

Ministry of Agriculture

Food Security Technical Secretariat (FSTS)

FSTS Mandates:

- Storing and supporting and coordinating, and disseminating specific data collection exercises
- Undertaking analyses of the information with regards to livelihoods, transient and structural food security
- Participating in sectoral working groups activities
- Liaising with line ministries/commissions' as it relates to FS
- Providing policy briefs to line ministries /commissions
- Assist in monitoring the impact of FS policies & programmes;
- participating in early warning and FS meetings and forums
- Prepare Food Security bulletins and specific policy brief, facilitate researches & make it available to the FSC
- Provide other forms of support to the FSC and line ministries/ Commissions

FSTS Coordinator Mandates

- Ensure that the FAO and Government rules and process for procurement, contracting, recruitment of experts are respected in an expedite manner;
- Make sure that the FAO HQs provide technical and administrative support and clearance.
- Ensure the coordination of activities between the SIFSIA-North and SIFSIA-South programmers will be in place;
- Making sure that all relevant staff for FSTS be directly recruited by the FSTS or seconded by line ministries;
- making sure that the FSTS public institutions staff would get the necessary on-job training;
- liaise with high level government officials representing FSTS and SIFSIA;
- ensure government ownership over those outputs and the capacity building of local stakeholders;
- promote a cross-sectoral analysis and inter-ministerial collaboration over food security related issues

Food Security Policies and Plans Unit

- ➔ Making sure that all institutional support and policy related activities of the PSU are well integrated by FSTS.
- ➔ Making sure that capacities created in food security and livestock related policy and programme design, monitoring and evaluation strengthened;
- ➔ In collaboration with PSU and the technical group, prepare specific policy briefs or sectoral analysis.
- ➔ In collaboration with other units of FSTS, monitor MDGs and PRSP food security related indicators;
- ➔ Redefine and rationalize at all levels of the institutional set up for food security;
- ➔ Perform any other tasks as directed by the coordinator or as it is demanded by the Food Security Council

Food Security Situation Analysis Unit

- Integrate all the PSU into the FSTS regular activity; this may include nutritional surveillance, agricultural crop monitoring, regular early warning reporting
- In collaboration with other partners, rationalize responses to short-term crises
- Follow up the implementation of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC); as one of the decision making tools;
- Prepare maps (e.g. livelihoods and food security vulnerability; poverty; access to and use of assets and natural resources) to guide policy design and monitoring investments;
- Establishing and mainstreaming food poverty bench marks in the monitoring of the impact of different policies;
- Produce bulletins, reports, research brief and maps on the topics above to be utilized in policy and programming;
- Integrate the current PSU efforts as it relates to:
 - ⇒ understanding medium and long term food security issues;
 - ⇒ Maintaining the database of a comprehensive food security baselines,
 - ⇒ Making sure that information stored are being analyzed and shared among stakeholders through appropriate software.
 - ⇒ Making sure that all the necessary grounds laid for the establishment of basic information systems and promote data sharing platform (GIEWS WS).
- Organize all research activities of the project;
- Actively participate in baseline works that relates to food security, natural resources monitoring and mapping system;
- Perform any other task assigned by the coordinator or as it is demanded by the Food Security Council

Programmes and Intervention Unit

- ➡ Translate policies and plans into programs and projects
- ➡ Coordinate and monitor implementation of programmes and projects
- ➡ Integrate the on-going FS related Government projects (like Wheat Unit, Maize Unit, etc.) with the FSTS core activities
- ➡ Activate, support and work closely with various actors on the ground and link them with policy, analysis and planning units
- ➡ Plan and execute capacity building activities for the relevant GNU and States staff, focusing on aspects of transitory and structural food security
- ➡ Perform other related tasks assigned by the FSTS Coordinator and the Under Secretary of MoA