Moving Resilience Measurement forward

Since resilience has only recently emerged as a priority within the development community, there is understandable scarcity of robust, verifiable measures for assessing and monitoring resilience over time. As recommended by an expert consultation involving over 60 stakeholders, FSIN is facilitating the improvement and harmonization of resilience measurement approaches. A technical working group composed of renowned experts in the field will develop technical guidelines and a community of practice dedicated to food and nutrition security resilience measurement will be established to share standards, methods and lessons learned among practitioners.

Facilitating Capacity Development in South Sudan

At the request of relevant South Sudan authorities, FSIN sponsored missions to South Sudan to assist in developing a coordinated plan of action for capacity development of the country’s food and nutrition security information network. The exercise adapted the FSIN’s capacity assessment tools to the country context and supported the assessments conducted at national and state level. This exercise assisted South Sudan to identify strengths and gaps in the production and use of food and nutrition security information, as well as opportunities for institutional capacity development and harmonization of food and nutrition security information systems. FSIN will discuss the results of this exercise with the government of South Sudan and key development partners and agree on priority follow-up activities.

Why join the Community of Practice?

In becoming a member of the community of practice, you will have access to – and will be able to contribute to the FSIN online platform designed to share knowledge, best practices and lessons learned among members.

The website provides public access to professional development tools such as:

- An inventory of existing indicators, methods and tools;
- Guided access to e-Learning courses and standard training materials on food and nutrition security analysis topics;
- Current studies and activities on emerging priority topics; and
- Relevant news and reports from the field.

Join the Community now!

In joining the FSIN community of practice (CoP), you will be able to:

- Receive regular e-alerts and a quarterly e-newsletter;
- Propose content for the “news and events” section and the resource center;
- Automatically receive invitations to participate in e-consultations;
- Access CoP members’ profiles for information exchange and networking; and
- Participate in dedicated discussion groups on emerging topics (e.g. the community of practice on resilience measurement).

For more information and to join the community of practice: www.fsincop.net

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Why FSIN?
All over the world, people’s food security and livelihoods are under threat from successive economic, political and financial crises, market volatility, natural disasters as well as the effects of climate change.

What is FSIN?
FSIN aims to build a global community of practice for food security professionals and relevant institutions by serving as:

- A catalyst for developing sustainable information systems for food and nutrition security (FNS) able to guide policy analysis and decision-making in development and emergency contexts;
- A platform for sharing standards, methods, tools, knowledge, news and capacity development opportunities for better FNS information;
- A facilitator between countries’ and regions’ capacity development needs and development partners, including the donor community; and
- An advocate for timely communications and evidence-based analysis and decision-making on food and nutrition security.

Objectives of FSIN (2013-2015)
The overall objective of FSIN is to enable developing countries to build sustainable information systems on food and nutrition security that will produce reliable and accurate data for analysis and decision-making. Its three specific objectives are:

1. To establish a global community of practice to share knowledge, best practices and lessons learned among national, regional and global institutions and individual food security professionals;
2. To provide access to demand-driven harmonized sets of standards, methods, tools and indicators for food and nutrition security data collection, analysis, communication and decision-making; and
3. To strengthen country and regional level capacities for food and nutrition security data collection, analysis, communication and decision-making.

Who supports FSIN?
FSIN is demand driven: it focuses on capacity development needs identified by the community of practice and national and regional networks. FSIN is supported by:

- An Advisory Board composed of selected country representatives, donors, regional institutions, academics and international agencies to provide strategic advice;
- A Steering Committee of senior representatives from the three sponsoring agencies – the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the World Food Programme (WFP) - which oversees allocation of funding and the overall implementation of FSIN’s work plan;
- Thematic Technical Working Groups, which will be established upon members’ request to provide expert advice as required; and
- A joint Secretariat hosted by WFP and staffed by FAO, IFPRI and WFP experts, which supports the community of practice and ensures overall implementation of activities.

In their fight to eradicate hunger and malnutrition, governments and decision-makers rely on timely and accurate data on food and nutrition security to identify the most appropriate policies and programmes. However, there are important weaknesses in country-level food and nutrition security data collection, management, analysis and communication.

This calls for strengthened monitoring and analysis of food and nutrition security and for harmonization of approaches to avoid duplication of efforts. Country and regional food and nutrition security information systems need to receive active advocacy support - and especially growth and sustainability incentives - through a highly visible and multi-partner initiative that is being set up with FSIN.

FSIN is the result of an extensive consultation process with government institutions and development partners from diverse regions and countries who contributed to a new vision for country-led information systems and networks for food and nutrition security.