

2. Guidance on how to address decent rural employment at the country level

2.1. Entry points for FAO country offices to address decent rural employment

FAO country offices need to seize all available opportunities to promote decent rural employment (DRE) as a crucial part of achieving internationally agreed goals on hunger and poverty reduction.

To this end, the employment implications of all FAO interventions and particularly of alternative agricultural and rural development (ARD) policy options should be considered systematically. Often, the challenge is not to create a new programme or project that addresses rural employment issues specifically, but to integrate DRE aspects within an ongoing programme of work.

2.1.1. Entry points in UN-wide level mechanisms

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) coordination mechanism provides several entry points for FAO to address DRE concerns at country level. The Common Country Assessment (CCA) represents an opportunity for FAO country offices to include DRE

concerns in the situation analysis and policy review. FAO can support the involvement of producer organizations (POs) and organizations of informal rural workers as well as women and youth groups in the CCA and related consultation processes. The CCA analysis will then support the prioritization exercise in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) where DRE concerns should be addressed explicitly.

FAO focal points in inter-agency groups around UNDAF outcomes can ensure that DRE aspects are taken into account – both within the clusters led directly by FAO (e.g. rural development and food security cluster) and within all other clusters where FAO is a collaborating agency. Participation in these groups can facilitate contacts with partners that may not be FAO's traditional partners, but which should be part of complex coordination mechanisms that address DRE, such as Ministries of Labour (MoL), Education

(MoE), Health (MoH), Trade (MoT), Youth (MoY), Gender or Women (MoG or MoW) and Social Affairs (MoSA). UNDAF groups may also be seen as leverage to lobby within the UNCT for the need to focus on rural areas, smallholder agriculture and specific informal agricultural workers' concerns (e.g. by inviting an MoA representative to specific UNDAF meetings tackling employment issues).

Joint UN programmes present a unique opportunity for FAO to engage in and pilot DRE schemes and programmes, thus contributing to sensitizing the government and in particular FAO's traditional ministerial partners. Collaboration can be sought with other agencies that have strong comparative advantages in addressing employment issues (e.g.

Examples of entry points in UN-wide processes

- Common Country Assessment (CCA) and United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) formulation
- UNDAF groups
- National Food Security Coordination Mechanisms
- Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) country teams
- World Food Day and other UN commemoration events

ILO, International Organization for Migration [IOM], UNDP, United Nations Industrial Development Organization [UNIDO], etc.). This will enhance synergies and ensure that vulnerable groups in rural areas are addressed and empowered. Building on the existing global partnership with ILO, FAO should actively seek opportunities for coordination with ILO country offices.

The UN System mechanisms can also be used as opportunities for closer collaboration with external development partners operating in the country in FAO-related areas. These would include Bretton Woods institutions and the broader development community: bilateral donors, international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), mass organizations, civil society and the private sector.

2.1.2. Entry points in FAO-government overall cooperation

Within FAO's relation with its national partners, the Country Programming Framework (CPF)¹³ process represents an opportunity for FAO Representatives and staff to advocate for the centrality of DRE promotion within their broad framework of cooperation. For

Examples of entry points in FAO-government cooperation

- FAO CPF formulation and implementation
- All meetings/workshops between FAO and government representatives
- World Food Day commemoration events
- Opportunities for exchange with FAO national partners on capacity development and institutional support needs

instance, FAO can lobby for the CPF to include employment-related situation analysis, including age- and sex-disaggregated data (ASDD), capacity assessment and partner mapping. Depending on the timing, this could in turn represent a strong input into the UNDAF process.

Significant gaps remain in the knowledge of rural labour markets and the best policies and interventions for promoting DRE. Hence, FAO should contribute with the ILO and other relevant partners to assist countries in filling these gaps in those areas within its primary comparative advantage. This will be achieved mainly through research and analysis for knowledge generation, and also by supporting the regular collection, interpretation and use of age- and sex-disaggregated data (ASDD) on rural employment, in both the formal and the informal economy (e.g. in agricultural

census, household and labour force surveys). The development of capacities for a more disaggregated analysis of rural labour market data will contribute towards acknowledging the needs, constraints and potential of different groups, informing policies and strategies and then measuring equitable progress.

Even if an FAO country office is not engaged in structured programming exercises, any other opportunities for strategic discussion with national partners are appropriate to build consensus on the need to address the employment dimensions of sustainable agriculture and rural development, food security and poverty reduction processes.

Advocacy activities should enhance FAO's status as a reference point and authoritative source of technical information, on issues related to DRE, with a special focus on small-scale agriculture and informal rural workers.

¹³ See: FAO Guidelines for addressing rural employment and decent work in the Country Programming Framework.

2.1.3. Entry points in FAO ongoing activities and programmes

FAO ongoing activities in a country represent a constant opportunity to advocate for DRE. This is the case for almost all FAO technical cooperation programmes and projects, including Technical Cooperation Programmes (TCPs), Government Cooperation

Programmes (GCPs), Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF) projects, United Nation Joint Programmes (UNJPs), TeleFood initiatives (TFDs), Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), and Special Programmes for Food Security (SPFSs) as well as Emergency and Rehabilitation Assistance projects.

Employment quantity and quality considerations should be applied throughout the whole project/programme-cycle management, including during identification, budget and programme allocation, formulation (comprising stakeholder analysis, problem, opportunity and objective analysis), implementation, reporting, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) (e.g. including relevant indicators)¹⁴.

FAO Representatives play an important role: briefing, de-briefing, reminding and guiding project or activity coordinators, national consultants and incoming and outgoing missions about the importance of reflecting DRE concerns in their activities.

To achieve this, country offices will be supported by FAO technical departments. ESW leads and coordinates FAO's work in promoting decent work in rural areas, with a focus on promoting fairer and more gender-equitable rural employment, promoting youth employment and productive migration, and preventing and reducing child labour, especially in its worst form. In particular, ESW provides support in devising policy options and national strategies and programmes to achieve employment-enhancing rural development. Respective technical departments within FAO Headquarters will be responsible for addressing DRE in specific sub-sectors or under specific perspectives.

Examples of entry points for policy advice on decent rural employment

- Development of national development strategies and Poverty Reduction Strategies Papers (PRSPs)
- Development of National and Regional Programmes for Food Security (NPFS and RPFS)
- Development of national agricultural and rural development policies, strategies, investment programmes and action plans
- Development of other relevant sectoral development policies, such as agroindustry development and agricultural and rural financing, HIV and AIDS mitigation strategies, etc.
- Comprehensive Africa Agriculture
 Development Programme (CAADP) and
 country implementation processes on
 priority areas of investment (compacts)
- Country and regional Plan of Action (PoA) for emergency and rehabilitation assistance
- Employment, social protection and occupational safety and health (OSH) policies

Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools (JFFLS) and the four pillars of Decent Work Agenda

The JFFLS approach has been implemented in more than 16 countries since 2004. This combines enhanced livelihood opportunities with employment promotion through a unique learning methodology that includes both agricultural and life and business skills.

The JFFLS approach is linked to an employment-oriented component through which JFFLS graduates organize themselves in Youth Farmers' Associations (YFAs) and cooperatives. Through these, they access resources and place their produce on the markets. At the institutional level, FAO works closely with national partners, local institutions and UN agencies, including ILO.

All four pillars of the Decent Work Agenda are addressed simultaneously, as the approach includes an employment creation component (e.g. through the identification of market-oriented economic opportunities and the creation of YFAs); a social-protection component (e.g. through the involvement of the MoSA and MoL, e.g. on OSH concerns); a rights-at-work component (e.g. JFFLS learning modules include child labour prevention and land and property rights, while gender equality is mainstreamed throughout the curricula); and a social-dialogue promotion component (e.g. promoting group cooperation and youth participation as organized stakeholders in ARD processes).

14 See also FAO Quick Guidelines on How to mainstream decent rural employment into project formulation.

Most interventions will probably focus on aspects fitting under just one or two pillars of the Decent Work Agenda. Even if this is the case, being aware of the whole range of implications of every intervention under *each* pillar will help in designing better and more sustainable interventions.

In terms of policy and strategy advice, FAO offices can support the mainstreaming of DRE concerns in food-security and poverty-reduction strategies, as well as in policies and programmes for sustainable agriculture and rural development. Anticipating the DRE impacts of different agriculture and rural development policy options and advocating for those that increase the employment opportunities of the rural poor are undoubtedly the most important tasks ahead.

2.1.4. Entry points offered by regional and global mechanisms

Several regional processes and programmes offer interesting entry points as they increasingly coordinate analysis and responses to employment-related concerns. Regional political groupings and economic communities could be therefore regarded as potential partners in broad regional frameworks in addition to supporting FAO's advocacy function on DRE at country level. For instance, in Africa, regional programmes such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) represent important frameworks to take into consideration when defining priorities at country level.

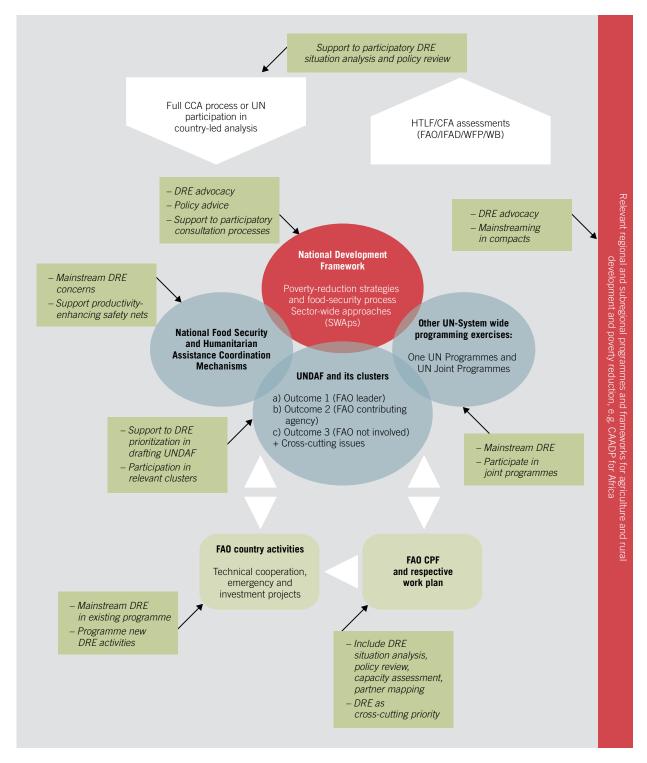
Finally, work at country level should be aligned with the overarching employment-related global frameworks and partnerships in which FAO is involved.

Relevant global initiatives, frameworks and partnerships

- 1. <u>United Nations Millennium</u> Development Goals
- 2. 2nd United Nations Decade for the
 Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)
 Theme: "Full Employment and Decent Work for All"
- 3. <u>High-Level Task Force (HLTF) on</u>
 <u>the Global Food Security Crisis</u>
 and <u>Comprehensive Framework for</u>
 Action (CFA)
- 4. CEB Global Jobs Pact (GJP),
 Social Protection Floor (SPF) and
 Green Economy Initiative (GEI)
- 5. International Partnership for Cooperation on Child Labour in Agriculture (IPCCLA)
- 6. Inter-Agency Standing Committee
 (IASC) for Coordination of
 Humanitarian Assistance

Figure 2.1 provides a simplified visualization of the institutional framework in which FAO country offices work. The callouts in green rectangles show the main entry points for addressing DRE considerations.

FIGURE 2.1.
Institutional framework and entry points on rural employment and decent work for FAO country offices



2.2. Concrete actions and tools to address rural employment and decent work at country level

This section will help FAO Representatives, managers and other FAO staff as well as consultants working at the country level to identify the main DRE issues relevant to their work. It provides concrete actions and tools that can be adopted and integrated in projects and programme design, according to the four pillars of the Decent Work Agenda – namely employment creation

and enterprise development, social protection, standards and rights at work and governance and social dialogue.

Working with the ILO

When seeking to address rural employment and decent work at country level through the various entry points enumerated above, FAO country offices can receive support from ILO technical specialists present in country and/or regional offices. ILO technical specialists cover a wide range of areas, including social protection, enterprise, occupational safety and health, skills development and infrastructure. In addition, rural focal points have also been appointed in most countries where the ILO has an office.

A list of ILO offices and rural focal points is in available in Annex 1 to this document and online on the joint FAO-ILO website, at http://www.fao-ilo.org/

This section begins by identifying the main issues that should be addressed by FAO in order to foster employment-enhancing sustainable agriculture and rural development processes. Frequently, FAO country offices are already dealing with many of these issues in their work. The guidance then gives examples of concrete actions that FAO country offices can take that correspond with each issue. These suggestions are based on FAO's comparative advantages and past experience.

The lists of suggested actions can also be used as checklists to ensure that DRE concerns have been considered adequately in a given intervention. However, not all issues are relevant in all circumstances. Nor is this list exhaustive.

Finally, for each DRE issue identified, knowledge resources and practical tools are suggested. Even if some of these resources are country or region specific, they should not be disregarded by country offices in other geographic areas, as they often represent the most

useful material currently available on a topic.

Note that symbols below are used throughout the following section to allow for easy recognition of the type of tools listed for each issue.

Practical guidance



How-to tools (operational manuals, institutional directives, discretionary guidelines, training materials, policy recommendations, codes of practice, etc.)



Knowledge-based tools (databases, policy briefs, papers and other publications, meetings/workshops proceedings and other information systems)



Best practices and lessons learned



Websites



International Labour Standards (ILO conventions and recommendations and International Labour Conference [ILC] or UN Resolutions)



The main section on examples of concrete actions and corresponding tools is followed by the "Additional Tools by Agricultural Subsector" section, which points the reader to additional knowledge materials and tools organized by agricultural subsector, namely: crop agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture, and livestock.

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- 1.3.4 Group cooperation and producer organizations

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- 4.1.1 Organizations of small producers in rural areas
- 4.1.2 Organization and networks of workers in the rural informal economy

4.2 Social dialogue and enhanced participation of small producers and rural workers, particularly women and youth, in agriculture and rural development processes

- 4.2.1 Representation and empowerment of the rural poor, particularly women and youth, in social dialogue and policy dialogue through rural workers' organizations, producer organizations and other civil society organizations
- $\frac{4.2.2\quad \text{Participation and empowerment of the rural poor, particularly women and youth, in local}{\underline{\text{decision-making and governance processes}}$



PILLAR 1 Employment creation and enterprise development

Promoting employment-enhancing agricultural and rural development policies, focusing on agriculture potential for pro-poor growth and employment creation

Employment-enhancing agricultural and rural development polices and strategies

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

1.1.1

Diagnosing the rural employment situation

- Advocate the need to improve gender and agebased knowledge of rural employment issues with UNCT/government
- Ensure that UN level socio-economic analysis is backed up by rural employment age- and sexdisaggregated data (ASDD), e.g. during CCA and UNDAF formulation/reviews; during Post-Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA), etc.
- Ensure that small-scale agriculture and informal rural economy are included in employment analysis in project baselines, evaluations, impact assessments, etc.
- Support identification of labour-intensive subsectors gender-based as well as value chains with high pro-poor growth potential
- Support participatory analysis with vulnerable groups and their organizations on specific rural employment issues, e.g. gender/age-segregation of rural markets, access to productive assets and labour, child labour, etc.
- Support government /MoA in the regular collection, processing and use of rural employment ASDD and information (including industrial and occupational classification to the third digit, and necessary details on specific activities and time use), e.g. in agricultural census, household and labour surveys

- CEB Toolkit on mainstreaming employment and decent work
- FAO Agri-Gender database: a statistical toolkit for the production of sexdisaggregated agricultural data
- FAO SEAGA Guide on genderdisaggregated data for agriculture and rural development
- FAO Guidelines on employment –
 Supplement to the Programme for the
 World Census of Agriculture 2000
- FAO Guidelines for the World
 Programme for the Census of Agriculture
 (WCA 2010), Theme 08: Farm labour
- ILO Methodological guide for Employment Diagnostic Analysis
- ILO Statistical Manual on the informal sector and informal employment
- 🚺 ILO LABORSTA Database
- LO Employment diagnostic analysis on Malawi, Maluku, Nusa Tenggara Timur/Indonesia, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- WB Data on labour and social protection
- **(III)** FAOSTAT
- FAO Rural Income Generating Activities (RIGA) database
- ILO/WIEGO Database on informal employment
- Global Strategy to Improve
 Agricultural Statistics
- ILO Decent Work Country Programmes

1.1.2

Pro-poor and gender-sensitive employment centred agricultural rural development polices and strategies

- Mainstream decent rural employment concerns in relevant UN-wide processes, focusing on small to medium-scale agriculture and the informal rural economy
- Evaluate trade-offs on employment when ranking alternative ARD policies, strategies and investments
- Consider impact of technology options on the number and quality of jobs created, e.g. including relevant indicators in technical assistance projects
- Mainstream and address gender-sensitive employment concerns, both in quantity and quality, when supporting ARD policies, strategies and programmes
- Ensure that relevant groups of rural population are involved in stakeholders' consultation (e.g. through workers' organizations, POs, youth and women groups, networks of workers in the informal economy, etc.)
- Join forces with ILO/UNDP/UNIDO and other relevant UN agencies to support responsible agro-investments and the development of equitable and inclusive agribusiness and agroindustries sectors

- FAO Guides for Social analysis for agriculture and rural investment projects
- FAO Ex Ante Tool for Ranking Policy
 Alternatives
- FAO technology impact and policy impact calculation model at the household level
- ILO Guidebook for developing and implementing Decent Work country programmes
- ILO Manual on decent work and poverty reduction strategies
- ILO Local Development and decent work (LDDW) resource kit
- FAO/UNIDO Programme framework of the African Agribusiness and Agroindustries Development Initiative (3ADI)
- UNRISD Report Combating Poverty and Inequality
- OECD Report Promoting Pro-Poor Growth

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** IPC/UNDP Towards an employment- Promote employment intensive investment 1.1.2 options for improving rural infrastructure such as centred development strategy for (cont.) roads, irrigation and provision of services poverty reduction in the Gambia Assess capacity and institutional needs for DRE Seminario Regional: Mercado promotion of MoA and other national partners de trabajo y pobreza rural en such as MoL, MoE, MoH, MoY and MoG, in América Latina collaboration with ILO, e.g. capacity development FAO Food and Agricultural activities included in relevant UNJPs Industries website • Support and promote dialogue and cooperation between national relevant institutions as MoA, C122 Employment Policy Convention, 1964 MoL, MoE, MoH, MoY and MoG, as well with the national statistics offices to ensure policy Principles for Responsible Agricultural coherence in areas relevant for agriculture, food Investment (RAI) security and rural employment Include decent work commodity chain analysis ILO Guide for value chain development 1.1.3 in FAO country programmes supporting valuefor Decent Work Value-chain chains development ILO Operational guide on local value development for · Explore potential for organic and fair-trade value chain development decent work chain development FAO Guidelines for rapid appraisals Ensure that programmes select measurable of agrifood chain performance in performance indicators reflecting the developing countries increased capacity of vulnerable groups to ILO Guide to mainstreaming gender take advantage of value-chain employment analysis in value chain development opportunities, e.g. enhancement of knowledge/ UNIDO 25 guiding questions for proskills, networking/partnerships, productive poor value chain development capacity, access to markets WIEGO Pratical guide for making · Support institutional innovations and policy agricultural value chain programmes interventions in support of small-scale producers' work for workers participation in value chains, building on the potential of POs USAID Recommended good practices for value chains to include vulnerable populations U ILO Combining Value Chain Development and Local Economic Development U ILO Improving Working Conditions through Value Chain Development Donor approaches to supporting pro-poor value chains Pro-poor commodity chain analysis in Bhutan: Maize; Citrus FAO Commodity associations: a tool for supply chain development? FAO Inclusive Value Chains USAID - Wiki Vulnerable Groups and the Value Chain Approach FAO Handbook for gender analysis in • Ensure that the gender focal point in line ministry 1.1.4 and men's and women's producer/workers' macroeconomic and agricultural sector **Gender equality** groups participate in defining UN-government policies and programmes and FAO-government country strategies in rural ILO Guidelines on Gender in Employment employment • Ensure that relevant men's and women's groups **Policies** participate in development and implementation of ARD promotion FAO Agri-gender statistics toolkit policies and strategies, FAO programmes and projects FAO/IFAD/ILO Gender dimensions of • Ensure that gender-equitable employmentagricultural and rural employment: related aspects are addressed in FAO technical Differentiated pathways out of poverty assistance projects and policy advice on ARD

• Include employment-related capacities when

Address employment-related concerns when

and planning

mainstreaming gender in agricultural policies

assessing and supporting capacity development

needs related to gender equality of national partners

+ 7 policy briefs

FAO Country profiles of gender inequalities

FAO SOFA 2010-2011: Women in agriculture:

closing the gender gap for development

in rural employment Malawi, Ghana

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
1.1.4		UNWOMEN/ILO Decent Work and Women's Economic Empowerment
(cont.)		FAO Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Website
		FAO Programme: Gender Equity The Socioeconomic and Gender
		Analysis Programme (SEAGA) UN Entity for Gender Equality and the
		Empowerment of Women
		Gender equality and DW: Selected ILO Conventions and Recommendations promoting gender equality, 2006

Creation of decent rural employment opportunities

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

1.2.1

Upgrading of small-scale agriculture

See also Section 1.3.3 and Section 1.5.1

- Ensure that the macroeconomic, budget, trade and sector policy framework provides incentives for a sustainable increase in small-scale agricultural production (with a focus on women and youth) and the development of inputs and outputs markets that serve small-scale producers
- Support small-scale agricultural production, post-harvest management, processing and marketing system, e.g. through programmes for skills upgrading, developing market-oriented extension training materials, etc.
- · Pilot business models to facilitate smallholder participation in markets and value chains, e.g. contract farming, initiatives to develop stakeholder linkages among value chain participants, etc.
- Promote market-oriented group cooperation, e.g. provide training on farmer-group formation, facilitation, technology testing, group leadership and networking
- · Support gender-sensitive access to adapted technologies and related skills training to increase small-scale agriculture productivity
- Pilot mechanisms to strengthen small-scale producers' access to financial and riskmanagement instruments, e.g. warehouse-receipt systems, insurance schemes for risk mitigation, etc.

Relevant tools

- FAO Guiding principles for responsible contract farming operations
- FAO guide: Contract farming partnerships for growth
- FAO Policies and institutions to support smallholder agriculture
- Políticas para la agricultura familiar en América Latina y el Caribe
- Inventory of Innovative Farmer Advisory Services using ICTs
- FAO TECA Technology for Agriculture: Proven Technologies for Smallholders
- ILO Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE) Programme
- FAO Contract Farming Resource Centre
- FAO Facilitating smallholder market integration
- FAO Save and grow

1.2.2

Upgrading of jobs and enterprises in the informal rural economy

- · Recognize agricultural workers in paid employment as a group distinct from small farmers, and involve their trade unions/ associations in relevant ARD processes directly
- Sustain government efforts to support agrobased enterprises and workers in the informal economy, e.g. support government/MoA in training vendors/enterprises in business and technical skills
- Facilitate contacts between government and informal economy workers'/producers' groups to give them a voice in informal sector policies/strategies
- ILO Work improvement in small enterprises (WISE+), action manual and trainers' guide
- FAO/ILO SARD and agricultural workers
- ILC Decent work and the informal economy
- ILO The informal economy in Africa: promoting transition to formality: challenges and strategies
- FAO/ILO/IUF Agricultural workers and their contribution to sustainable agriculture and rural development
- FAO Promises and challenges of the informal food sector in developing countries
- ILO Programme for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) – International Training Centre of the ILO
- Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

1.2.3

Innovative mechanisms for employment creation in rural areas See also Section 1.6

- · Cooperate in UN or government-led green jobs initiatives focusing on climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, organic farming, forestry, bioenergy and sustainable forest management, e.g. through UNJPs
- Advocate agricultural potential in creating green iobs, also in terms of greening existing iobs by increasing the ecological literacy of small producers and rural workers
- Support gender-sensitive innovative mechanisms for employment creation in rural areas, e.g. employment-intensive rural infrastructure programmes, rural tourism, geographical indications and territorial strategies, fair trade initiatives
- Advocate and facilitates effective linkages with fair trade unions and support traceability mechanisms (i.e. GLOBALG.A.P.)
- Include sex and age-disaggregated measurable employment indicators in all interventions
- · Ensure that new employment/enterprises created through FAO interventions are based on formal agreements
- Support strategic alliances among different stakeholders in all interventions, e.g. with financial institutions, including those that offer small-scale finance
- Support public employment programmes in rural areas, which adopt comprehensive approaches to build self reliance beyond basic survival needs

- ILO Guide on employment intensive ilnfrastructure programmes: labour policies and practices
- ILO Guide for assessing green jobs potential in developing countries
- FAO Guide for promoting quality linked to geographical origin and sustainable Geographical Indications
- FAO Key messages on how to design, implement and replicate sustainable small-scale livelihood-oriented bioenergy initiatives
- ILO Green jobs: Improving the climate for gender equality too!
- UNEP Green jobs: Towards decent work in a sustainable, low-carbon world
- FAO Making sustainable biofuels work for smallholder farmers and rural households: issues and perspectives
- FAO Green jobs, Unasylva
- FAO Jatropha: A smallholder bioenergy crop. The Potential for Pro-Poor Development
- Papers produced by the ILO Employment-Intensive Investment Programme: Construction Technology Papers (CTP); Rural Accessibility Technical Papers (RATP); Socio-Economic Technical Papers (SETP)
- IPC/UNDP Public works and employment programmes
- FAO Promoting employment and entrepreneurship for vulnerable youths in West Bank and Gaza Strip
- FAO Good Socio-Economic Practices in Modern Bioenergy Production
- FAO Small-Scale bioenergy initiatives: preliminary lessons on livelihood impacts from Asia, Latin America and Africa
- WB How to Make Public Works Work
- ILO Job Creation and Enterprise Development Department
- FAO Payments for Environmental Services from Agricultural Landscapes (PESAL)
- FAO Bioenergy website

Entrepreneurship promotion in rural areas

Issues to address **Examples of concrete actions**

Relevant tools

1.3.1

Business environment for micro, enterprises in agribusiness and marketing sector development

- · Raise awareness of government /UNCT and other relevant partners about existing disparity between rights of men and women to productive assets
- small and medium Support policies/laws and regulations to ensure a good business environment for MSMEs, e.g. reduction of cost associated with business creation, access to land and credit
- ILO Guide to assess the influence of the business environment on small enterprise employment
- ILO Start and Improve Your Business: small enterprise management training tools
- Methodological toolkit for promoting business partnerships in agrifood chains

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
1.3.1 (cont.)	 Lobby for gender/age-sensitive amendment of land legislation (including regulations and guidelines) and for the enforcement of gender/age-inclusive laws, e.g. lobby to increase representation by women on land commissions and other decision-making bodies Support participatory land-delimitation processes forsecuring rights acquired through customary and other forms of occupation, and facilitate community negotiation with commercial investors Support the rural finance landscape to improve the provision of financial services to MSMEs, e.g. develop linkages between banks, rural financial institutions, microfinance institutions, POs, agroenterprises and support service providers to improve and adapt the products and services provided Assess and support national capacity development needs related to rural entrepreneurship promotion, e.g. when defining strategic plan for the Department of Agricultural Business Promotion or the Marketing Unit of the MoA; joint training of trainers (TOT) of MoA Agricultural Enterprises Trainers with ILO/UNIDO Support the establishment of linkages with the MoT Ensure that representatives of micro and small entrepreneurs' associations, particularly women's and youths', participate in enterprise policy and programme development 	FAO Training manual: Land tenure alternative conflict management AfDB/ILO Guide: Assessing the enabling environment for women in growth enterprises FAO Financial sector linkages publications WB Agribusiness and Innovation Systems in Africa FAO Gender and land rights database ILO Factsheet: An enabling environment for sustainable enterprises FAO Policy brief: gender and land rights FAO Paper on participatory land delimitation Mallholder business models for agribusiness-led development Village Community Banking (VICOBA) Tanzania Rural Finance Learning Center (RFLC) FAO Land Tenure Website FAO Agribusiness Website R189 Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998
Rural people's entrepreneurial and managerial skills	 Support the broadening of the technical mandate of extension services to cover entrepreneurial and managerial skills, e.g. support the preparation of short-term training modules and materials on business-management skills, self-help initiatives and use of revolving funds for development activities Support establishment of operational linkages between extension departments in the MoA and MoL and MoT Pilot and support scaling-up of non-formal training on business development adapted to rural people and different groups needs (women, youth), e.g. JFFLS, FBS, FFS 	FAO Modernizing national agricultural extension systems: A practical guide for policy-makers of developing countries FAO Farm Business School manual FAO Mobilizing the potential of rural and agricultural extension Neuchâtel Initiative-Common Framework on Market-Oriented Agricultural Advisory Services FAO Global review of good agricultural extension and advisory service practices FAO Farmer Business School FAO JFFLS Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools ILO Know about business (KAB)
1.3.3 Supporting micro, small and medium enterprises in rural areas	 Give priority to rural businesses owned/managed by women and youth Identify and provide technical support to agribusinesses with potential for growth, e.g. in business and technical skills on post-harvest management, processing, product quality and safety standards, etc. Support trainings to enable MSMEs to meet requirements of the new food safety regulations Support rural MSMEs' access to markets and services, e.g. facilitate linkages with the banking/microfinance sector Support adoption of business models that provide opportunities for small-scale producers, towards aggregation of produce and developing backward and forward linkages 	FAO Lessons in microfinance FAO Rural finance and book-keeping teaching and learning materials FAO Cost-effective management tools for ensuring food quality and safety FAO Booklet: Business management for small-scale agro-processors FAO Diversification booklets FAO Marketing extension guide: A guide to marketing costs and how to calculate them FAO Community-based forest enterprises training materials (MA&D approach) FAO Rural-urban marketing linkages: infrastructure identification and survey guide ILO Helping micro and small enterprises cope with HIV/AIDS

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Rel	evant tools
1.3.3 (cont.)	Examples of concrete actions		FAO Survey of business models that provide opportunities for smallholders FAO/IFAD/ILO Policy brief: Rural women's entrepreneurship is "good business"! FAO SARD and Rural Enterprises FAO Promoting gender-sensitive entrepreneurship via microfinance institutions ILO Making microfinance work — Managing for improved performance FAO Exploring opportunities and constraints for young agro entrepreneurs in Africa FAO Lessons learned by the WIN Project on livelihoods diversification and enterprise development FAO Case studies of ways in which farmers have linked with markets FAO Alternatives to improve negotiation and market access capabilities of small-scale rural entrepreneurs in Latin America ILO Business Development Services (Distance learning) ILO Small Enterprise Programme Rural Finance Learning Centre ILO Start and Improve Your Business Programme FAO Linking Farmers to Markets WB SME toolkit R189 Job Creation in Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Recommendation, 1998

1.3.4

Group cooperation and producer organizations

- Raise awareness of government/UNCT on the role of POs as key stakeholders in DRE promotion, poverty reduction and ARD processes, e.g. use well-established events such as World Food Day, country programming exercises (CPF, UNDAF, SPFS/NPFS, etc.)
- Promote market-oriented group cooperation through all FAO interventions
- Support removal of laws and regulations that may create barriers to POs, e.g. through technical assistance supporting the drafting of agricultural legislation
- Explore, document and disseminate institutional innovations and good practices of organized collective action with strong employment impacts
- Strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of concerned MoA departments to support POs' development, possibly involving also MoT and MoL and other relevant ministries
- Support national efforts to strengthen the institutional and technical capacities of POs and cooperatives, e.g. in farm commercialization, agribusiness management, post-harvest management, processing, product quality and safety standards
- Support national efforts to enhance POs' and cooperatives' access to markets and services, e.g. by facilitating linkages with the banking/ microfinance sector

- FAO The group promoter's resource book: A practical guide to building rural self-help groups
- FAO Agricultural cooperative development: a manual for trainers
- FAO Course on agribusiness for producers' associations
- FAO The group savings resource book
- FAO/ILO Self-study and training for members and staff of agricultural cooperatives
- ILO Guide for Identification of economic opportunities for women's groups and communities
- FAO The group enterprise book
- FAO Computerizing agricultural cooperatives: a practical guide
- ILO Cooperating out of poverty: The renaissance of the African cooperative movement
- ILO Cooperative facility for Africa working papers
- Resources on Agricultural Cooperative

 Management
- ILO policy brief: Cooperatives for People-Centred Rural Development
- ILO leaflet on the potential of African cooperatives to empower rural women

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
1.3.4 (cont.)	 Promote involvement of POs in the design of agricultural investment programmes and frameworks, e.g. CAADP national compacts Support POs' involvement in the development of demand-led extension and advisory services Build synergies between organizations, programmes, countries and create producer-to-producer learning opportunities related to governance and social dialogue 	ILO Promising practices: How co-operatives work for working women in Africa FAO Good practices in building innovative rural institutions to increase food security ILO Cooperative Facility for Africa List of Cooperative Centres of Competence (Africa) International Cooperative Alliance

1.4 Livelihoods diversification for emergency prevention and post-crisis recovery				
Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools		
Disaster risk management and climate change adaptation See also Section 2.2	 Support MoA involvement in disaster risk management(DRM) processes to integrate sustainable agriculture and rural development aspects, including decent rural employment ones Support integration of livelihood-diversification measures in disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans and initiatives to decrease dependence of vulnerable groups on climate-sensitive farming Support institutional strengthening and partnership building for DRM, involving POs/workers' organizations and other community groups/private sector Support integration of livelihoods-vulnerability assessments in PRSPs and national, regional and local development plans Support analysis of gender-based climate-change vulnerability, impacts and risks on food security and employment, e.g. research-action programmes, within CCA/UNDAF etc. 	FAO Guide book: Disaster risk management system analysis ILO Guide on local investments for climate change adaptation FAO Resilient Livelihoods – Disaster Risk Reduction for Food and Nutrition Security Framework Programme FAO Adaptation to climate change in agriculture, forestry and fisheries FAO Farmers in a changing climate. Does gender matter? FAO Consolidated report of country case studies on the role of local institutions in reducing vulnerability to natural hazards FAO Livelihood adaptation to climate variability and change in drought-prone Bangladesh FAO Institutions for Disaster Risk Management		
1.4.2 Employment	 Address employment concerns in post-crisis agriculture rehabilitation and recovery programmes Include impact assessment of crisis on rural labour 	ILO Country level rapid impact assessment of crisis on employment FAO/ILO livelihood assessment toolkit		

creation for post-crisis recovery See also

Section 2.2

- markets in initial livelihoods impact appraisals (comprising employment losses and additional demand for jobs), e.g. in multi-sectoral quick impact assessments feeding into Flash Appeal proposals
- Include impact assessment of crisis on rural labour markets in detailed livelihood assessments to support the identification of employmentcentred rensponses
- Support first-line labour-intensive mechanisms in rural areas (cash or food-for-work) and promote market-oriented group cooperation through FAO interventions
- Support community contracting and local level planning in all interventions as part of organization building
- Adopt a gender/age perspective in employmentenhancing post-crisis planning, taking into account resource control and access to labour by gender/age

- FAO/ILO livelihood assessment toolkit
- ILO Guidelines on local economic recovery in post-conflict
- FAO/WFP/SEAGA Passport to mainstreaming a gender perspective in emergency programmes
- FAO/WFP/SEAGA Guidelines for emergency and rehabilitation programmes
- ILO policy brief: Boosting rural areas' resilience to conflicts and disasters
- UN Policy for post-conflict employment creation, income generation and reintegration
- FAO Palestinian Women's Associations and Agricultural Value Chains
- Early Recovery Cluster

1.5 Knowledge and skills to enhance employability

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

1.5.1

Employmentoriented training and agricultural education See also

Section 1.3.2

- Increase awareness amongst national partners of the role of vocational education and training in employability and rural development
- Pilot demand-driven agricultural education and training programmes that are employment and income-generation oriented and adapted to rural people and different groups' needs (women, youth, etc.), e.g. JFFLS, FFS, FBS
- Include a livelihoods-/employment-oriented component in technical FFS, e.g. IPM FFS
- Support scaling-up/institutionalization of successful training programmes in collaboration with MoA/MOE
- Pilot funding mechanism (small-grants fund) to support community-learning initiatives
- Join other UN agencies in promoting collaboration among ministries/NGOs/private sector to increase accessibility of rural people to skills training for self-employment and job creation, e.g. policy support for a joint strategy for non-formal education (NFE) in rural areas
- Promote participatory analysis in collaboration with government/local communities/rural institutions/research centres to identify needs and constraints that rural poor people face in accessing education and training services, e.g. during UN joint assessments such as CCA

- FAO Education for rural people (ERP) toolkit
- FAO Junior Farmers Field and Life
 Schools (JFFLS): Getting started and
 monitoring and evaluation toolkit
- ILO Biz-up: Self-employment skills for young people (User's Guide and Facilitator's Guide and Toolkit)
- ESCAP/FAO Success case replication:
 A manual for increasing farmer
 household income
- LinKS training manual on gender, biodiversity and local knowledge
- ILO Innovative cooperative training.
 A trainer's source book
- U ILO policy brief: Skills for rural development
- FAO/IFAD/ILO policy brief: Investing in skills for socio-economic empowerment of rural women
- LC 97 Report V Skills for improved productivity, employment growth and development (2008)
- FAO The role of education, training and capacity development in poverty reduction and food security
- FAO Fundamental elements of a FFS
- FAO Towards self-financed FFS
- WB/FAO/IFAD Gender in agricultural innovation and education (module of the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook)
- ILO Skills for Green Jobs 21 background country studies
- IPM Farmer Field Schools: A synthesis of 25 impact evaluations
- A Strategy for Education for Rural People in Kosovo
- Global FFS Network and Resource Centre
- Junior Farm Field and Life Schools

1.6 Specific groups' needs to access decent rural employment opportunities

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

1.6.1

Rural women and youth¹⁵

 Sensitize national partners on the need to prioritize women and youth in employment creation, e.g. use well-established events such as Rural Women Day, World Food Day, etc.

- ILO Tools for women's entrepreneurship development
- IWTC Rural women in Africa: ideas for earning money (computer book)
- ILO Guide for the preparation of National Action Plans on youth employment
- DFID Youth in development a guide for development agencies and policy makers

¹⁵ The United Nations defines "youth" as persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years inclusive.

Issues to address **Examples of concrete actions** • Ensure that the gender and the youth focal point 1.6.1 in the MoA and/or respective line ministries (cont.) participate in relevant processes and ARD policy development (e.g. CCA/UNDAF, CPF, etc.) • Involve representatives of rural women and youth groups in the development of agribusiness and agro-industry policies and programmes • Support the collection and analysis of reliable data and information on women and young workers, producers and their MSMEs and associations, e.g. within the CCA or FAO programmes and projects Support the removal of cultural and systemic barriers, laws and regulations that may impede women's or youth's economic empowerment, e.g. when supporting the drafting of agricultural legislation or the institutional reorganization of MoA • Support women and youth equitable access to land, water, credit, information, and technology, e.g. through direct interventions to consolidate productive patrimonial assets and full citizenship • Promote women's and youths' group cooperation and their representation in POs, workers' organizations and workers' unions • Support MoA collaboration with women and youth producers' and agricultural entrepreneurs' associations, workers' organizations and unions • Ensure that the specific needs and constraints of women (such as maternity and nursing, time use, care responsibilities - especially in terms of HIV, reduced mobility, access to resources) are taken into account in all **FAO** interventions • Support labour-saving technologies and social services aimed to reduce women's domestic and care tasks

Relevant tools

- ILO Guide to youth employment
- FAO Policy Brief: Women and rural employment
- FAO/IFAD/ILO Gender and rural employment policy briefs
- FAO/CEPAL Employment of rural women
- ILO policy brief on investing in youth for rural transformation
- LO/IFAD Review of strategies and programmes for youth employment in rural areas
- FAO/ILO/UNESCO Training and employment opportunities to address poverty among rural youth
- FAO Rural youth employment in developing countries: A global view
- ILO Fact sheet on youth employment
- WB Review of interventions to support young workers
- African Economic Outlook 2012:

 Promoting Youth Employment
- U ILO Global Employment Trends for Youth 2012
- U IIED Small-scale farming and youth in an era of rapid rural change
- WB Framework to guide youth employment interventions
- FAO Promoting employment and entrepreneurship for vulnerable youths in West Bank and Gaza Strip
- FAO Dimitra website. Gender, Rural Women and Development
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- MDG Fund on Youth, Employment and Migration
- Youth Employment Network (YEN)
- Maternity Protection
- ILO Work and Family
- Youth employment inventory
- ILO Resource guide on youth employment
- A/RES/57/165 UN General Assembly Resolutions on promoting youth employment, 2002
- LC Resolution on Youth Employment, 2005

1.6.2

Indigenous communities

 Push for greater consideration of indigenous issues within the CCA/UNDAF, CCA/UNDAF and CPF

• Combine targeted, women-specific programmes

and policies with gender mainstreaming in all

• Ensure gender equity in the creation of youth employment and income-generation activities

rural business-development initiatives

and policies supported by FAO

- Promote FAO's Policy on indigenous people
- Support participation of indigenous people representatives in fora/workshops/ARD relevant processes
- Apply the UNDG guidelines on indigenous people to integrate indigenous issues into project cycles and strategies
- FAO Policy on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
- UNDG Guidelines on indigenous peoples' issues
- UNPFII Resource kit on indigenous peoples' issues
- UN-REDD Operational Guidance for engaging with indigenous- and other forest dependent communities

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** ILO Indigenous and Tribal People's Promote integration of indigenous producers 1.6.2 into national and international value chains, Rights in Practice: A Guide to ILO (cont.) e.g. technical assistance for organic production Convention No. 169 and certification ILO Eliminating discrimination against indigenous and tribal peoples in Support government to create institutional environments favourable to indigenous employment and occupation: A Guide to communities, e.g. national legislation that ILO Convention No. 111 strengthens individual and community access U ILO policy brief: Indigenous people to land and other productive resources; UN Declaration of the Rights of identification, adding-value and preservation of Indigenous Peoples, 2007 specific quality products linked to their places and traditions; fair trade networks UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Promote programmes operated in partnership Issues (UNPFII) with indigenous NGOs/CSOs and in which FAO ILO webpage on Indigenous and Tribal would provide technical assistance/capacity Peoples development components LS C169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 · Include employment and livelihood-based ILO Guidelines on socio-economic 1.6.3 components in agriculture rehabilitation and reintegration of ex-combatants Demobilized recovery programmes for conflict-/post-conflict-

soldiers, refugees, internally displaced people

- Include employment and livelihood-based components in agriculture rehabilitation and recovery programmes for conflict-/post-conflictand protracted-crises-affected areas/countries, e.g. recruiting an employment/livelihoods specialist among the consultants
- Support market-oriented group cooperation initiatives
- Provide technical assistance to professionalize demobilized soldiers, refugees, IDPs: FFS, FBS, JFFLS, YFAs and vocational and educational training programmes including life/social and agricultural skills and small-businessdevelopment training
- Support development of long-term labour based reinsertion programmes, e.g. rural infrastructure, including adapted vocational training programmes
- Promote gender/age equality: consider that the lack of male labour during conflicts can ease entry of women and youth into formerly gender/ age-restricted areas in post-conflict period
- Support the establishment of links with existing financial institutions (e.g. to increase access to remittances)
- Support the establishment of grant schemes to fast-track access to credit when there is not sufficient economic stability

- ILO Guidelines for employment intensive reconstruction works in countries emerging from armed conflicts
- International Alert-Practice note 4:
 Socio-Economic Reintegration of
 Ex-Combatants
- ILO How-to guide on economic reintegration of children formerly associated with armed forces and groups
- UNHCR Handbook for the protection of IDPs
- Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict
- UNHCR website
- UNHCR webpage on Internally Displaced People

1.6.4

Migrant workers and their communities

- Raise awareness of government /UNCT about potential impacts of greater investment in agriculture on rural areas and rural out-migration, e.g. participate in UN theme groups on migration issues (ILO should be regarded as the lead agency on labour migration)
- Support programmes addressing rural unemployment particularly in areas with high migration incidence
- Assess the socio-economic impact of migration on rural communities
- Support government capacity and structures for collecting and analysing rural labour migration ASDD data, as well as flows of remittances and their final uses in rural areas
- ILO Multilateral framework on labour migration. Non-binding principles and guidelines for a rights-based approach to labour migration
- OM Practical guide on information provision regarding return and reintegration in countries of origin
- IOM/ILO/OCSE Handbook on establishing effective labour migration policies in countries of origin and of destination
- OCSE Guide on gender-sensitive labour migration policies
- ILO (2008) In search of Decent Work
 Migrant workers' rights: A manual for trade unionists

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
1.6.4 (cont.)	 Assess remittances' impact on rural economy and local productivity and development Ensure that migrants and their associations participate in relevant processes for defining sustainable ARD strategic frameworks and policies Support programmes to improve the productive use of remittances in rural areas of origin, in collaboration with ILO/IOM /IFAD/WB and other relevant partners, e.g. incentives schemes; partnerships between financial institutions to improve migrants' access to efficient remittance-transfer channels Support MoA involvement in intergovernmental mechanisms for coordination and consultation on labour mobility (the leading ministry should be the MoL) Promote the positive role of labour migration in advancing regional integration, including by supporting multilateral social security agreements, e.g. within NEPAD/Regional Coordination Mechanism clusters in which FAO is involved Support UN joint initiatives for developing Labour Market Information Systems (LMIS) for rural potential migrants, particularly women and youth Support mechanisms to facilitate the socioprofessional integration of returned migrants in rural areas with information on job opportunities, access to finance, training and business development services to support the start-up of agro-entrepreneurial activities Support participatory research, involving local communities and migrant associations, to assess the impacts of climate change-induced migration and its gender component 	IOM Mainstreaming migration into development planning FAO papers on the impacts of migration and remittances: in Rural Philippines, in Mexico, in small island states (Fiji and Tonga), in Albania FAO Policy Brief: SARD and migration ILO policy brief: Labour migration governance for rural development ODI Briefing paper: Rural employment and migration FAO/IFAD/ILO Policy brief: Making migration work for women and men in rural labour markets Remittances Gateway ILO Good practices database-Labour migration policies and programmes FIFAD Financing facility for remittances SC143 Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975 SC97 Migration for Employment Convention (Revised), 1949 Recommendation (Revised), 1949
Persons with disabilities	 Remain involved, attend meetings, collaborate with government, UN agencies, NGOs, etc. that focus upon persons with disabilities in rural areas, underscoring the potential contribution of the agricultural sector for their inclusion Promote prevention of disability though safe use of agro-chemicals and agricultural tools and implements, e.g. promoting IPM/GAP/OSH in FFS and training of extension services Provide technical expertise in training and adaptation methodologies required by persons with disabilities Support participatory research and case studies, involving local communities, to identify barriers and employment opportunities in the agriculture and non-farm sector for persons with disabilities 	FAO Guidelines for enhancing opportunities in agriculture for disabled people ILO Good practice guide for Skills development through community based rehabilitation ILO Replicating success. A manual to alleviate poverty through peer training FAO Handbook for training of disabled on rural enterprise development ILO policy brief: Empowering people with disabilities for rural development C159 Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Disabled Persons) Convention, 1983
1.6.6 People living with and affected by HIV	 Promote access to employment for people living with and affected by HIV Promote access to prevention, treatment, care and support for women and men workers in rural areas and in agriculture Provide technical expertise in skills building that mainstream HIV prevention activities and establish referral systems for access to voluntary testing (VCT) and counselling, treatment, care and support 	ILO Helping micro and small enterprises cope with HIV/AIDS – A handbook for small business associations and service providers ILO policy brief: Creating opportunities for rural communities affected by HIV and AIDS ILO Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS and the world of work, No. 200, 2010

PILLAR 2 Social protection

Extending social protection to small producers and rural workers through livelihoods-based mechanisms

Occupational safety & health (OSH)

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

2.1.1

Occupational safety & health measures for the rural workforce. including small producers and informal wage workers

- · Join forces with MoA, producer and worker organizations and ILO to support the inclusion of the agricultural sector in national OSH policies and programmes
- Support the MoA in integrating OSH in agriculture plans
- · Address issues of OSH as a mandatory component of capacity development support to extension services
- · Promote good practices in OSH in agriculture
- Support use of substitutes for hazardous substances, technologies and practices (e.g. IPM, organic agriculture, GAP)
- Introduce traceability standard measures in the supported agricultural value chains
- Support specific training on OSH for producers including OSH training programmes for women, young, elderly, seasonal and migrant agricultural workers
- Support the development and implementation of measures to identify and control occupational OSH hazards, e.g. informed risk assessments through community participation and the involvement of agricultural workers and their organizations
- Conduct participatory analysis with workers in the informal economy, through their organizations wherever possible, on OSH issues
- · Join forces with government to engage POs, worker (formal and informal) associations and community leaders in sensitization activities on OSH in agriculture

Relevant tools

- ILO OSH Training materials
- ILO Codes of practice and guides in the field of chemical safety
- ILO Code of Practice on safety and health in agriculture, 2010
- ILO/IUF/UITA/IUL Health, safety and environment: a series of trade union education manuals for agricultural workers
- FAO International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides
- ILO Chemical Safety Training Modules
- FAO Guidelines Good agricultural practices for family agriculture
- ILO Introduction to OSH + specific booklets
- ILO OSH for women and children
- ILC Report VI (1). Safety and health in agriculture
- IUF Briefing Paper: Avian Influenza (H5N1) and agricultural workers
- ILO Promoting occupational health services for workers in the informal economy through primary care units
- ILO/ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network: good occupational safety and health practices
- ILO Developing the WIND training programme in Asia: Participatory approaches to improving safety, health and working conditions of farmers
- ILO International Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS)
- LO Training Programme on Safety, Health and Working Conditions in Agriculture
- ILO Programme on Safety and Health at Work and the Environment (SAFEWORK)
- FAO Good Agricultural Practices
- FAO Integrated Pest Management programme
- FAO/AGP Pest and Pesticide Management
- ILO Databases on OSH
- (LS C129 Labour Inspection (Agriculture) Convention, 1969
- LS C170 Chemicals Convention, 1990
- LS C184 Safety and Health in Agriculture Convention, 2001
- LS C187 Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
2.1.2 HIV and AIDS and other major diseases and the world of work	 As FAOR, participate in UN theme groups on HIV and AIDS to mainstream the role of agriculture in national HIV and AIDS strategies and policies Support the mainstreaming of AIDS concerns in ARD policies and strategies, e.g. supporting formulation of Agricultural Sector Strategies for HIV and AIDS Collaborate with ILO/MoA/MoL and organizations for people living with and affected by HIV to mainstream the role of agriculture in national strategies/policies on HIV and AIDS, e.g. national policy on HIV and AIDS and the world of work Support introduction of labour-saving technologies to support poor households in HIV- and AIDS-affected areas Support inclusion in extension workers' training of a module on the impact of any disability and major epidemic, such as HIV and AIDS, on farmers and farming practices and how to mitigate it Apply the same consideration to other major diseases/epidemics relevant for country: e.g. tuberculosis and malaria 	FAO HIV/AIDS extension fact sheet ILO Handbook for employers: Managing HIV/AIDS and the workplace FAO Labour saving technologies and practices ILO/FHI HIV/AIDS Behaviour change communication toolkit for the workplace Implementing the ILO code of practice on HIV/AIDS and the world of work. An education and training manual ILO: Code of Practice on HIV/AIDS and the world of work FAO/IFAD Conservation agriculture as a labour saving practice for vulnerable households FAO/IFAD Labour saving technologies and practices for farming and household activities in Eastern and Southern Africa Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS into FAO programmes Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS and the World of Work (ILO/AIDS) ILO: Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS and the World of Work, No. 200, 2010

2.2 Extending social protection coverage to rural areas

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Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
2.2.1 Social protection for small-scale producers and workers in the informal rural economy	 Link social protection with support to small producers' productivity and capabilities, e.g. supporting productivity-enhancing safety nets, cash transfers and public employment programmes Ensure that UN food-based social transfers source food locally (collaborating with WFP similar initiatives, e.g. P4P) and that impacts on production and markets are monitored closely Participate actively in UN coordination mechanisms on social protection and support MoA involvement to raise awareness on specific need of workers in the agricultural sector (e.g. seasonality and instability of incomes in agriculture) Support mechanisms for extending social protection to workers in the informal economy, which involve their associations and communities/households, e.g. through mutual benefit groups/micro-insurance schemes/community care groups for HIV- and AIDS-affected people/health service cooperatives Ensure that national or UN-supported public employment programmes for rural people pay careful attention to wage setting; do not compete with farming calendars; prevent gender and age biases; and build self-reliance beyond basic survival needs e.g. by supporting capacity building and skills development 	Wiego Tools for advocacy: Social protection for informal workers EC 2012. Social transfers in the fight against hunger World Bank Design and Implementation of Public Works Programs FAO Guidelines: 13 and 14 of the Voluntary guidelines Right to Food ILO-STEP Tools on health micro-insurance Social protection for food security FAO Linking social protection and support to small farmer development FAO Policy Brief: Protecting Africa's future: Livelihood-based social protection for OVC LIO Extending social security to all. A guide through challenges and options ILO 2010. Effects of non-contributory social transfers in developing countries: A compendium The ILO social security inquiry database: some national and scheme indicators of coverage, expenditure and benefit level WB Extending Social Protection to Informal Workers in the Horticulture Global Value Chain

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** FAO/WFP Responding to the Food Crisis: • Support the provision of income security for poor 2.2.1 rural people in old-age and invalidity through non-Synthesis of Medium-Term Measures (cont.) contributory pensions ILO Innovations in Public Employment Explore, document and disseminate institutional Programmes innovations and good practices of organized ODI Agricultural rehabilitation: Mapping collective action with strong impacts on the linkages between humanitarian social protection relief, social protection and development IPC-IG Linking Social Protection and Agricultural Production: The Case of Mexico FAO Productive Safety Nets Case Studies Ethiopia, Malawi, Ghana ODI Policy Brief Social Safety Nets, Indonesia FAO Socio-Environmental Safety Nets (Madagascar, Haiti) ILO GESS – Social transfers Impacts web space FAO From protection to production LS C102 Social Security (Minimum Standards) Convention, 1952 LS R67 Income Security Recommendation, 1944 • Engage in UN social protection floor (SPF)-ILO/WHO Manual and strategic framework 2.2.2 initiatives to ensure their outreach to rural areas for joint UN country operations on the Social Social Protection Floor Initiative (FAO is a cooperating agency in this UN Initiative) protection floor Support the inclusion of measures for small ILO UN Social Protection Floor Initiative: producers/agricultural workers and other The role of social security in crisis vulnerable rural groups in country-specific social response and recovery, and beyond protection policies ILO Factsheet of the SPF-I • Support implementation/M&E of social protection Social protection floor advisory group programmes in areas of FAO comparative advantage (e.g. nutrition and food security Social protection floor website surveillance systems; vocational education and ILO Social protection floors training through FFS, FBS, JFFLS; homestead recommendation gardening; community-level nutrition; food safety aspects; school feeding; child labour and youth programmes)

2.3 Nutritional well-being and food security of rural people

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
2.3.1 Nutritional status of rural populations towards food security and productive capacity of the rural workforce	 Support MoA to ensure that goals of national agricultural policies go beyond increasing agricultural production to promote food security, income generation, equity and improved nutritional status of vulnerable groups Support the incorporation of nutrition issues in ARD and poverty-reduction programmes/ projects and in all agriculture-related training programmes, e.g. trainings for extension workers Address needs for improved nutrition for people living with and affected by HIV, e.g. in trainings for extension workers 	FAO Incorporating nutrition considerations into development policies and programmes FAO Making nutrition a national priority: Review of policy processes in developing countries and a case-study of Malawi FAO Gender and nutrition fact sheet Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems (FIVIMS)

Issues to address	Examples of concrete actions	Relevant tools
2.3.2 Decent rural employment and food security	 Advocate for DRE as a driver of more stable livelihoods and improved food security Advocate for interdependence between right to food and right to work within broader right-based approaches, e.g. within UNCT, UNDAF Support mainstreaming of DRE in strategies and programmes for food security 	FAO Right to food assessment checklist FAO Nutrition and consumer protection OHCHR Principles and guidelines for a human rights approach to poverty reduction strategies OHCHR/FAO Fact sheet: The right to adequate food FAO Decent rural employment for food security: A case for action ILO policy brief: Food security through decent work ILO Programme on Decent Work for Food Security FAO Supporting programmes for Food Security FAO Right to Food Portal and Tools FAO Nutrition and consumer protection

Improving working conditions in rural areas

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2.4.1

Effective maternity protection and support for unpaid care work for rural women workers

Issues to address

- **Examples of concrete actions**
- Support government capacity and structures for collecting and analysing data (through labour force, time use and health and demographic surveys) to assess the maternity protection conditions and care needs of rural women
- Identify the legal, policy and service provision gaps through the development of legal reviews, policy and social budget analysis
- Raise-awareness of government, MoA, trade unions, employers' organizations and women's groups on the need for maternity protection and care needs of rural women (e.g. via the development of national campaigns; technical workshops on research and policy analysis results; capacity development of national stakeholders)
- Support the elaboration and funding of national and local strategies to extend maternity protection at work and care services for rural women, including: a) protection against hazardous work during pre- and postnatal periods; b) time for rest, healing and recovery after childbirth; c) income support and access to health care for the mother and her child; d) protection from discrimination based on pregnancy, maternity and family responsibilities; e) support for breastfeeding at work and childcare.

Relevant tools

- ILO Achieving MDG 4 through decent work
- ILO Achieving MDG 5 through decent work
- ILO Family-friendly measures Wise-R Action manual Module 5
- ILO Family-friendly measures -Wise-R trainers' guide Module 5
- ILO Guide: Healthy beginnings: Guidance on safe maternity at work
- ILO Training Package on work and family
- ILO Questions and answers about maternity at work
- ILO Maternity at work: A review of national legislation
- ILO Expanding women's employment opportunities: Informal economy workers and the need for childcare
- ILO Workplace solutions for childcare
- LO Reconciling work and family responsibilities. Practical ideas from global experience
- ILO Maternity Protection Website
- ILO Work and Family website
- ILO-TRAVAIL: Database of Conditions of Work and Employment Laws
- C156 Workers with Family Responsibilities, 1981
- C183 Maternity Protection Convention, 2000

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** Mow to define "decent remuneration" in • Advocate with government, MoA, trade unions, 2.4.2 employers' federations and UNCT on the need for the banana industry Minimum wage laws and policies on minimum wage and equal ILO Managing Wages and Benefits – and equal pay to be extended to workers in agriculture Wise-R Action Manual Module 4 pay policies (including casual and temporary wage workers) ILO Managing Wages and Benefits – and decent · Support policies and multi-stakeholder Wise-R Trainers' Guide Module 4 remuneration for mechanisms (involving UNCT, government, MoA, MoL, MoT, MoE, POs, CSOs etc.) aimed at U ILO The fundamentals of minimum rural workers wage fixing increasing rural wages for both men and women. U ILO Rural inequality, wage employment and labour market formation in Africa ILO The role of the minimum wage for social justice and growth: experiences of Brazil and India ILO Challenges and creative solutions for the implementation of minimum wages ILO Resource guide on minimum wages ILO-TRAVAIL: Database of Conditions of Work and Employment Laws (LS) C95 Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (LS C131 Minimum Wage Fixing Convention, 1970

PILLAR 3 Standards and rights at work

Strengthening respect for fundamental principles and rights at work in small-scale agriculture and the informal rural economy

3.1 Standards at work in rural settings

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Support ILO in encouraging government to

3.1.1

International Labour Standards (ILS) in small-scale agriculture and the informal rural economy

- Support ILO in encouraging government to ratify/implement/enforce ILS relevant to the rural labour force
- Support socially responsible agricultural production for small producers and MSMEs, e.g. via programme- and project-based training
- Engage POs, workers' associations, unions and networks in sensitization activities on labour standards
- Sensitize small producers/MSMEs/communities on labour standards, e.g. via programme- and project-based training, FFS, joint FAO-ILO extension workers' training programmes
- Support adoption of private voluntary standards and certification for socially responsible agricultural production and trade (but considering that requirements, costs and controls may be too big a burden for small farmers)
- Support innovative mechanisms for monitoring enforcement, bringing together labour inspectorates/MoA/MoT and extension services/ POs and workers' organizations/private sector and rural communities leaders, e.g. piloting in UNJPs
- Promote principles of Corporate Social Responsability for agro-investors and agribusinesses

Relevant tools

- ILO Good practices in labour inspection in the rural sector
- ILO Policy brief on ILS and rural workers
- ILO Policy brief on rural labour inspection
- FAO/SARD Policy brief on good agricultural practices (GAP)
- ILO International Labour Standards for plantation work
- ILO Workers' housing
- FAO Publications on Voluntary
 Standards for Responsible Agricultural
 Production and Trade
- © GLOBALG.A.P website (see Control Points and Compliance Criteria of the Integrated Farm Assurance, Section AF3)
- FAO The World Banana Forum
- International Social and
 Environmental Accreditation and
 Labelling (ISEAL) Alliance
- Social Accountability International (SAI)
- Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)
- Fairtrade Labelling Organizations
 International (FLO)
- ILO Resource guide on corporate social responsibility
- Full list of International Labour
 Standards by subject

3.2 Protecting the rights of workers in the rural economy

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

3.2.1

Child labour prevention in small-scale agriculture and among rural workers See also

Section 1.6.1

- Raise awareness of government/MoA and UNCT on the severity of child labour in agriculture, clarifying the distinction between child labour and educative household help
- Support the establishment of a child labour focal point in the MoA (and other line departments) and MoA participation in multistakeholder child-labour prevention mechanisms, e.g. formulation of National Action Plan to combat child labour, formulation of national hazardous activity list, national tasks forces on child labour.
- FAO/ILO Good practice guide for addressing child labour in fisheries and aquaculture: policy and practice
- FAO JFFLS facilitator's guide: child labour prevention in agriculture
- ILO-IPEC Training resource pack on the elimination of hazardous child labour in agriculture
- ILO-IPEC Toolkit for tackling hazardous child labour in agriculture: Guidance on policy and practice
- ILO Handbook on combating child labour among indigenous peoples

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** ILO Handbook on combating child Join forces with MoA and ILO to support 3.2.1 mainstreaming of child labour concerns into ARD labour among indigenous peoples (cont.) and poverty reduction policies, programmes and Global Roadmap for achieving the projects, and in extension services, e.g. through elimination of the Worst Forms of Child CCA/UNDAF/CPF Labour by 2016 Increase inter-ministerial cooperation on child U ILO Facts on Child Labour 2010 labour, especially to consider how agriculture FAO-SARD Policy Brief on Child Labour policies and programmes can impact both boys' and girls' involvement in child labour FAO's contribution to reducing and preventing child labour in agriculture • Document good practices in the country to 2007-11 reduce child labour in the agricultural sector U ILO Policy brief: Eliminating child labour Sensitize rural communities on national in rural areas through decent work minimum age legislation for the agricultural sector and child labour negative impacts, FAO/IFAD/ILO Policy brief: Getting girls e.g. through FFS, FBS, JFFLS, joint FAO-ILO and boys out of work and into school extension workers' training FAO/SLE Study on Child Labour and Support development and implementation of Children's Economic Activities in curricula relevant to the rural and agricultural Agriculture in Ghana context for primary and secondary schools ILO-IPEC Papers on rooting out child and adjust holidays to seasonal agricultural labour from cocoa farms calendar where possible, e.g. support adoption U ILO Children in hazardous work of agricultural, business, life-skills modules in national curricula ILO-IPEC Good Practices on Child Support vocational training models for low-literacy Labour agricultural populations, including children and llo International Programme on the youth, adapted for child-labour prevention Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) (e.g. JFFLS) International Partnership for Cooperation Support government efforts to improve national on Child Labour in Agriculture surveys and to establish a sex-disaggregated Understanding Children's Work (UCW) database on children's economic activities Inter-agency Programme in agriculture (including household chores), linking with ILO/IPEC and other UNICEF or LS C138 Minimum Age Convention, 1973 WB initiative LS C182 Worst Forms of Child Labour · Support action-oriented research and case Convention, 1999 studies, involving local communities, to identify the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and child labour hot spots (e.g. establish a partnership with a national university) · Start a child labour-prevention programme, combining approaches to livelihoods diversification and income generation with Community Based Information and Monitoring Systems (CBIMS), e.g. conditional agricultural credit for parents/guardians who withdraw their children from the worst forms of child labour · Encourage private companies and public institutions to work with suppliers to provide alternatives to child labour that are viable for both the business and the children · Consider adopting appropriate technology that reduce child labour, including substitutes for hazardous substances, technologies and practices, e.g. IPM · Promote greater engagement of POs and organizations of rural workers in monitoring and preventing child labour · Promote use of monitoring mechanisms already in place in existing voluntary guidelines and codes of practice used at country level to improve child labour monitoring, e.g. Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries, GAP certification, GLOBALG.A.P, Fair Trade unions, etc.

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** ILO Declaration on Fundamental · Raise awareness of UNCT and government 3.2.2 whenever limitation to freedom of association Principles and Rights at Work The right of and the right to collective bargaining in rural LS C11 Right of Association (Agriculture) small producers areas are identified Convention, 1921 and rural · Support revision of restrictive, intrusive or C87 Freedom of Association and workers to get discriminatory regulations on associations of Protection of the Right to Organise organized workers in the informal economy, e.g. within Convention, 1948 See also a TCP in support of the legal and institutional C98 Right to Organize and Collective Section 1.3.4 framework for POs development Bargaining Convention, 1949 • Provide support to government /MoA to promote R193 Promotion of Cooperatives sustainable rural institutions, e.g. facilitating the Recommendation, 2002 creation of a unit on cooperatives within the MoA · Address the constraints of women, youth and other specific groups (indigenous people, migrant workers, etc.) in getting organized

3.2.3

Elimination and prevention of forced labour in rural areas (slavery, human trafficking, debt bondage, forced domestic labour and other forms of forced labour)

 Raise awareness of the UNCT and government whenever forced labour in rural areas is identified

 Consider that specific support to freedom of association and collective bargaining falls typically

within ILO mandate

- Remember that women and youth, as well as potentially vulnerable groups such as children, indigenous people, socially vulnerable communities (i.e. Dalit groups), informal or migrant workers are disproportionably affected by forced labour
- Support action-oriented research and case studies on labour contractual arrangements prevailing in the informal economy, in collaboration with ILO
- ILO Mini action guide for trade unions
- ILO Handbook for employers and business to combat forced labour
- U ILO Global estimate of forced labour (2012)
- ILO/SAP/FL Trade unions and indigenous communities combating forced labour in the Peruvian Amazon region
- ILO Special Action Programme to combat forced labour
- UNODC Toolkit to combat trafficking in persons
- Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)
- ILO Resources on child trafficking
- LS C29 Forced Labour Convention, 1930
- C105 Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957

3.2.4

Elimination and prevention of discrimination at work in rural areas (on the basis of disability, gender, race, sexual orientation, real or perceived HIV status, political opinion, age, etc.)

- Raise awareness of the UNCT and government whenever cases of discrimination at work are identified in rural areas
- Ensure equality of treatment at work in FAO interventions, e.g. by including relevant indicators
- Support MoA/line departments in mainstreaming equality of treatment at work into ARD policies, programmes and projects, and extension services, e.g. through capacity development on gender equality for MoA/private partners/extension services, in collaboration with ILO/UNFPA
- Sensitize rural communities and FAO implementation partners on equality of treatment at work, e.g. through FFS, FBS, JFFLS, programme committees, joint FAO-ILO training for extension workers

- ILO Eliminating discrimination in the workplace
- ILO Code of practice on managing disability in the workplace
- ILO code of practice on HIV/AIDS and the world of work
- ILO ABC of women workers' rights and gender equality
- FAO The right of women agricultural workers (paper)
- ILO Discrimination at work factsheets
- FAO HIV/AIDS and rural labour issues (documents)
- ILO Resource guide on gender equality in the world of work
- ILO Database on Conditions of Work and Employment Laws

Issues to address Relevant tools **Examples of concrete actions** · Remember that FAO Strategic Framework Annotated Bibliography of Selected 3.2.4 ILO Tools for Mainstreaming Gender identifies gender equity in rural areas as a key (cont.) objective (SOK) (UNFPA is usually the UN's in the World of Work gender focal agency) ILO Anti-discrimination Action Profiles Support action-oriented research and case (LS Selected ILO Conventions and studies on gender/age discrimination in rural Recommendations Promoting labour markets and modern supply chains, Gender Equality in collaboration with ILO, national research UN Convention on the Elimination of institutes and women and youth groups All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979 International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Article 27) (LS C111 Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 LS C118 Equality of Treatment (Social Security) Convention, 1962 LS C169 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 R111 Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Recommendation, 1958 LS ILO Recommendation concerning HIV and AIDS and the world of work · Support government initiatives aiming to provide ILO Information Guide on Preventing 3.2.5 rural migrant workers with information about Discrimination, Exploitation and The rights of their rights and protection against all forms of Abuse of Women Migrant Workers discrimination in employment and occupation rural migrant ILO Promoting decent employment for workers Support government policies that protect rural rural migrant workers in China migrant workers from conditions of forced BRIDGE Overview Report: Gender and labour, trafficking and abuses in origin and destination countries Migration (2005) ILO Protecting the rights of migrant Join forces with ILO and IOM to support revision of discriminatory regulations that may workers: A shared responsibility create barriers for migrant workers to join rural ILO Policy brief on labour migration workers' organizations governance for rural development Account for potential vulnerability of certain ILO Good Practices Database – migrant groups, mainly women, youth and Labour Migration Policies and children, e.g. by promoting gender/age-sensitive Programmes labour-migration policies • Support changes in gender norms: empower ILO Multilateral Framework on Labour women where men have migrated, encourage Migration (MFLM) men to take on reproductive tasks where LS C143 Migrant Workers (Supplementary women have migrated such as child care and Provisions) Convention, 1975 food preparation, e.g. via training of extension workers or project-based training R151 Migrant Workers Support MoA involvement in mechanisms to Recommendation, 1975 provide pre-departure information on rights UN International Convention on and risks to both female and male, youth the Protection of the Rights of All and adult potential migrants, e.g. support Migrant Workers and Members of development of information mechanisms and Their Families, 1990 pre-training for seasonal employment in the III Human Rights Council resolution on agricultural sector migration and the human rights of the child (A/HRC/RES/12/6)

Improving agricultural labour legislation and policies

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

3.3.1

Legal and policy framework protecting workers in the agricultural sector and the informal rural economy

- Ensure that labour rights are addressed when assisting MoA in drafting agricultural and agro-industries legislation and policy (ensuring collaboration with MoL and ILO), e.g. within TCPs in support of agricultural Acts, pesticide Acts, etc.
- Ensure that labour rights aspects are addressed in capacity development support to MoA to implement agricultural and agro-industries legislation and policy (ensuring collaboration with MoL and ILO)
- Ensure that rights of small producers/rural workers, particularly women and youth, in accessing land, financial services, training and other productive resources are considered when assisting MoA in the drafting of agricultural legislation and reforms, e.g. within TCPs
- Support the establishment of inter-ministerial mechanisms, partnerships or exchanges to enhance synergies between policies on agriculture and rural development, employment, trade, technology, education, health for efficient and non-discriminatory rural labour markets

- CEB Toolkit for mainstreaming employment and decent work
- Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security
- FAO/ Save the Children: Children and women's rights to property and inheritance in Mozambique: Elements for an effective intervention strategy
- FAO Gender and Land Rights Database
- National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005
- ILO Database of conditions of work and employment laws
- ILO Global jobs crisis observatory
- Labour standards

PILLAR 4 Governance and social dialogue

Support the organization of small producers and informal agricultural workers to engage with increased bargaining power in social dialogue and agricultural and rural development processes

4.1 Rural producers' and workers' organizations

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

4.1.1

Organizations of small producers in rural areas
See also
Section 1.3.4

- Ensure that FAO interventions include an institution-building component to support groups and associations of small producers
- Support government efforts to encourage participation of women and youth in mixed POs, e.g. by setting quotas
- Support government efforts to promote group cooperation and the establishment of POs, particularly of women and youth, e.g. via programme and project-based training like FFS/FBS/JFFLS
- Encourage extension services to empower producers to organize into legalized associations and women to undertake leading positions in mixed-producers organizations, e.g. organize a joint training for extension workers in collaboration with national and regional POs
- Build synergies between organizations, programmes, countries and create producerto-producer learning opportunities related to governance and social dialogue

- The inter-group resource book: A guide to building small farmer group associations and networks
- FAO/ IFAD/WFP Policy brief on marketoriented producers' organizations
- FAO Producer organisations: Reclaiming opportunities for development (Africa)
- ILO Policy brief on cooperatives for people-centred rural development
- FAO/SARD Policy brief on farmers' organizations
- Annual Report on FAO activities in support of producers' organizations and agricultural cooperatives, 2009
- FAO Good practices in building innovative rural institutions
- International year of cooperatives 2012
- FAO/ILO Cooperatives and producers' organizations
- FAO Institution building
- ILO Cooperatives
- C011 Right of Association (Agriculture)
 Convention, 1921
- CO98 Right to Organize and Collective
 Bargaining Convention, 1949
- R193 Promotion of Cooperatives
 Recommendation, 2002

4.1.2

Organization and networks of workers in the rural informal economy

- Recognize agricultural workers in paid employment as a distinct group from producers: directly work with their trade unions and associations
- Support government efforts to organize informal rural workers (e.g. promote street vendor organizations through collaboration with NGOs and municipalities)
- Promote cooperatives/associations as one step on the path towards trade-unions formalization/registration
- Support organizations to form partnerships with NGOs for training and technical assistance in areas such as farm management and agricultural techniques
- Develop and diffuse "Know your rights" materials and provide training to associations' committee members and staff in negotiation and advocacy, e.g. organize a joint training with ILO for extension workers
- Remember that the majority of workers in the informal economy are women and youth – address explicitely their concerns and needs

- ILO/ICA/ ICFTU Handbook for trade unions and cooperatives about organizing workers in the informal economy
- ILO Handbook on cooperatives for use by workers' organizations
- FAO Workers in the urban "informal" food sector: innovative organizing strategies
- FAO Associations of market traders: Their roles and potential for further development
- ILO policy brief on addressing informality for rural development
- WIEGO Report on informal workers' organizing
- WIEGO Social Protection and the informal economy: linkages and good practices
- ILO Organizing out of poverty: stories from the grassroots: How the SYNDICOOP approach has worked in East Africa
- Organizing informal labor in India and Indonesia
- R149 Rural Workers' Organizations
 Recommendation, 1975
- C135 Workers' Representatives
 Convention, 1971
- C141 Rural Workers' Organizations
 Convention, 1975

4.2

Social dialogue and enhanced participation of small producers and rural workers, particularly women and youth, in agriculture and rural development processes

Issues to address

Examples of concrete actions

Relevant tools

4.2.1

Representation and empowerment of the rural poor, particularly women and youth, in social dialogue and policy dialogue through rural workers' organizations, producers' organizations and civil society organizations

- Advocate with government/MoA and UNCT the role that POs, rural workers' associations and other CSOs can play in increasing contribution of rural workers to ARD and food security
- Support institutionalization of coordination mechanisms among POs/CSOs, government (MoA/MoT/MoE, etc.) and the private sector, including in agricultural research
- Support the involvement of rural women and youth groups in every coordination mechanism supported
- Facilitate contacts between different workers' unions and POs and provide a forum where matters of common interest (e.g. legislation regarding land reclamation) can be discussed, e.g. platforms, regional training workshops in collaboration with regional and national POs, etc.
- Involve both formal and informal POs and rural workers' organizations, particularly women's and youths', in strategic ARD processes supported by FAO
- Promote dialogue and consultation between government/UNCT/ILO, migrant workers' associations (if they exist) and POs/workers' associations on particular concerns posed by rural out-migration and respective roles in assisting migrant workers
- Consider that social dialogue in the sense of collective bargaining and agreements falls typically within ILO mandate (e.g. collective agreements in the agricultural sector on plantations and commercial farms)

- YEN Practical guide to joining forces with young people
- A toolkit for young people to assess national policies for youth in Ghana
- FAO/SARD Policy Brief on Farmers'
 Organizations
- FAO The role and capacity of farm workers' unions in land reform in South Africa
- FAO World Banana Forum
- Enhancing rural women's voice in agriculture policy formulation (Asia)
- FAO/IFAD/MIJARC Facilitating access of rural youth to agricultural activities
- FAO Participation Website
- ILO Portal on Social Dialogue

4.2.2

Participation and empowerment of rural poor, particularly of women and youth, in local decision-making and governance processes

- Support government efforts to map and analyse rural institutions, in particular existing women and youth groups, and organizations for people living with and affected by HIV to identify capacity and institutional needs, e.g. within the CCA /via programme- and project-based studies
- Foster inclusive inter-institutional collaboration at the various governance levels on ARD, rural employment and poverty reduction processes (e.g. when developing agricultural employment strategies, UNDAF, PRSPs)
- Support rural women and youth participation as well as people living with and affected by HIV in decision-making bodies at national/ regional/ provincial/municipality and community level
- Support training of extension services providers to promote group dynamics for lobbying, e.g. support the preparation of short-term training modules and materials
- Develop/diffuse "Know your rights" materials and training to rural communities on participation, women and youth empowerment etc., e.g. via programme- and project-based training

- FAO Rapid guide for missions Analysing local institutions and livelihoods
- FAO Handbook for trainers on participatory local development
- FAO Participatory development:

 Guidelines on beneficiary participation
 in agricultural and rural development
- FAO-EASYPol Decentralized development in agriculture
- FAO-EASYPol Environment in decentralized decision making:
 An overview
- OECD Empowerment of poor rural people through initiatives in agriculture and natural resource management
- FAO Giving voice to rural women and men through Dimitra
- FAO Participation Website

Additional tools by sector

Issues to address	Relevant tools
Employment potential of crop agriculture through sustainable production intensification and crop diversification	 WB/FAO/IFAD Gender in Crop Agriculture Module of the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook FAO/ILO The impact of pesticide exposure on child labourers in agriculture FAO Enhancing Crop-Livestock Systems in Conservation Agriculture (Burkina Faso) FAO Website on Seed Production and Delivery FAO Greener Cities Programme (Urban and Peri-urban Horticulture) FAO Sustainable crop production intensification FAO Good agricultural practices (GAP) FAO Integrated pest management FAO Information Network on Post-harvest Operations (INPhO) C110 Plantations Convention, 1958
Employment potential of forestry sector through support to community-based forest-based enterprises, and particularly small-scale investment in non-wood forest products (NWFP)	FAO Manuals for planning tree and forest product enterprises with local communities FAO Voluntary guidelines for the responsible management of planted forests IIED Supporting small forest enterprises: A facilitator's toolkit Guidelines for labour inspection in forestry ILO Guidelines for labour inspection in forestry WB/FAO/IFAD Gender and Forestry Module of the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook FAO Policy briefs on mobilization and capacity-building for small and medium-scale enterprises involved in the NWFP value chains in Central Africa FAO Green jobs, Unasylva FAO Corporate social responsibility in forestry ILO Policy brief on productive and safe work in forestry ILO Safety and health in forestry work FAO Empowering communities through forestry: Community-based enterprise development in the Gambia FAO Community-based tourism: Uganda: The Buhoma Village Walk case study FAO Non-wood forest product community-based enterprise development in Lao People's Democratic Republic FAO Supporting small forest enterprises: A cross-sectoral review of best practices FAO-Challenges and opportunities for Nepal's small and medium forest enterprises (SMFEs) FAO Community-based forest enterprises: Forest Connect

Issues to address	Relevant tools
Employment potential of fisheries sector, including aquaculture	FAO Technical guidelines for responsible fisheries FAO Microfinance in fisheries and aquaculture. Guidelines and case studies FAO/ILO Good practice guide for addressing child labour in fisheries and aquaculture WB/FAO/IFAD Gender in Fisheries and Aquaculture Module of the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook FAO Gender policies for responsible fisheries: Policies to support gender equity and livelihoods in small-scale fisheries FAO Farm ponds for water, fish and livelihoods FAO The state of world fisheries and aquaculture 2012 (SOFIA) ILO Policy brief on sustainable fishing FAO Achieving poverty reduction through responsible fisheries: Lessons from West and Central Africa FAO Promoting the use of the fuel-efficient Chorkor oven to smoke fish FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries FAO International guidelines on securing sustainable small-scale fisheries ILO Maritime Activities: Shipping; ports; fisheries; inland waterways FAO Small-scale fisheries FAO Learning materials for fisheries and aquaculture ILO Maritime Labour Convention ILO C188 Work in Fishing Convention, 2007
Employment potential of livestock sector and its contribution to risk-management strategies (e.g. role of livestock as a complement or substitute of labour)	FAO Livestock sector policies and programmes in developing countries: A menu for practitioners WB/FAO/IFAD Gender and Livestock Module of the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook FAO Policy brief: Livestock policies and poverty reduction in Africa, Asia and Latin America FAO Status and prospects for smallholder milk production: A global perspective FAO Contract farming as an institution for integrating rural smallholders in markets for livestock products in developing countries FAO Children's work in the livestock sector: Herding and beyond FAO Employment Generation through Small-scale Dairy Marketing and Processing: Experiences from Kenya, Bangladesh and Ghana