LAUNCH OF THE GDPRD STOCKTAKING REPORT

Presentation To High-Level Food Systems Event
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PURPOSE – ENGAGING WITH THE FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

- In the context of the UN Food Systems Summit – the report maps out how donors are currently contributing to food systems
- Provides other stakeholders engaged in the Food Systems Summit with an overview of the role played by the donor community
- Basis for analysis of how investments and programming might need to change in response to the outcomes of the Food Systems Summit

Data sources:
- DAC CRS Data
- Interviews with donors
- Review of donor web-sites
- Review of recent reports
TAking a food systems perspective

- Signals the need for an integrated approach
- More attention for consumption and midstream
- Attention for trade-offs and synergies
- Global issues which affect all countries
- Donors are adopting food systems thinking but early days
- Significant data gap

Source: Foresight:2Food (Woodhill 2013)
KEY AREAS OF DONOR CONTRIBUTION

1. Partner country projects and programmes
2. Support for UN Organizations
3. Food systems governance platforms and networks
4. NGOs and civil society
5. Research and innovation
6. Development finance
7. Private sector and market development
FOOD SYSTEMS AID AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL AID
EXPENDITURE PATTERNS IN FOOD SYSTEMS RELATED AREAS

Percentage of total aid 2010
Agriculture: 4%
Emergency food aid: 1.5%

Percentage of total aid 2019
Agriculture: 3.7%
Emergency food aid: 2.3%

Global Donor Platform for Rural Development
Alongside recipient governments and UN agencies NGOs and private sector play a significant role.
DONOR FOOD SYSTEM INVESTMENT PROFILES

• 4 page profiles for key donors / platform members

• Highlight:
  • Strategies
  • Food systems approach
  • Areas of investment
  • Flagship programmes

• Provides links to websites

• Basis for report analysis

Donors have a significant diversity in approach, thematic focus and geographic focus
ODA FLOWS BY DONOR AND RECIPIENT REGION

Source: Data from OECD CRS database.
SCALE AND BREADTH OF FUNDING

- 8% of ODA – small relative to food system
- Vast range of initiatives supported
- 13,000 activities of < US$ 0.5 million
- No obvious gaps in areas being funding
- Additional resources needed to achieve SDG2
- Question of best balance in use of resources into the future
- How to align with Food Systems Summit outcomes
WHAT HAVE BEEN PAST RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO FOOD SYSTEMS?

• Reviewed 40 reports (mostly done with donor support) and 840 recommendations that relate to food systems

• Much of the “what” needs to be done is known. “How” can the “what” be implemented?

• To what extent are current donor investment already covering off on these recommendations?

• Challenge for Food System Summit is to find ways for acting on these recommendations – not just repeating them

Data base of recommendations from recent food system related reports

Developing a searchable public access data portal on GDPRD website
1. ODA underpins the **global response capability** to food systems issues

- Substantial benefits for all countries
- Donor funding strategies have a big influence on global food systems governance architecture
- Wide range of initiatives supported
- Scale and commitment of resources for impact
- Is the architecture right for the 21st Century?

2. Food System approach makes **coordination** of ODA even more critical – but trends are in the wrong direction

- Trend toward bilateral aid
- Large numbers of small-country level projects
- Effectiveness at country level requires alignment and coordination
- Much opportunity for greater coordination
KEY MESSAGES (2)

6. Enhancing food systems resilience will be critical in response to climate change and COVID

- Expenditure on emergency food aid is increasing but resilience funding is not
- Number and severity of disasters are increasing
- Food is a number on priority in any crisis situation
- Resilience require a food systems approach

7. To optimize limited ODA donors must focus on catalyzing systemic change

- Need to tackle underlying structural constraints to change
- Donor funding must catalytic
- Interventions that align with complex systems
- Focus on processes of change
FOLLOW UP - GDPRD WHITE PAPER ON DONOR OPTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO THE FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT

GDPRD Stocktaking Report
GDPRD Declaration of Intent

GDPRD White Paper

Food Systems Summit Outcomes

How do FSS outcomes align or misalign with the current portfolio of donor investments?

What are options priorities and for donors to align future investments with FSS outcomes?

How can donors optimize their catalytic and enabling role and ensure coordination?

Future Donor Policies and Programming