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**FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on
Food and Agriculture (FTPP II)**

Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Regional Cooperation Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (BSEC-CSFS)

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About the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes

The objectives of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programmes are to provide support to ensure food security, rural poverty reduction and sustainable forest management, combat desertification and preserve ecosystems in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan and other countries of mutual interest.

Established in 2007, the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme on Food and Agriculture (FTPP) has benefited from trust fund contributions totalling USD 10 million, financed by the Government of Turkey and represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

During the first phase of the programme, 28 projects were implemented in 16 countries between 2009–2015. In 2014, Turkey and FAO commenced the second phase of the FTTP along with the first phase of the FAO-Turkey Forestry Partnership Programme (FTFP) with an additional fund of USD 20 million, bringing Turkey's total contribution to USD 30 million.

Under this new phase, a range of projects will be implemented in the areas of:

- food security and nutrition;
- agricultural and rural development;
- protection and management of natural resources;
- agricultural policies;
- food safety;
- sustainable forests, land and natural resource management and land degradation neutrality;
- institutional reform, training and national capacity enhancement.



**Reaching out to
Central Asia,
the Caucasus
and beyond**



**Turkey provided
financial support
totalling USD 30
million to date**



**28 projects
have been
implemented
to date**



**14 new projects
are underway with
the new phase of
the partnership
programmes**

Enhancing collaboration among BSEC member states on sustainable food systems

Food systems are undergoing dramatic changes worldwide, becoming increasingly globalized, concentrated, industrialized, and science and capital-intensive. Consumer preferences also change as a result of various factors, especially rapid urbanization and increases in income levels.

Although these developments provide immense opportunities, they can also give rise to challenges such as growing malnutrition, increased incidence of food safety issues and transboundary animal and plant disease outbreaks and significant levels of food loss and waste.

No region is free from these challenges and the BSEC region aims to address them through a regional approach focusing on the development of sustainable food systems that:

- Ensure food security and provide healthy, balanced and nutritious diets, to contribute to health for all;
- Provide decent livelihoods and jobs for all food system actors, notably smallholders, women and youth, contribute to economic growth throughout the agri-food sector (from production to distribution) and to the food trade balance;
- Manage, preserve / regenerate ecosystems and natural resource, and limit their effects on climate;
- Contribute to inclusive governance, stability and equitable distribution of power among territories so all can achieve the other goals.

A Regional Coordination Center for Sustainable Food Systems

Under the project, a Regional Cooperation Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (BSEC-CSFS) has been established with a clear mandate, relevant institutional framework and technical capacity to enhance the sustainability of the whole food value chain from farm to fork among BSEC member states. The BSEC-CSFS will provide BSEC member states with advice, guidance and information in the areas of sustainable food systems.



PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Objective:



Strengthen regional cooperation among BSEC Member States in the areas of (i) food security and safety; (ii) improving institutional capacities; (iii) poverty alleviation; and (iv) sustainable natural resource management, including aquatic resources

Target countries:



The 13 BSEC Member States (Republic of Albania, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Hellenic Republic, Republic of Moldova, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine)



Duration:

1 August 2020 –
31 July 2023



Budget:

USD 500 000



The project is implemented in close collaboration with the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (BSEC PERMIS).



PROJECT RESULTS:

- BSEC Centre for Sustainable Food Systems established and integrated in networks of similar organizations working at national, regional or global levels;
- Current State of Sustainable Food Systems in the BSEC region report prepared and disseminated;
- Awareness and exchange of information and experiences of gender-responsive Sustainable Food Systems among BSEC member states strengthened;
- Tools, information and suitable methodology on gender-responsive Sustainable Food Systems developed and technical capacity of BSEC member states strengthened.

By promoting awareness of the sustainable food systems approach in the BSEC region, the project will contribute to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), each of which relies to some degree on healthier, sustainable and equitable food systems.

The BSEC-CSFS is relevant to the forthcoming UN Food Systems Summit (New York, September 2021) as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The BSEC-CSFS will contribute to supporting countries to recover from the short and long-term impacts of COVID-19 on food and nutrition security and to assist with rebuilding BSEC economies.



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