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Workshop on “Awareness raising on the food system approach to address malnutrition” (FAO ISC Project)

27th October 2020, Belgrade, Serbia

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(ZOOM online event)

Concept note and Agenda

Background

The nature of food insecurity and malnutrition has considerably changed in the region of Europe and Central Asia (ECA) in the last decades. The availability of macronutrients has risen, but consumption patterns have also changed, giving rise to new threats to food and nutrition security. This nutrition transition poses a major challenge for the public sector in terms of its ability to anticipate and mitigate possible negative nutritional and health impacts. Considering the complexity of the underlying causes of malnutrition, these challenges need to be addressed in a multi-sectoral approach.

However, malnutrition is largely considered as a health sector issue in the region and there is a lack of supportive policies in sectors such as agriculture, food processing and distribution, food marketing and trade, environment and education, particularly in Central Asia and Caucasus. The roles of agriculture, food processing and rural development sectors remain unclear mainly due to limited understanding of nutritional impact of the food system.

To promote better understanding of food system approach in malnutrition prevention in the region, in close collaboration and with support of **FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (ECA)**, **FAOREU** (<http://www.fao.org/europe/en/>), **CAPNUTRA**, **Capacity Development in Nutrition Network** (www.capnutra.org) organizes and hosts a one-day Workshop: **“Awareness raising on the food system approach to address malnutrition”, on 27th October 2020, Belgrade, Serbia (ZOOM online event).**

An on-going regional project on food system analysis: ***“Programme support for the role of food systems in the transition of diets and prevention of malnutrition in the ECA region”*** has two major milestones: country case studies and awareness raising activities. A methodology for the comprehensive situation and

policy analysis in the region was prepared and it will provide the basis for effective policy planning at the national level.

This project will support the countries suffering from different forms of malnutrition (undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and/or overnutrition) to identify possible entry points for improving nutrition through the food system approach.

The country case studies have been carried out in 2019 to cover the countries selected from four country groups:

- One/two countries from group 1 (Undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies): Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan;
- One/two countries from Group 2 (Triple burden): Armenia, Ukraine, North Macedonia, and Albania;
- One country from group 3 (Overnutrition): Poland
- Review some experience from group 4: West Europe

The key authors from all countries will present the main results from the case study during the workshop.

Objectives

The aim of the validation and awareness raising activities that will be carried out, is to share existing methodologies and tools, as well as lessons learned, to strengthen the beneficiary countries' evidence-base for addressing nutrition related challenges from the food system perspective. Another aim is to prepare the knowledge product - the final FAO publication with regional synthesis and country case studies. The planned regional event will serve as a platform for multi-stakeholder engagement and dialogue.

The workshop will be a good opportunity to promote World Food Day, celebrated annually on 16th October, to commemorate the founding of the FAO in 1945. This year the **World Food Day 2020** theme is: **Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together. Our Actions are our Future.**

<http://www.fao.org/world-food-day/home/en/>

Agenda (ZOOM online meeting)

Tuesday 27th October 2020

9.30-10.00	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83557562089?pwd=Rk84VFZlM2FDeGFFM2thTUkYWTkZzO9	
10.00-10.30	OPENING SESSION	
Chair/Moderator: Dr Mirjana Gurinović & Mr Fang Cheng		
<u>Mr Raimund Jehle</u> , Regional Program Leader, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Budapest, Hungary: Food systems transformation as an approach to address food insecurity and malnutrition <u>Tamara Bošković</u> , MSc DVM, EFSA advisory board member, Head of food safety section, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia: Food safety in the age of pandemic		
10.30-10.45	BREAK & GROUP PHOTO ONLINE	
10.45-12.05	PLENARY PRESENTATIONS, 15 minutes each Chair/Moderators: Mr Keigo Obara & Dr Maria Glibetić	
10.45-11.05	Introduction to the workshop; Update on food security and nutrition, dietary change and transformations of agriculture in the Europe and Central Asia	<u>Mr Fang Cheng</u> , Economist, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Budapest, Hungary
11.05-11.20	Analyzing causes of nutrition transition in Central Asia from food systems perspectives	<u>Mr Keigo Obara</u> , Food Security Officer, FAO Sub regional Office for Central Asia, (FAOSEC), Ankara, Turkey
11.20-11.35	Project presentation-How trade and market impact on food security and nutrition and experience in ECA, regional perspective?	<u>Dr Manitra A. Rakotoarisoa</u> , Lead Economist, Infinite Sum Modeling LLC 21746 SE 3rd PL Sammamish WA 98074. USA
11.35-11.50	Challenges and opportunities for strengthening regional capacities on sustainable food systems for healthy diets and nutrition in Central and South Eastern Europe	<u>Dr Mirjana Gurinović</u> , Principal Research Fellow and coauthors, CAPNUTRA Capacity Development in Nutrition Network, Centre of Research Excellence in Nutrition and Metabolism, Institute for Medical Research, National institute of Republic of Serbia, University of Belgrade, Serbia
11.50-12.05	Discussion & conclusions	
12.05-13.00	BREAK	
COUNTRY CASE STUDIES PRESENTATIONS, 15 minutes each (Chair/Moderators: Prof. Kanat Tilekeyev & Dr Jelena Milešević		

13.00 - 14.00	Group countries 1 and 3 :1. Undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies: Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; and 3. Overnutrition: Poland	
13.00-13.15	Country case study presentation: Kyrgyzstan	<u>Prof. Kanat Tilekeyev</u> , Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Public Policy and Administration, University of Central Asia
13.15-13.30	Country case study presentation: Tajikistan	<u>Mr Pavel Kiparisov</u> , Researcher, Central European University, Austria, Vienna
13.30-13.45	Country case study presentation: Poland	<u>Dr Ewa Halicka</u> , Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Project International consultant on Food Systems and Nutrition, Warsaw, Poland
13.45-14.00	Discussion, conclusion and key messages for the G1 + G3 countries	
14.15-14.30	BREAK	
COUNTRY CASE STUDIES PRESENTATIONS, 15 minutes each Chair/Moderators: Mr Fang Cheng & Dr Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska		
14.30-16.15	Group countries 2 (Triple burden): Armenia, Albania, Ukraine and North Macedonia and Group 4 West Europe	
14.30-14.45	Country case study presentation: Armenia	<u>Dr Meline Beglaryan</u> , Head of Expert Group, Informational-Analytical Center for Risk Assessment of Food Chain, Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies (CENS), National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Armenia
14.45-15.00	Country case study presentation: Albania	<u>Dr Lin Junying</u> , Researcher/Economist (FAO Intern), Shanghai Academy of Social Science and intern (Zhao Jiawen) <u>Mr Fang Cheng</u> , Economist, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Budapest, Hungary
15.00-15.15	Country case study presentation: Ukraine	<u>Dr Tamara Ostashko</u> , Institute for Economy and Forecasting NASU, Head of the Department, Kiev, Ukraine <u>Hanna Lienivova</u> , Institute for Economy and Forecasting NASU, Researcher, Kiev, Ukraine
15.15-15.30	Country case study presentation: North Macedonia	<u>Dr Aleksandra Martinovska Stojcheska</u> , Professor, University St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Skopje, North Macedonia
15.30-15.45	Review from group 4: West Europe	<u>Ms Youngseo Kim</u> , Master Student (previous FAO Intern) at the University of Zurich <u>Ms Mary Kenny</u> , RI2 Manager, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Budapest, Hungary

		<u>Mr Fang Cheng,</u> Economist, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Budapest, Hungary
15.45-16.00	Discussion, conclusions and key messages for the G2 and G4 countries	
16.00-16.15	CLOSING SESSION	
Mr Fang Cheng & Dr Ewa Halicka & Dr Mirjana Gurinović		
Discussion, summary, the follow-up action& conclusions		
Closing remarks from the Workshop		

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