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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) works to achieve global food security and to eradicate hunger, along with ensuring adequate nutrition and sustainability of agriculture. The Liaison office in Geneva (LOG) advises and assists, together with the FAO Liaison Office in New York (LONY), in the development and implementation of FAO's policies and decisions concerning enhanced FAO's cooperation and partnerships with the UN system, inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) located in Geneva.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Prevention and elimination of hunger, malnourishment and food security
- Reduction of rural poverty
- Promotion of inclusive and efficient agriculture
- Building resilience of livelihood
- Increasing sustainability of agriculture, fisheries and forestry

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

FAO collaborates closely with WHO on issues related to public health and food safety. In particular, FAO focuses on the monitoring of outbreaks evolving from animal and plant diseases. The organisations also collaborate on the development of a joint programme on International Food Safety Authorities Network, as well as on the Codex Alimentarius programme, which develops food standards, guidelines and related regulations to protect the health of consumers. FAO and WHO also collaborate closely in public health policy, including on nutrition guidelines, to respond to emerging non-communicative diseases related to tobacco use, physical inactivity and an unhealthy diet. Additionally, FAO works to address long-term food insecurity by taking a lead role in the efforts to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger in accordance to the UN Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals, as well as under the Plan of Action of the 1996 World Food Summit (WFS).

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Director of the FAO Geneva office is Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett. The Geneva office employs approximately 7-10 people. Overall FAO employs over 3250 staff members, and approximately 57 percent are based at headquarters in Rome, while the remainder work in offices worldwide. José Graziano da Silva is the FAO Director General since 2012.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

FAO's overall programme of work is funded by assessed and voluntary contributions. The assessed contributions are member countries' contributions, set at the biennial FAO Conference. The total FAO Budget planned for 2016-17 is USD 2.6 billion. The voluntary contributions provided by Members and other partners support technical and emergency (including rehabilitation) assistance to governments for clearly defined purposes linked to the results framework, as well as direct support to FAO's core work. The voluntary contributions are expected to reach approximately USD 1.6 billion in 2016-17.

PUBLICATIONS

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