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FAO Statement

On

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As the principal United Nations agency tasked with overseeing food security and serving as the steward for 21 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators, while also contributing to an additional five, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) undertakes a pivotal role in the local, regional, and international monitoring and evaluation of the 2030 Agenda.

In 2023 FAO launched the support package for Voluntary National Reviews and supports countries to prepare their VNR reports, providing dedicated engagement with national and regional partners and key stakeholders. In Asia-Pacific we provide this support in direct coordination with ESCAP

The FAO Office of Sustainable Development Goals has developed a tailored toolkit of supports for this propose. The toolkit includes a guidance note with timelines and roadmaps, webinar series and capacity building activities, as well as context-based consultations and support for the post-review action plans.

FAO has OSG extended support to 23 of the VNR countries which have an FAO representation, and in coordination with country offices provided direct support to for example in this region Timor-Leste and Fiji.