



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

FAO at a glance

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency established in 1945. Based on its mandate, FAO leads international efforts to defeat hunger, improve nutrition, increase agricultural productivity, raise the standard of living in rural populations and contribute to global economic growth.

To achieve these goals, FAO creates critical information in the form of global public goods and plays a connector role, which facilitates a dialogue between those who have the knowledge and those who need it. Moreover, the Organization manages field programmes and projects around the world, each one specifically designed to add more information, more understanding and more opportunity to find solutions. Since 1951 the FAO headquarters is in Rome, Italy.



Harvesting Saffron, South Khorasan, Iran.
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FAO's five global Strategic Objectives are:

- Help eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition
- Make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive, and sustainable
- Reduce rural poverty
- Enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems
- Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises



Rehabilitation of forest landscapes and degraded land with particular attention to saline soils and areas prone to wind erosion, Kerman, Iran. Photo: ©FAO/ Mehdi Ansari

The work of FAO is built on an overarching goal of eradicating all forms of malnutrition, which can be achieved by, among other things, accelerating the shift toward sustainable food consumption and production systems, promoting greater fairness in the global and national management of food systems, and expanding South-South Cooperation.





Genetic Improvement of Rainbow Trout in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kelardasht, Iran.
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Rehabilitation of Forest Landscapes and Degraded Land with Particular Attention to Saline Soils and Areas Prone to Wind, Kerman, Iran. Photo: ©FAO/Mehdi Sayyari

FAO in Iran

FAO has had a long-lasting collaboration with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran since it joined FAO in 1953. The cooperation was strengthened with the re-opening of a country office in 1992, and over the years FAO has provided policy and technical assistance in promoting sustainable development of the country's agriculture and rural sectors.

More recently, the interventions have been focused on policy advice, capacity building and planning for increasing agricultural productivity and improvements to forestry. To date, FAO has implemented almost 200 national and regional projects in Iran. These projects mainly focus on providing technical assistance in the areas of:

- Capacity building
- Policy and strategy development
- Crop production
- Livestock and animal health
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Emergency and rehabilitation programmes
- Forestry
- Water governance and water accounting
- Climate change

In line with the priorities of the country to promote sustainable agriculture and rural development, FAO is pursuing a country programme framework, to be implemented during the period (2017-2021), on four major pillars of:

- Environmentally Sustainable and Climate-Smart Agriculture
- Food and Nutrition Security and Food Safety
- Inclusive and Resilient Rural Development
- Knowledge-based economy and society

Global capacity and technical expertise of FAO, has made it possible for the Organization to support the initiatives of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. A support that aims to reinforce Iran's existing institutional structure and capabilities for:

- Promoting more comprehensive and cross-cutting interventions
- Engaging the participation of all pertinent stakeholders
- Mobilizing support from other external entities

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