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Regional Initiative on Small Scale Agriculture for Inclusive Development

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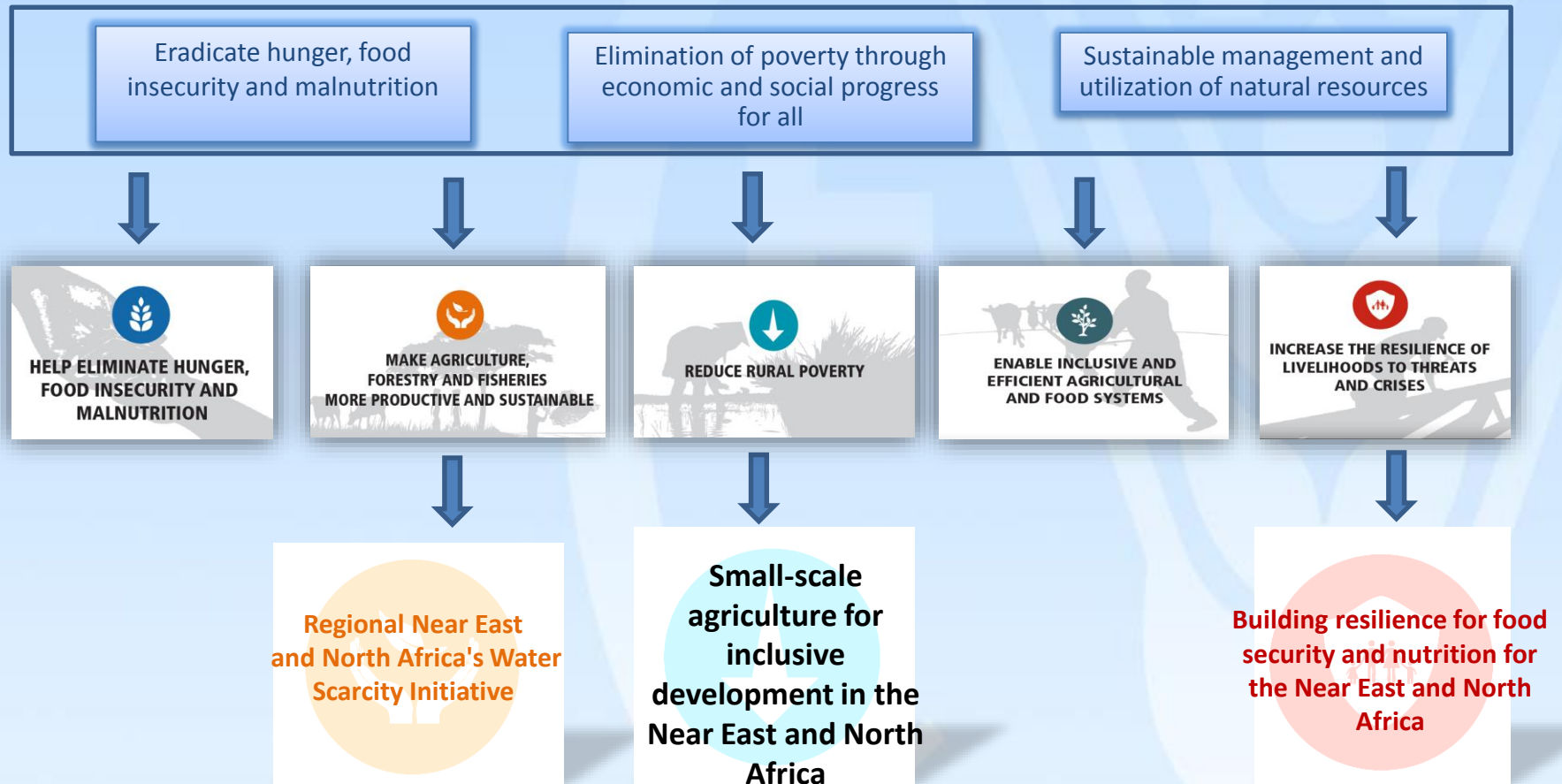
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FAO's Strategic Framework

Global Goals





Regional priorities

In line with the FAO Strategic Framework and NENA countries programming frameworks (CPFs)

Near East Regional Conference

(Three regional initiatives adopted by the 32nd RC):

- Water scarcity
- Resilience for food security and nutrition
- **Small-scale agriculture**





Scope:

The objective of SSA is to support countries in reducing rural poverty through a cohesive program addressing small-scale agriculture development.





Rationale for intervention:

- Rural vs urban poverty
- Major source of income
- Social safety net
- Migration and mobility
- Gender and youth





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The Challenge:



SSA is the major source of income in rural areas in the NENA region, not only for smallholders themselves but within the rural economy, as a whole through the creation of farm and off-farm employment. However, inequality and rural poverty has increased over time in most countries in the region, due in part to neglect of SSA.



The Response:

- I. Improving the understanding of various types of smallholders.
(*i.e. typology*)
- II. Sustainably improving productivity, quality, value addition, social sustainability and viability of the sector. (*FFS example: strengthen IPM, OP, etc.; sustainability and viability*)
- III. Empowering small holders engaged in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, including strengthening professional organizations and supporting the creation of decent rural employment opportunities for youth and women. (*FFS example: beyond IPM and production...business farmer field schools, issues of gender, governance...*)



Focus Areas of Work (summary):

- I. Support governments, producer organizations and rural institutions promoting capacity development tools on governance, sustainability and equity
- II. Support development of value chains and market linkages and improve access to sustainable rural services
- III. Support to strengthen producers' capacities, raise awareness of their priorities and create decent employment opportunities.



FFS from agricultural extension to adult education

- FFS are a bottom-up participatory approach that aim to empower farmers and improve agricultural outcomes;
- Since FAO first introduced FFS in Indonesia in 1989, FFS have reached over 12 million farmers in more than 90 countries;
- FFS have empowerment objectives, as well as objectives related to agricultural production.





Technologies incorporated in FFS

- IPM 54%
- Other pesticide management 19%
- IPPM / ICPM 11%
- Others 16%





FFS and Small-Scale Agriculture (SSA)

SSA:

- provides 80% of agricultural production in NENA
- Is the major source of income in rural areas of NENA
- Farmers dependent on agriculture and livestock for their livelihoods are highly exposed to risks and are more vulnerable
- Is a key for reduction of rural poverty

FFS represent a powerful and effective approach to assist SSA





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- ✓ **FFS is tailored for small-scale farmers to access to information and practice**
- ✓ **Platform for meeting farmers needs in different local contexts**
- ✓ **Farmers are becoming experts, more resilient to changes and challenges**
- ✓ **Improve quality of the production (food safety inclusiveness)**
- ✓ **Development of other skills as entrepreneurial, marketing , savings, etc.**
- ✓ **FFS, IPM and small-scale farmers: towards sustainable natural resources management and environmental protection**





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FFS approach is an important step forward in agricultural education and extension, it increases the capacity, knowledge and skills of small-scale farmers.





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