol Opening remarks Regional Director for West and Central Africa	Dr. Margaret Agaba Anyasi Keynote Speaker Head of Department, Evidence and Nutrition Information Systems
Dr. Issa Sanogo Speaker Director Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition	Dr. Selvaraju Ramasamy Speaker Chief of Fieldwork and Extension Unit	Mr. Ronald Hartman Speaker Senior Desk Executive, Knowledge and Research, Malnutrition Sector, USAID	Dr. Sixi Qu Closing remarks Regional Director, WFP, East and Southern Africa

18. During the 8th China Taobao Village Forum, an Online International Symposium themed by “The Power of Rural E-commerce: Experience from China-Taobao Village Opens a Digital and Inclusive Growth Path for the World” was held on **26 September**, co-organized by AliResearch and WFP China COE. Dr. Qu Sixi co-chaired the symposium with Mr. Tan Chongjun, Deputy director of Ali research, and delivered the welcome remarks on how e-commerce provides new view of agriculture development and brings the new opportunity to developing countries.

During the online Symposium, experts shared their view on the sustainable development of Taobao village and how can this digital solution support international rural development and poverty reduction.

More than 100 participants from 17 countries joined the online Symposium.

2020 THE 8th CHINA TAobao VILLAGE FORUM

The Power of Rural E-commerce: Experience from China Taobao Village Opens a Digital and Inclusive Growth Path for the World

SEPTEMBER 26, 19:00 - 21:00 BEIJING TIME

ZOOM WEBINAR

Organized by AliResearch, UN World Food Programme

Language: Provide Chinese-English simultaneous interpretation service

To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/95773563991>

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Zhao Bing Director, Small Business and Smallholders Support, WFP	Chen Lei Leading Expert on Rural Revitalization, Guizhou, China	Clarisse Irigabira Director of Market Research	Su Yangsheng Department Director, Knowledge and Research, Shandong Province	Joshua Aragon Co-Chairman of Experts, Philippines @RuralEcoFollow



19. Webinars on Disaster Risk Reduction Management organized by WFP China COE with the support of MEM and the MARA were launched on 22 and 29 September. The webinar aims to share China’s policy and technical experience and challenges in disaster risk reduction management, and to promote mutual exchange and dialogue between China and other developing countries to jointly combat against the pandemic of COVID-19. Experts from the State for Civil Protection of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Ministry of Agriculture in Zambia, MEM, NDRCC and WFP were invited to share their insights. Around 156 participants from 18 countries joined the webinar.



20. An Online Training Workshop on Climate Smart Mechanization for Dryland Agriculture in Central Asian Countries organized by ESCAP-CSAM, Administrative Committee of Yangling Agricultural High-tech Industry Zone of China and WFP China COE on 30 September. This online workshop promoted understanding of climate smart mechanization technologies and field practices, provided a platform for knowledge and information sharing on climate smart mechanization amongst Central Asian countries, and explored opportunities for collaboration among partners on climate smart mechanization technologies and field practices to promote technology transfer, trade and investment. A total of 115 participants recommended by 17 countries took part in the training workshop online.



21.A Joint Webinar on Exchange and Learning on Improving Value Chain to Support Sustainable Food System was held on 16 and 17 December both offline in Brazzaville and online. The exchange and learning allowed to take full advantage of the successful experiences in the processing and improving cassava value chain process with its various derived-products and their contribution to reducing hunger and malnutrition among African populations through supporting their local economies and diversifying their food systems. Ms. Maha Ahmed, Deputy Country Director, WFP China Office participated in the Webinar and she expressed that the Webinar is a good initiative and signpost for the next step work of WFP China COE to support the cassava value chain development in the Republic of Congo and in other African countries. A total of 73 participants from 8 countries participated the event online and offline.



CSP Activity 6: Foster leadership among a new generation of smallholder farmers

22.Sri Lanka Project: Strengthening the Resilience and Livelihood of Vulnerable Smallholder Farmers to Climate-related Risks in Sri Lanka

By leveraging Chinese expertise in rice and maize value chains, this South-South Cooperation pilot project with China aims to equip smallholder farmers in Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts as well as government rural extension officers with relevant knowledge, skills and technologies to increase productivity and reduce post-harvest losses while enhancing access to markets.

Collaborating with Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Science (JAAS), the online training is under preparation. The content of the online courses covers topics like Rice Quality Assurance from Field to Table, The Evolution and Development Trend of Social Services in Agriculture, China's Experience on Development of Market Opportunities and Linkage, Solution of Whole Process Mechanization for Rice and Solution of Whole Process Mechanization for Maize. The post-production of the videos is in the process.

23.Kenya Project: Improving theTransformation Segment of the Food System in Kenya's Arid and Semi-arid Lands through Market-based, Cost-efficient and Scalable Solutions for Smallholders

The main objective of this South-South Cooperation project is to build expertise of smallholder farmers and county government officials, as well as forge new partnerships, to address challenges in the transformation segment of the food system in Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands. Leveraging technical assistance from NAFRA, Chinese expertise will be used to transfer food storage and processing (milling and fortification) solutions that are market-based, cost-efficient and scalable.

The content of the online courses covers topics like Chinese Knowledge and Practice on Flour Fortification, Grain Quality and Safety Standards and Supervision in China and China's Experience of Post-Harvest Grain Loss Reduction. Currently the course materials have been completed and the course video is under preparation. Furthermore, the selection of Chinese expert in Farmer Service Centre (FSC) business model is under way. Chinese expert will provide technical support to the set up and operation of FSC.



24.Ecuador Project: Strengthening the Capacity of the Government Entities at the National and Local Level in Support of Small Farmers and Their Access to Different Markets, Especially in Diversify Rice Crops, as well as in the Implementation of Public Policies for Women of the Peasant Family Farming

The project aims at strengthening sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity, diversify crops, especially rice, with a gender approach.

The content of the online courses prepared by Hunan Agricultural University(HAU) covers topics like: Rice Full Mechanized Production Technology, Establishment and Management of Agricultural Products Traceability System, Ecological Planting and Breeding Technology in Rice Fields, Multi-cropping Technology of Rice, and New Methods and Technologies for Rice Production. The course videos are recorded by professors from HAU and the translation and editing are under progress. In addition, gender expert Ms. Yang Li will make a presentation on the Impact of Generating Policies for Rural Women in the Webinar to be held in early February 2021.

25.RoC Project: Strengthening the Capacity of Smallholder Farmers to Supply Fortified Cassava Products to Local Markets

Through South-South Cooperation with China, this project aims to equip 40 processors and their associations in Loudima and Poll districts with knowledge and technology to process fortified cassava products and introduce their products to the local market using the WFP-led Home Grown School Feeding(HGSF) pilot as a key entry point. As a result, the South-South Cooperation project will contribute to improve the food basket quality and variety offered to school children, while contributing to improve rural cassava value chain actors' livelihood and boost local economy.

III.South-South Cooperation Partnership

1. A video conference for collaboration between WFP China and JAAS to strengthen South-South Cooperation was held in 2 April to discuss and identify priority areas for collaboration and delivery modalities. Both sides are committed to collaboration in South-South Cooperation for agriculture, rural transformation and poverty reduction. WFP will continue working with **JAAS** to leverage their technical strength for supporting China-WFP Sri Lanka country project on Strengthening the Resilience and Livelihood of Vulnerable Smallholder Farmers to Climate Related Shocks.



2.Directors’ Meeting between **CERFAM** and China COE was held in 28 May to exchange experience of COE’s work, identify future collaboration areas and share expectations for future cooperation. Dr. Qu Sixi and Mr. Issa Sanogo, Director of CERFAM participated the meeting. The two directors recognized joint effort done by both COEs for South-South Cooperation and highlighted that the Letter of Intent, which was signed by both COEs, is a key step in enhancing collaboration, coordination and synergies between the two COEs to support African countries in the eradication of hunger and malnutrition.



3.The LOI among the **ESCAP-CSAM, WFP and the Administrative Committee of Yangling Agricultural High-Tech Industry Demonstration Zone** was signed during the Agricultural Hi-Tech Forum in Yangling. The LOI will focus on the promotion of innovative and proven sustainable agricultural mechanization technologies and practices through technical assistance and sharing of expertise based on the South-South Cooperation approach engaging other developing countries, least developed countries, or economies in transition where possible.



4. Another Memorandum of Understanding on South-South Cooperation is under preparation with **Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE)**, the management authority of South-South Cooperation Fund for Climate Change. On 8 December, a senior management meeting was held. Dr. Qu Sixi and Mr. Jiang Zhaoli, Deputy Director General of the Department of Climate Change, MEE, participated the meeting to exchange views and suggestions about future collaboration. The cooperation between MEE and WFP focuses on the common objective of enhancing capacity for climate change adaptation and mitigation, improving food security and nutrition, and building a world free of hunger through South-South Cooperation respond to the specific development challenges of developing countries.

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