



## Family Farming Knowledge Platform (FFKP) Monthly Digest July 2023



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## Global Highlights

### The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023

This report provides an update on global progress towards the targets of ending hunger (SDG Target 2.1) and all forms of malnutrition (SDG Target 2.2) and estimates on the number of people who are unable to afford a healthy diet. Since its 2017 edition, this report has repeatedly highlighted that the intensification and interaction of conflict, climate extremes and economic slowdowns and downturns, combined with highly unaffordable nutritious foods and growing inequality, are pushing us off track to meet the SDG 2 targets.

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### In Focus: FAO response to global food security challenges

FAO responses to the ongoing crisis and their impact on global food security: Data analyses, policy recommendations, and actions on the ground.

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### If trees could talk...

It's a beautiful day. You take a step outside. You hear the rustling of the leaves and feel the slight brush of wind across your skin. You are surrounded by nature and the trees are making their presence known. They stand tall, unassuming and often go unnoticed in the background. But they are there. More than just a pretty backdrop, trees and forests play a crucial role to human's everyday existence.

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### How do small-scale food producers survive emergencies?

Have you ever wondered why, in this day and age, some communities constantly face extreme hunger? There's a common saying that goes, "Give a person a fish and they will have dinner for the night," "but teach them to fish and they'll never have to worry about food again".

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### UN Food Systems Summit + 2 – Together we hold the power to transform

"In a world of plenty, it is outrageous that people continue to suffer and die from hunger. Global food systems are broken, and billions of people are paying the price. Transforming food systems requires all hands on deck."

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## Latest from Africa

### Agroecological practices for sustainable transition - CANALLS

CANALLS aims to drive agroecological transitions in the humid tropics of Central and Eastern Africa via multi-actor transdisciplinary Agroecology Living Labs (ALLs) and providing holistic agroecological solution that meet the challenges of the local food systems.

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### Economic transformation and diversification towards off-farm income in rural and urban areas

This working paper is the update of an earlier cross-country study on household income sources using an expanded harmonized dataset. The analysis presented covers a total of 93 surveys representing 41 countries – nearly double that of the previous study – to depict rural and urban households' livelihood strategies across different levels of economic development.

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## Latest from Africa

### **Making decisions about agroecological innovations: perspectives from members of farmers' organizations in Burkina Faso**

There is a growing promotion of agroecological techniques in many Sub-Saharan African countries as a response to the current climatic variability challenges. In the case of Burkina Faso, a number of studies have mentioned the role of Farmers' Organizations (FOs) in the promotion of agroecological techniques.

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### **Together we grow: ABCD for collective agency and action**

The new ABCD video produced at the end of year two of the 'ABCD in Regreening' project. The project works with 30 community groups in Homa Bay County, Kenya, to co-develop asset- and strength-based individual and community action plans. The video focuses on how ABCD supports collective agency and action by fostering a sense that everyone has skills and talents to contribute to the growth of the community

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## Latest from Asia and the Pacific

### Natural Farming Through a Wide Lens - True Cost Accounting Study of Community Managed Natural Farming in Andhra Pradesh, India

The industrialized food system is one of the biggest stressors on planetary health, contributing to almost a quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions and causing immense biodiversity loss. This model is no longer fit for purpose; it is failing people and the planet.

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### Sri Lankan farmers reap success through innovative agricultural technologies

In his 30 years as a farmer, Illeperuma Arachchilage Rathnayake, or Rathnayake as he's known in his village, struggled to unlock the full potential of his onion seed cultivation. He began cultivating this crop as a 22-year-old with no official training but relied on lessons and cues from other farmers in his area.

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## Latest from Asia and the Pacific

### Case studies on food waste quantification, characterization, and identification of prevention and reduction options in Colombo, Sri Lanka

Nine case studies were conducted targeting five sectors: food services (one restaurant and one hotel), wholesale markets (one fruits and vegetables wholesale market), retailers (one retail market, one retail shop, and one supermarket), caterers (one hospital), and households (five middle- and five high-income households).

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### Soil atlas of Asia

This flyer presents key facts from the “Soil Atlas of Asia”, the first ever soil atlas for the region and an important tool to promote its sustainable soil management and preserve soil health.

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### Multicountry Programming Framework for the Pacific Islands (the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)

The Multicountry Programming Framework for the Pacific Islands (Pacific CPF) 2023–2027 is a strategic plan designed by the FAO to drive agrifood systems transformation and rural development in the Pacific Islands.

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## Latest from Europe and Central Asia

### **Hungry For Change - An EU Sustainable Food Systems Law For People And Nature**

Food security, food safety and access to healthy food in Europe are all attainable, but not under the current food system. The industrialisation, hyper-globalisation and monopolisation that underpin the current system make it a self-defeating structure, driving deforestation, species extinction, health crises, soil depletion and climate breakdown.

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### **Webinar “Connecting with Europe - Rural Europe Takes Action” during Feeding Ourselves 2023**

Organised by Forum Synergies, in partnership with Cultivate & ARC2020. Forum Synergies helped giving the European touch to the Irish gathering FEDDING OURSELVES 2023, with the webinar “Connecting with Europe - Rural Europe Takes Action” held on Saturday 25th.

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### **RISE-ATTER Autumn School 2022 (RAAS) ‘Ways of Knowing for Agroecological Transitions’**

As part of the RISE ATTER project, consortium partners co-designed and delivered a 7-day event at Monkton Wyld Court in Dorset, UK. This is the first of three summer/autumn schools planned to take place over the course of the ATTER project

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## Latest from Europe and Central Asia

### Regional Technical Platform on Green Agriculture

The brochure provides an introduction to the Regional Technical Platform on Green Agriculture, which is a digital, user-friendly, open, intraregional and interregional gateway for sharing information. It is a knowledge repository that facilitates connections among expert networks regarding various technical areas related to green agriculture.

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### Digital excellence in agriculture report

This report is the outcome of the Digital Excellence in Agriculture: FAO-ITU regional contest on good practices advancing digital agriculture in Europe and Central Asia, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Office for Europe and Central Asia and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Offices for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

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## Latest from Latin America and the Caribbean

### Family farmers' resilience strategies during COVID-19 - Brazilian semiarid survey

The brief reports on the findings of a farmer-level survey conducted in the context of the pilot phase of the UNDF global consultation of family farmers. The purpose of the survey was to monitor the situation of family farming and identify challenges faced by family farmers and small-scale producers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### Workshop regional: Tomar acción en el sector de la biodiversidad para la alimentación y la agricultura en América Latina y el Caribe

The regional workshop “Taking action on biodiversity for food and agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean” is part of a series of four workshops to be held in different regions of the world. T

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### Regional workshop: digitisation of agriculture: Chinese experience and challenges for Latin America and the Caribbean

The project “Response and recovery to the impact of Covid-19 on rural livelihoods and food systems in the countries of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) through South-South Cooperation” is being implemented in 12 countries of the region.

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**FAO launches a call for young technicians and professionals to create innovative rural enterprises.**

The AgTech revolution is advancing rapidly in Latin America, with a wide range of new technologies applied to agri-food systems. However, these innovations and technological advances do not always reach small producers, who represent more than 40% of the region's productive population.

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### Lazosapp application

With a focus on social innovation and sustainable technology, the +Algodón project has worked with the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM) for the implementation of the Lazos Initiative, created to foster digital inclusion, the creation of virtual communities for the exchange of knowledge, good practices and key information for knowledge management focused on the rural population.

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## Latest from Near East and North Africa

### Syrian Arab Republic: Capitalization of the rehabilitation of Al-Rastan irrigation network study

The rehabilitation of the northern part of Homs-Hama irrigation network under the European Union-funded smallholder support programme in the Syrian Arab Republic was designed within the context of supporting agricultural productivity and sustainable use of water resources.

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### Advancing rural advisory services in Arab countries to promote market orientation and inclusive transformation

Small-scale family farmers are the backbone of rural communities in the Near East and North Africa (NENA) region. Despite their extensive participation in the agricultural sector, these types of farmers and their farms are disproportionately affected by poverty, ultimately constituting about 70 percent of the poor living in the region.

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## Latest from Near East and North Africa

### Alternative Crops for Degraded Lands in the UAE

This course targets everyone who is interested to learn about the limitations, stresses, and opportunities for alternative cropping systems in desert environments. A variety of crops are described as potential solutions for enhancing food and feed production in degraded lands.

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### Methodological guidance for gender-responsive water assessments

Access to clean and safe water is a prerequisite to meeting basic human rights. Water is indispensable for all productive activities in the sectors of agriculture, industry and energy generation; it is also crucial to the existence of ecosystems and all life within them.

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### Un Billón de Agaves, un proyecto de Vía Orgánica y Regeneración Internacional

Ronnie Cumins, uno de los fundadores de Vía Orgánica y director de Regeneración Internacional, nos explica detalladamente esta gran iniciativa que significa un futuro brillante para el planeta. A

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### Perú. Informe país de la agricultura familiar campesina e indígena.

En el año 2014, la declaración del “Año Internacional de la Agricultura Familiar” puso de relieve el papel crucial de la agricultura familiar en temas urgentes como la erradicación del hambre, la gestión de recursos naturales y la lucha contra la pobreza. Diversos actores, como la academia, los Estados, la sociedad civil y los organismos internacionales, contribuyeron a generar evidencia reveladora sobre el impacto de este sector en las sociedades de todo el mundo.

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### Cómo cultivar sus hortalizas aromáticas en casa: agricultura urbana

La presente cartilla técnica contribuye a la capacitación en agricultura urbana y ofrece un medio de consulta para los productores urbanos que ya están cultivando alimentos en sus casas y quieren mejorar sus huertas y sus hábitos alimenticios

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### Ecological Organic Agriculture Leadership Course - A Manual for Course Design

This manual is intended for those wanting to design or facilitate a course or workshop based on the Ecological Organic Agriculture Leadership Course (EOALC).

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### One Million Voices of Agroecology

In the new EU CAP Network, innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI play a crucial role in sharing good practices and connecting people across EU agriculture, forestry and rural areas. The new edition of the Agrinnovation magazine offers inspiring stories, interviews, Operational Group updates and other news from across Europe.

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### Highlights from “Advocacy in Eastern Europe for Sustainable Food Systems”

Does Eastern Europe have a specific dynamic regarding the development of LSPA (Local Solidarity Partnerships for Agroecology)? Together, let's find different methods and models to build a more sustainable food system. The module is designed for consumers and producers interested in finding out more information about CSA in Hungary and Romania. It may also be of interest to representatives of local authorities and NGOs engaged in increasing access to locally produced food.

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### Yemaya Newsletter March 2023 ISSUE - 66

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### Meeting Malawi's Slow Food Coffee Communities

Malawi, a small country in Southeast Africa, is gaining recognition as an emerging player in the global coffee industry. Blessed with fertile soil, favorable climatic conditions and a rich agricultural heritage, Malawi has steadily established itself as a producer of high-quality coffee beans. Today the coffee industry plays a crucial role in the country's economy, providing employment opportunities for thousands of farmers and contributing to foreign exchange earnings.

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### Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures in Europe – experiences from ALL-Ready & AE4EU

The one-day conference will shed light on how the two projects paved the way for a European Network of Living Labs and Research Infrastructures. Both projects will feature stories from the field, pilot networks, and local stakeholders. Experiences from involved Living Labs and Research Infrastructures will give practical insights.

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## Farming Practice of the month

### Guidelines for African swine fever (ASF) prevention and control in smallholder pig farming in Asia

Since its incursion to Asia and the Pacific region, African swine fever (ASF) has shown impacts on food security and economics as the virus is expanding towards more areas and countries in the region. As the disease continues to expand into new territories, preparedness and control activities need to be constantly adjusted to adapt to situations observed in the field that may be contrary to what was expected based on international standards or experiences from other parts of the world.

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## E-LEARNING of the month

### **Building a gender-responsive policy and legal framework for agricultural investment and supply chains**

This course focuses on gender issues and the policy and legal framework for agricultural investment and supply chains.

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### **Securing women's land rights in the context of agricultural investment**

This course focuses on gender and land issues in the context of agricultural investment. It provides concrete guidance on strategies, approaches and measures that can be adopted to enhance women's land rights.

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### **Fostering decent wage employment for women and men**

This course analyses gender issues that should be addressed to foster gender-equitable decent wage employment in agriculture.

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