



# Food security projects - Bilateral Trust Fund with the FAO

Focus: Food and rural development

## Right to food – Sustainable farm management secures human rights

A productive and sustainable agricultural sector that is adapted to climate change is key for the realisation of the human right to food. As lead ministry for food security issues, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) provides funds under the Bilateral Trust Fund (BTF) to support the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in its function as a knowledge organization to improve the nutritional situation worldwide. The BMEL has used the BTF to provide about 142 million EUR in funds to a total of 118 projects with since 2002 ([bmel.de/btfund](http://bmel.de/btfund)).

### Selected ongoing projects at the interface between nutrition and rural development

#### **Project “A Multi-Country Study to improve the operationalization of the Minimum Dietary Diversity Women Indicator“**

For some years now women’s nutrition, and in particular the nutrition of women of reproductive age, has become increasingly important. This is also reflected by the development of a universal Minimum Dietary Diversity Women (MDD-W) Indicator to measure the dietary diversity of women. The project “A Multi-Country Study to improve the operationalization of the Minimum Dietary Diversity Women Indicator“ contributes to improving the practical implementation of the MDD-W. To this end, a study is carried out in Asia (*Cambodia*) and Africa (*Ethiopia, Zambia*) to improve the accuracy of data collection for the MDD-W.

(<http://www.fao.org/3/ca7321en/CA7321EN.pdf>; duration: 10/2017 to 09/2020; budget: 0.9 million EUR)

### Project “Technical Assistance to Implementing the Food and Nutrition Security Strategy in Afghanistan“

In *Afghanistan* about 30 percent of the population and almost half of all children under 5 years of age are food insecure. The project “Technical Assistance to the Implementation of the Food and Nutrition Security Strategy in Afghanistan“ strengthens the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture in the areas of planning, implementation, coordination and monitoring of measures aiming to improve food and nutrition security by building technological capacity and needs-based advisory services. (<http://www.fao.org/3/abs926e.pdf>; duration: 09/2017 to 08/2020; budget: 1.24 million EUR)

### Project “Scaling up Capacities for Nutrition-sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems“



This project focusses on the role of nutrition education in agricultural advisory services. Its goal is to raise political decision-makers’ awareness of the importance of healthy diets and nutrition and to strengthen the corresponding production methods. Pilot countries include *India* and *Malawi*.

(<http://www.fao.org/3/ca7326en/CA7326EN.pdf>;  
duration: 12/2017 to 08/2021; budget: 2 million EUR)

### Project “Sustainable soil management for nutrition-sensitive agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia“

The project funds Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) methods in *Bangladesh*, *Burkina Faso* and *Malawi*. The use of SSM practices aims to improve the quality of locally produced foods. The project also works on extending the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM) and the International Code of Conduct for the Sustainable Use and Management of Fertilizers.

(<http://www.fao.org/3/ca7218en/CA7218EN.pdf>; duration: 12/2018 to 11/2021; budget: 1.32 million EUR)

### Project “Support to the preparation of the First Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition“

The BMEL has been funding this project since January 2019. It supports the realisation of regional consultations all over the world. The aim is to contribute regional and national views to the drafting of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) in the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Additional funding goes to translations of the draft guidelines into all UN languages, which lay the groundwork for the pending negotiations of the guidelines.

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