# The role of the international community in addressing shocks to agricultural livelihoods

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## **CHALLENGES TO GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY**

- Sustainably meet growing food demand
- Uneven growth of incomes and population is challenging food access
- Triple burden of malnutrition
- Climate change and transboundary pests and diseases
- Resolving productivity and employment paradoxes
- Conflict and protracted crises

# INCREASE RESILIENCE OF LIVELIHOODS





# MAIN SHOCKS



Natural disasters



Food chain emergencies of transboundary or technological threats



Socio-economic crises



Violent conflicts



Protracted crises

# **DIFFERENT SHOCKS**

#### Natural hazards and climate-related disasters

- Increased frequency, intensity and impact
- More than 80% disasters related to climate
- Agricultural sectors most hit:
  - 22% of total costs and damages
  - 25% in case of climate related disasters.
  - 80% in case of drought
- Source of displacement: 22.5 million on average per year

#### Protracted crises and conflicts

- Conflicts and strife are intensifying
- 40% of countries in protracted crisis relapse within 10 years
- In 2015: 65 million people displaced

#### Food chain crises

- Alarming increase in outbreaks of transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases
- Enormous impact on human health and livelihoods
  - 70% of emerging diseases affecting humans originate in livestock and wildlife
  - Economic losses from animal disease US\$ 2.1 billion per year
  - Locust plagues can destroy upto 100% of crops
  - Plant diseases (e.g. wheat rust) can cause upto 80% of yield losses



# **RESILIENCE: FOUR ACTIONS**

#### **GOVERN RISKS AND CRISES:**

Institutional strengthening and risk and crisis management governance for agriculture, food and nutrition

# PREPARE AND RESPOND TO CRISES:

Preparedness and response to crisis affecting agriculture (including livestock, fisheries, aquaculture and forestry), food and nutrition

Increase resilience of livelihoods to shocks

#### **WATCH TO SAFEGUARD:**

Information and early warning systems for agriculture, food and nutrition and transboundary threats

# APPLY RISK AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION MEASURES:

Protection, prevention, mitigation and building livelihoods with technologies, approaches and good practices for agriculture, food and nutrition

# **INTERNATIONAL POLICY PROCESSES**

- 2030 Agenda (SDGs 1, 2, 13, 14, 15 and 16)
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises
- One Health

# **Challenges:**

- Response capacity limited (e.g. Ebola)
- Finance for humanitarian aid has increased 550%, share and attention for agriculture has decreased
- Developmental dilemmas in conflict situations

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## GOVERN RISKS AND CRISES



COUNTRIES AND REGIONS ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT LEGAL, POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR RISK REDUCTION AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

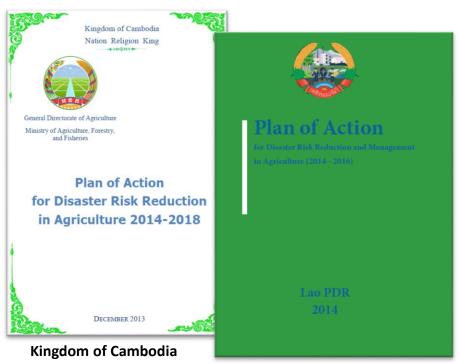
- PROMOTE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE OF TENURE OF LAND, FISHERIES AND FORESTS
- Develop specific DRR Action plan for Ministry of Agriculture

#### PILLAR 1 - GOVERN RISKS AND CRISIS

#### SUPPORT FOR THE FORMULATION OF AGRICULTURE-SPECIFIC PLANS FOR DRR

DRR PLANS FOR THE AG-FO-FI SECTORS ARE NECESSARY TO DESIGN SECTOR-SPECIFIC STRATEGIES, MEASURES AND ACTIVITIES IN RISK REDUCTION

NEPAL, BANGLADESH, BELIZE, SAINT LUCIA, JAMAICA, PHILIPPINES, DOMINICA, CAMBODIA, LAOS



Lao PDR

- Provide the overall sectoral vision
- Give strategic guidance
- Set priorities for key DRR actions within the country's agricultural sector
- Promote the application of appropriate and proven farming practices and agricultural technologies

#### PILLAR 1 - GOVERN RISKS AND CRISIS

# FAO FACILITY FOR MAINSTREAMING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE IN AGRICULTURE

> A PLATFORM TO HELP COUNTRIES ACCESS TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO FULLY INTEGRATE RISK REDUCTION PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES IN AGRICULTURE



Areas of support



Capacity needs assessment

Risk-sensitive investment programming

Policy and planning advice

Capacity development

Knowledge management, communication & advocacy

Risk reduction technologies

Partnership & RM

- Helping countries rapidly progress in meeting DRR goals post-2015.
- Creating an enabling environment to mainstream DRR in agriculture, with focus on developing countries regularly exposed to natural hazards.
- FAO is committing catalytic funds, and technical and administrative staff time.

FAO Facility funding needs 2015–2016: USD 10 million



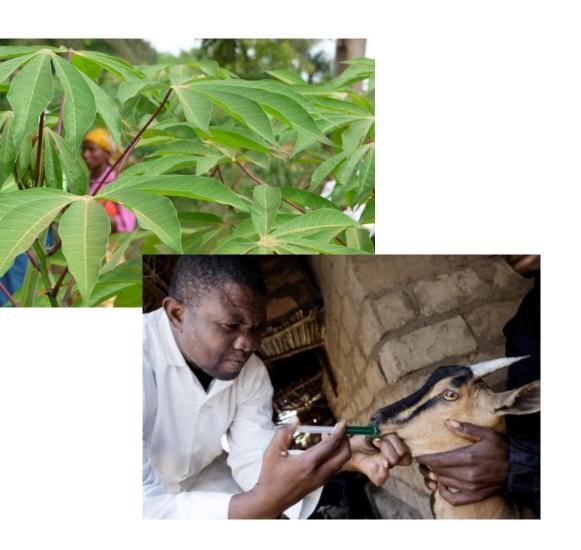
# WATCH TO SAFEGUARD



COUNTRIES AND REGIONS PROVIDE REGULAR INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING AGAINST POTENTIAL, KNOWN AND EMERGING THREATS

- EMPRES (LOCUST AND ANIMAL DISEASE)
  SURVEILLANCE, INFORMATION SHARING
  AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS
- Integrated Phase Classification (IPC)
- GIEWS: GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON FOOD PRICES
- Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis (RIMA)

#### PILLAR 2 - WATCH TO SAFEGUARD



- Cassava Mosaic Disease
- Pest of small ruminants
  - → Impact on Food and Nutrition Security

#### **ACTION:**

- 1. Surveillance and control
- 2. Capacity development and support to veterinary services
- 3. Coordination support to local authorities

# APPLY RISK AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION MEASURES



# COUNTRIES REDUCE RISKS AND VULNERABILITY AT HOUSEHOLD AND COMMUNITY LEVEL

- AGROFORESTRY: TREES CAN BE USED AS SHELTERBELTS AND WINDBREAKS. THEY CAN STABILIZE RIVERBANKS, MITIGATE SOIL EROSION, PROTECT AGAINST LANDSLIDES AND FLOODS.
- RAINWATER HARVESTING: TECHNOLOGIES & PRACTICES THAT USE LESS WATER, REDUCE WATER LOSS, AND INCREASE OVERALL WATER PRODUCTIVITY DURING DROUGHTS.
- CONFLICT SENSITIVE MEASURES:
- Tenure, access to natural resources (water, land, trees, pasture, transhumance routes, ...)

#### PILLAR 3 – APPLY RISK AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION MEASURES



- GARDENING ACTIVITIES implemented in the ouaddis have significantly increased food production for household consumption
- Women are now able to access land and derive income throughout the year

# PREPARE AND RESPOND TO CRISES



COUNTRIES AND REGIONS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS AND CRISES PREPARE FOR, AND MANAGE EFFECTIVE RESPONSES

- SEED RESERVES
- FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT TRAINING
- FISHERIES EMERGENCY GUIDANCE & GOOD PRACTICES
- LIVESTOCK SHELTERS



#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014**

- 3.2 million people reached with emergency livelihood kits
- 549 545 kits distributed (crop kits, vegetable kits, fishing kits)
- 2.4 million livestock vaccinated, 1 million treated

#### **OUTCOMES**

- Improved food availability in conflict-hit and IDP hosting areas
- Improved access to nutritious foods among displaced and hosting communities