

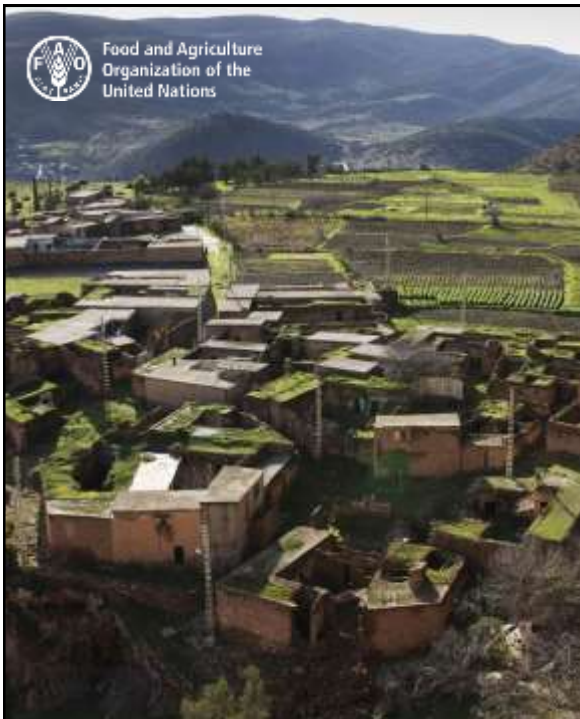


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SP3:
REDUCE RURAL
POVERTY

Regional Initiative of Small-Scale Family Farming

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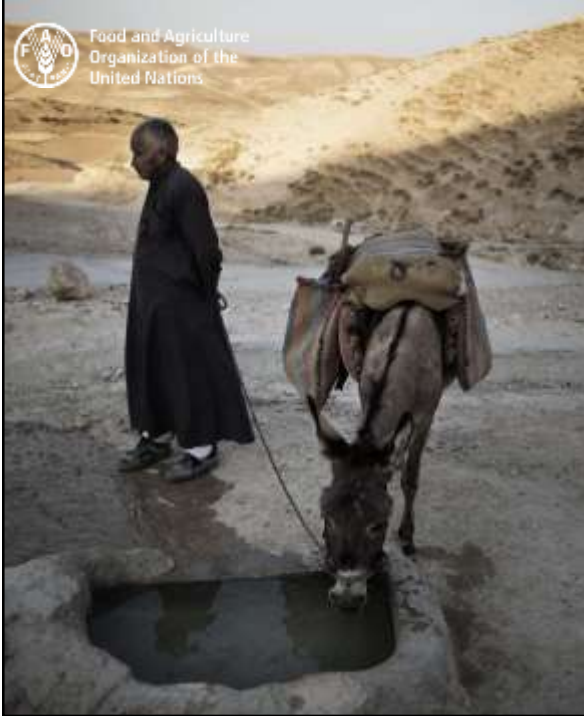
Why Small-Scale Family Farming?

- Family Farming: 500 million family farms that constitute 85% of all farms worldwide;
- 2014 International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) focused global attention on the important role of family farming in providing food and nutrition security and enabling sustainable development;
- NERC 32: It was decided that SSFF would become a regional priority for rural poverty reduction;
- Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) in 2014;





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Why NENA Region?

- 2% population growth rate (vs. 1.2% global average)
- 70% poor live in rural areas
- 45% agricultural workforce is female
- 34% population dependent on agriculture for employment
- 66% water availability decrease in past 40 years
- 30% youth unemployment by 2018

Why NENA Region?

ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

- Multiple conflict zones
- 45% agricultural land exposed to salinity, nutrient loss, erosion
- <2°C global pact to keep temperature rise below this limit



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RI-SSFF: SPs contribution



SP3: Reduce Rural Poverty



SP2: Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable



SP4: Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems



SP1: Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition



SP5: Increase the resilience of livelihoods from disasters



RI-SSFF 2018-2021: three programme outcomes

1. Sustainable and innovative practices developed to boost the agricultural productivity of farmers' and their associations in small scale family farming.
2. Decent rural employment opportunities and complementary social protection mechanisms for small-scale family farmers developed and incentivised.
3. Rural organizations and institutions' capacities strengthened to improve small-scale family farmers' access to rural services and markets.



RI-SSFF and SDGs



Target 1.3 Social protection systems and measures for all.



Target 2.3 Double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers.



Target 8.3 Support decent job creation.

Target 8.5 Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men.

Target 8.7 Eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour



Target 12.1 Implement the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production.



**Assessing
the situation**



Key Achievements: Productivity

- Knowledge base for the ecosystem approach to fisheries in Maghreb
- Capacity of high-value crop farmers to improve agricultural practices in WBGS
- Sustainable countrywide programme for monitoring and managing the invasion of fruit flies in Lebanon



Key Achievements: Employment and Social Protection

- Regional situation analysis of social protection
- E-learning training on social protection as a tool for poverty reduction in NENA region conducted
- Women and youth nutrition and health behaviour improved in Egypt
- Registry of farmers to support the expansion of social protection in Lebanon
- SP assessment for fishers and their communities in Egypt and Jordan (*in process*)
- Implementation of Interagency Social Protection Assessments Tool and analyse the possibility for a farmers' registry in WBGs (*in process*)



Key Achievements: Rural Institutions and Value Chains

- Development of a Regional Platform on Food Loss and Waste and Value Chains (*in process*)
- Regional Platform on Producers' Organizations in Lebanon, Oman and Sudan
- Case study assessments on the extent, causes and solutions of food losses in fruit value chains undertaken in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Iran
- Academy for Decent Work for Youth towards sustainable, inclusive and thriving rural economies initiated through the NENA region





Way Forward: 2018-2021

- Implementation of regional **social protection** strategy
- Development of regional assessment of **climate change** on small-scale farming
- Reform and develop markets, **value chains** for improved **productivity**
- Support the development and implementation of national strategies to reduce **food losses**
- Facilitate policy dialogue on **land tenure rights** for small-scale family farmers.
- Support to develop the understanding and addressing the root causes of **child labour** in agriculture



Thank You

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