



Climate Resilient Food Systems (CRFS) Alliance

Country Diagnostics

Terms of Reference

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1. Background

The CRFS Alliance was borne out of the UN Food Systems Summit in 2021, and UNFCCC is the lead coordinator for the alliance. The alliance aims to achieve climate resiliency in food systems worldwide and especially in the most vulnerable environments such as arid and semi - arid lands (ASALs), small islands developing states (SIDS), land locked developing countries (LLDCs), least developed countries (LDCs), by bringing together better integrated climate and food action. The engagement levels of the Alliance happen at three levels: Core group, leadership Group and a broader stakeholder group consisting of countries.

The alliance comprises 13 core group organizations (CGIAR, the Club of Rome, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Centre for Climate Change and Development, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Sustainability Health Education Foundation, the UNFCCC, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the World Bank and the World Food Programme); 27 leadership group partnerships (World Food Programme Innovation Accelerator | Humanitarian Development Peace (HDP) Nexus Coalition | Resilient Local Food Supply Chains Alliance | UNDRR Science and Technology Advisory Groups (STAG) | World Farmers' Organization | International Association of Students in Agriculture and Related Sciences (IAAS) | InsuResilience Global Partnership | Clim-EAT | Risk-informed Early Action Partnership (REAP) | African Union Commission | Water & Energy for Food (WE4F) Programme | Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) | International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) | International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) | The Global Alliance on Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) | The Global-Hub on Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems | SEKEM | World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD) | Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies (ARISE) | Good Food Hub | Bangladesh Rural Advance Committee (BRAC) and BRAC International | Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) | Green Climate Fund (GCF) | UN Foundation | AIM for Climate (AIM4C) | UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) | GSTIC); and 17 countries (Armenia, Bangladesh, Belize, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Fiji, Germany, Lesotho, Libya, New Zealand, Panama, Pakistan, Republic of Moldova, State of Palestine, The Philippines, The Gambia, Uganda) who have officially endorsed the Alliance.

2. Objective

To accelerate support to Member States towards climate resilient, sustainable, equitable and inclusive food systems in a coherent manner, CRFS Alliance has advanced on a workstream to develop "Country Diagnostics". The aim of the workstream is to identify countries' priorities, gaps and challenges to achieve climate resiliency in food systems in the most climate vulnerable countries and at risk regions, in particular arid and semi-arid lands, small island developing States, land-locked developing countries and least developed countries. The diagnostic analytics and related support would allow for proactive engagement of countries while also providing opportunities for the alliance to gather lessons and good practices for faster implementation (including knowledge management, technical expertise and resource mobilization) support. In 2022, the Country Diagnostic exercises were launched for Belize,



Ethiopia, Fiji and The Gambia, whereby NDCs, NAPs, Food System Pathways and any other relevant national strategy or documents regarding food and climate change were considered to evaluate national priorities, gaps and challenges at country level in achieving climate resiliency in food systems. In 2023, these Country Diagnostics will enter an implementation phase, which outlines a series of concrete proposals where the CRFS Alliance can support the country in transforming towards climate resiliency in food systems and bridging the above mentioned gaps and challenges, and facilitates implementation of such proposals. The Country Diagnostics have been extended to four other countries, with the goal to conducting these for all countries that are part of the alliance.

3. Tasks

3.1 Identification of priorities, gaps, challenges and best practices analysis: The phase consists of an analytical review of relevant documents and strategies at national level, these include NAPs, NDCs, Food Systems Pathway Reports, any relevant policy on DRR, adaptation, humanitarian action to climate related extreme events, food security and nutrition, and similar. This analysis is complemented by interviews at country level starting from the selected UN national focal point (through UNFCCC/UNEP/FAO/WFP registries), usually housed within the Ministry of Agriculture or Ministry of Climate/Environment. The initial focal point then recommends further interviewees, both government and non- government actors and stakeholders, and from both UN and non-UN organizations, with attention given to smaller representations and stakeholders such as small holder farmers, food actors, and gender associations. This analysis is geared to define entry points for the CRFS Alliance to support the country in a) rendering its food systems more resilient to climate change induced shocks and stressors; and b) when possible at the same time, to render its national food production, processing, storing, transportation, distribution and consumption more equitable and sustainable. The outcome document is around 10 to 20 pages long and approved and owned by the beneficiary country.

3.2 Implementation Phase: Once the priorities have been identified, including gaps and challenges (usually in around 3 months' time), an implementation roadmap is codesigned with the country focal point, which is usually the National Food System Convener or its designated person. The implementation roadmap is endorsed by the relevant key national focal points and includes a strategic set of activities that the CRFS Alliance proposes to facilitate implementation at country level, pending budget and finance. Once validated by the country focal points, the CRFS Alliance then defines responsibilities and resources to be allocated for types of climate risk and impact management activities.

3.3 Country Selection: Countries would be selected, but not limited to, on the basis of the following criteria:

- The country has expressed need for support through the CRFS Alliance, including interested in joining the alliance through contact mmaletjane@unfccc.int and Jweatherhogg@unfccc.int;
- Countries should preferably fall into the following categories that CRFS Alliance is dedicated to support through the Food Systems Summit: arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs), small island developing states (SIDS), land locked developing countries (LLDCs), least developed countries (LDCs);
- The countries selected for each batch should reflect different geographical realities and regions, different challenges connected to climate change.

4. Deliverables

The Country Diagnostic Final Report will serve as a basis for governments and policy makers to advocate for action and resources towards food systems transformation and resilience building to

climate change. The reports will be published on the CRFS Alliance webpage (link coming soon) and will be available to all; prospective donors, policy makers, civil society and others.

5. Funding

A total of USD 1.3 mio per annum is needed to support the Country Diagnostic exercises in the eight countries. Annex 2 provides details of the estimate costs in the section in orange. Please note implementation costs are not included and will vary depending on country priorities, gaps and challenges.

6. Partnerships and Synergies

The Alliance remains open to partnerships in the development of the Country Diagnostics. Coordination with initiatives led by other members of the alliance such as WFP, REAP, Global Shield, and FAO as well as other UNFSS Alliances, will be key as these are undertaking similar exercises with regards to country diagnostics in order to maximize complementarities, efficiencies and avoid any duplication.

Annex 1

Current Leads and Examples of Country Diagnostics: The current leads for the Country Diagnostic Exercise for 2022 and 2023 are:

Implementation Phase of Country Diagnostics Exercise			
Country	Lead Agency	National Focal Point	CRFS Alliance Focal Point
Belize	FAO	Emilio Montero emilio.montero@agriculture.gov.bz Servulo Baeza ceo@agriculture.gov.bz Victoriano Joseph Pascual dir.wmcc@agriculture.gov.bz	Antoine Libert/Sylvie Wabbes Candotti
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Gambia	UNEP	Fatou Touray fatoujammehtouray5@gmail.com Malanding Sambou Jaiteh msjaiteh@ebagambia.com Atifa Kassam atifa.kassam@un.org	Alvin Chandra/Angela Prias

Desk Review Phase of Country Diagnostics Exercise			
Country	Agency	National Focal Point	CRSF Alliance Focal Point
Bangladesh	ICCCAD	Farhina Ahmed secretary@moe.gov.bd	Savio Rozario/Saleemul Huq
Costa Rica	UNEP	Iván Alonso Delgado Pitti idelgado@minae.go.cr	Alvin Chandra/Angela Prias/Petra Schmitter/Chiara Villani (TBC)

Lesotho	UNDRR	Nkopo MATSEPE nkopo.matsepe@wfp.org Aurore RUSIGA aurore.rusiga@wfp.org Mokoena France mokoenafr@yahoo.com	Galimira Markova
Pakistan	UNEP	Irfan Tariq mirfantariq@gmail.com Usman Jadoon usmanjadoon@mofa.gov.pk	Alvin Chandra/Angela Prias

Annex 2

Budget

DELIVERABLE	BUDGET (LOW)	BUDGET (HIGH)	COMMENTS
1. Country Survey	13,408	27,408	Dedicated surveys to be issued to countries to outline areas where support is needed. 7 days/ survey
2. Desk review: NAPs, NDCs and National Food Systems Pathways review and analysis	145,008	209,808	3 months (66 days) for review and analysis per country
3. One-one Country consultations - virtual country workshops and dialogues	60,000	120000	USD 15000 per consultation including translation and interpretation costs and costs for all consultants
4. Policy dialogues and in-country workshops to kick-off country implementation with countries and stakeholders of all levels	256,508	405,662	Assuming country implementation kicks off in 8 countries. 15 days allocated for preparation. 3-5 days allocated for in-country missions; USD 3000 for flight tickets and 300/day DSA for consultants; Assume 2 additional consultants for core group to travel for in-country missions; USD 22000 for in-country logistics
5. Portfolio of solutions - A visual menu of solution options for countries to pick & choose solutions from.	43,200	43,200	Managing and updating the solutions platform for country offices and coordinating their needs to use the solutions
6. Implementation phase – in alignment with Case Study Findings	600,000	1,200,000	Soft technical assistance, pilots, backstopping and knowledge products depending on country needs. Allocated USD 150000 for each country.
7. Other engagements with Member States	75,200	89,600	Desk Support Officer time 12 days a month; 20 days for each country allocated for alliance members to provide guidance
8. Data & Analytics Platform	45,000	45,200	Consultant curating and updating the platform for 5 days/ month. IT support in setting up the platform. Additional USD 20,000 for miscellaneous costs
10. Program Management of the Alliance at the UNFCCC Secretariat	186,315	186,315	Overall Coordination, Strategy development of the Alliance; Participation and organization of high-level summits, including COP27, COP28

11. Communications, Knowledge Products, Website and Social media	107,031	107,031	Hire external web-designers for designing and structuring of website. Comms products to include brochures and documents of our journey, banners, logos. Get at least 2 Consultants to manage social media and website
TOTAL BUDGET (USD)	± 1,500,000	± 2,400,000	

Annex 3

Template Structure: The Country Diagnostics Reports follow the following structure:

1. Geography and Economy

2. Overview of Country Food Systems

2.1 Production

2.2 Consumption

2.3 Distribution

2.4 Key challenges for the food system

3. Risk analysis

3.1 Climate risk and vulnerability

3.1.1 Climate risk and vulnerability in food systems

3.2 Other factors and stressors

4. Climate, agriculture and food systems policies

4.1 Vision, goals, objectives

4.2 National policies

4.2.1 National Adaptation Plan

4.2.2 Nationally Determined Contribution

4.2.3 Food Systems National Pathways

4.2.4 Other relevant national strategies/policies on food systems/climate change

5. Institutional Arrangements and coordination

6. Ongoing projects, programmes and initiatives geared towards climate resilient food systems

6.1 Climate risk management and Disaster Risk Reduction

6.2 Water management and nexus approach

6.3 Agricultural, soil and land practices

6.4 Climate-smart technologies and other initiatives

7. Priority actions in climate and food systems

7.1 Climate change and food systems priorities

7.2 Implementation strategy

7.3 Synergies and trade-offs

8. Needs and Gaps for implementation

8.1 Gaps identified by the study

9. Entry points for the Climate Resilient Food Systems Alliance

10. References

11. Annex