Developing Capacity for Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Selected Countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia

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Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition in Caucasus and Central Asia Countries

Making operational the linkages between social protection, nutrition and agricultural interventions across the food systems

• School Food and Nutrition Program linked to the Agricultural Sector

• Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection – Cash Plus

• Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth through Matching Grants for Families of Migrants
School Food and Nutrition Program Linked to Agricultural Sector

Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth for Families of Migrants

Strengthening Food Systems for Nutrition Sensitive Social Protection

Advocacy and Coordination Councils for Agriculture, Food Security, Nutrition and Social Protection

Improved Policies, Legislations and Programs

Comprehensive Approach on Food Security, Nutrition, Social Protection and Food Systems

Piloting Policy Options

Coordination and Advocacy

Enabling Environment
PILOT
Greenhouses, School Gardens, Logistic Center in 3 countries
Technical Assistance
Working MoA, MoE, MoH
Advocacy and Raising Political Awareness
Manuals, Cooking Books, Photo Albums, Guidelines
Training of beneficiaries
Regulation of school farms / gardening Kyrgyzstan

Nutrition Curriculum for Schools in Tajikistan
Food Security and Nutrition Programme 2019-23

Nutrition and Agriculture Education in Armenia
Food Security Law Kyrgyzstan

Regional Workshop
Regional Symposium REU

Advocacy and Raising Political Awareness

Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition

Global Child Nutrition Foundation
The pilots on school food and nutrition are contributing to an improvement of children’s health; nutrition and education thanks to the establishment of greenhouses and school gardens.

The project has already built 22 greenhouses in Armenia and Tajikistan and 39 school gardens in these two countries and in Kyrgyzstan.

All of them are now producing healthy vegetables that are complementing the nutritional value of students’ school meals.
Armenia: School Greenhouses

Vedy No.1 school: Small greenhouse Area, m² 198. Students 626
Harvest: increasing nutritional value of rations

Verin Artashat school: Middle greenhouse Area m² 384. Students 457
Harvest: increasing nutritional value of rations and surplus is sold on market

Surenavan school: Large greenhouse Area, m² 528. Students 303
Harvest: increasing nutritional value of rations and surplus is sold on market provision to neighboring schools
Tajikistan: School Seedbeds

Improving the nutritional value and diversity of the diet of schoolchildren

- **20 schools**
- **3400 Students**
- **22 greenhouses**
- **3168 sq. meters drip irrigation greenhouses**

Creation of additional sources of funding for the school meals
Kyrgyzstan: Centralized Procurement Model for School Food and Nutrition

The Logistic Center

Coordination Council
- local government
- kemin district economic development fund
- FAO
- Farmers Associations
- SIFI

Local entrepreneur

Logistic Center

Local farmers

Local farmer Associations

Association of Rural Women

Applications

Products
ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Armenia
National, interagency working groups on SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 3 (Improved Health and Well-being) and the project supported formulation of a SDGs Roadmap for Armenia.

Kyrgyzstan

National Food Security and Nutrition Programme for the 2019-23 was developed. Revised Food Security and Nutrition Law entered into force. Regulation of school farms / gardening Kyrgyzstan
Knowledge Exchange

Improving Nutrition through Agriculture and Food Systems


A regional study “Good Practices and Lessons Learned on Food Security and Nutrition Policy Implementation in Europe and Central Asia Region” is being prepared.
The Project partnered with the FSN Forum in ECA to increase stakeholders dialogue and participation. These joint activities helped get a better idea on the knowledge present in the region on relevant subjects, managed to bring together stakeholders and helped raise awareness on the project activities.

The network:
Website available in Russian and English
1100 registered members
4200 experts on the mailing list

The activities:
4 country level consultations (Armenia, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan)
3 regional-level consultations
1 Call for good practices
1 Survey
Participation in 4 global level consultations & calls
4 webinars

The results:
15000 hits on FSN Forum pages with content related to the RUS Project
35% of the visits came from the three focus countries and Russia: ARM: 8% KGZ: 40% TJK: 26% RUS: 26%
480 comments & replies
56 messages sent to mailing list
Summary reports published in Russian and English
Photobooks

The green world under the dome: Vegetables from a seedbed to school canteen

The power of unity: Schools and farmers are helping each other

Greenhouses of health: How to improve a schoolchild’s diet
Guidelines for success

METHODOLOGICAL GUIDELINES for establishing and organization of work of the centralized model of food supply for the school food program Kyrgyzstan

GUIDELINES for setting up the production of tomatoes in heated greenhouses in the Republic of Armenia

GUIDELINES for setting up the production of cucumbers in heated greenhouses in the Republic of Armenia

GUIDELINES for setting up the production of vegetables in unheated greenhouses in the Republic of Tajikistan
Summary

Greenhouses and orchards benefit directly 1000 school students in Armenia and 7530 Tajikistan. In Kyrgyzstan the Logistic Center benefits a total of 12000 students.

The pilot projects are also being used to inform future initiatives by testing models for different practical and policy-related aspects of food production, procurement, storage, distribution and quality testing for school food and nutrition programs.

The project is also supporting the implementation of 6 learning hubs for modern agricultural education in schools in Armenia; the development of the new national curriculum to introduce nutrition subject in the schools in Tajikistan and; the improvement of the current legislation on school gardens in Kyrgyzstan.
See how @FAO helped schools in Kyrgyzstan team up with local farmers to find reliable sources of quality produce for school meals.

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