

Conceptual framework for a Project for Preparation of D-8 PROGRAMME FOR FOOD SECURITY

1. BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATIONS

Established in 1997, D-8 is an organization for development cooperation among Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The objectives of D-8 are to improve member states' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at international level, and improve standards of living.

D-8 is a global arrangement rather than a regional one, as the composition of its members reflects. According to the first Summit Declaration (Istanbul, 1997), the main objective of D-8 is declared to be socio-economic development in accordance with a set of declared principles.

Five key initiatives -- seed bank, fertilizers, animal feed, standards & trade issues and marine and fisheries -- have been outlined in the Kuala Lumpur Initiative To Address Food Security in the Developing Eight (D-8) Countries. Each initiative was agreed to be championed by appointed countries, which would act as the prime movers to implement the respective initiatives.

Turkey and Iran have been appointed as the prime movers for the seed bank programme; Malaysia and Indonesia for animal feed; Egypt for fertilizers; Iran and Turkey for standards and trade issues and Indonesia for marine and fisheries. For each key area or initiative, a specific working group has been established with the participation of the member states. Some of these working group or their relevant private sector forums have convened more than two sessions and have identified or commenced concrete projects of activities. Obvious issues, however, are felt in the scope, follow up, monitoring, and notable financing these projects and activities to create a tangible positive impact on the stats of food security in D-8 countries.

Cognizant of these issues, and inspired by immense potential for cooperation on development of agriculture and food security among the member countries, the Second D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security (May 2011 Tehran) welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to coordinate the formulation of a D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8PFS). Tehran Initiative adopted this proposal as a response to the need to formulation, implementation and following up concrete projects and activities to attain the goals and objective envisaged at Kuala Lumpur Initiative and other D-8 documents on food Security.

The D8PFS would be directed to: enhancing national food security programmes and actions of D-8 member countries, for increased agricultural production and productivity; enhancing trade of agricultural commodities among D-8 member states, and enhancing exchange of experience and views on food security policies through strengthening institutional capabilities and other measures.

Once prepared, the D8PFS would by serve as a solid basis for joint action by the member states and or securing the interests of donor and funding agencies in providing support and assistance in its envisaged implementation.

However, preparing such a programme for a geographically, bio-physically and socio-economically diverse grouping as D-8 would not be possible without collective and coordinated efforts of all the member states. Preparing the D8PFS has a number of requirements, particularly human resources. Country situation analyses need to be undertaken, national and group-wide concerns and priorities need to be carefully examined and incorporated. Logical frameworks would have to be carefully prepared for planning, implementation and evaluation, and more importantly to facilitate mobilization of resources for implementation of the identified activities and projects.

In order to accommodate all these considerations, and in line with the decisions of the 2nd D-8 Ministerial on Food Security in Tehran, a concept paper is prepared for a 'Project for Preparation of the D-8 Programme for Food Security'. It is hoped that the upcoming Ministerial Meeting on Food Security, scheduled for October 2012, would adopt the concept and take necessary measures for financing and implementing the project.

II. OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSISTANCE

The overall objective of this project is to formulate the D-8 Programme for Food Security, including Group-wide and national components, as well as in the strengthening of capacities of the member states to ensure a successful and sustainable implementation and monitoring of the D8PFS.

The immediate project objectives are to provide a setting for collective and coordinated of the D-8 Member States' focal points in situation analysis, formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of activities related to the formulation of the RFPS and its sub-programmes and projects, including preparation of bankable development projects ready for submission for funding.

III. PROJECT OUTPUTS

The major Outputs expected under this assistance are:

1. A strengthened capacity in the D-8 for situation analysis, formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects.
2. A D-8 Strategy for Agricultural Development and Food Security.
3. A D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8PFS), including a set of priority bankable projects (at country and Group-wide levels) ready for submission for funding and implementations.

IV. WORK PLAN

The work plan, as presented in Table i, will make provision for the following activities:

- identification and nomination of the Project Team, comprised of the Lead Expert, focal points in Member States, to be responsible for the D8PFS, and the D-8 Secretariat.

- Training and justification of the Project Team and the representatives of the relevant institutions of the member states to upgrade their skills and capacities in the basic requirements in the formulation of a complex Programme such as the D8PFS. More particularly, this training will be provided in situation analysis, programme/project identification, formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation. This will enable the Project Team and national partners to participate fully in the process of preparing the envisaged bankable projects to be presented for funding.
- Carry out working sessions of the Project Team, in close consultation with the national focal points, to formulate the various activities and projects of the RPFSS. Fielding of missions to identify and prepare selected priority bankable projects and undertakings for funding and support.
- Undertake technical workshops in consultation with the potential funding sources and institutions to promote discussion on the D8PFS, challenges facing the implementation of these programs and to discuss the result of this Project, particularly the document on the D8PFS components/project profiles.
- International experts of the relevant institutions such as FAO and UNDP will be used in the capacity building exercise.

Output 1

- A strengthened capacity in the D-8 for situation analysis, formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects.

Activities:

- 1.1 Identify and field a Lead Expert to provide overall leadership and technical guidance in the co-ordination, planning and implementation of the Project.
- 1.2 Carry out assessment of the needs for coordinate situation analysis and programme/project formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation. Based on the results of this assessment, formulate a programme for addressing the identified needs.

Output 2

- A D-8 Strategy for Agricultural Development and Food Security.

Activities:

- 2.1 Finalize the preliminary draft Strategy for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the D-8 Group.

Output 3

A D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8PFS), including a set of priority bankable projects (at country and Group-wide levels) ready for submission for funding and implementations.

Activities:

- 3.1 Review the priority areas and themes identified by the revised Strategy for Agricultural Development and Food Security in the D-8. Review on-going activities implemented by national and donor-funded programmes in the member countries, which are of policy and programming nature in Food Security, agricultural production and trade, and identify those that will have implications for the implementation of the activities proposed in the D8PFS.
- 3.2 Prepare a D-8 Programme for Food Security (D8PFS) with special reference to the activities that are to be carried out at Group level and prioritize the areas of action, (sections/categories and actions under each), taking into consideration the Priority Initiatives approved by the Ministers of the member states.
- 3.3 Prepare Terms of Reference and assign national experts and the Lead Expert to carry out in-country Review of Reports, policies, strategies and programmes of member states.
- 3.4 Assemble secondary information and other data on comparative advantages of member states to provide supplies of selected agricultural commodities in the Group. Review also Assessment of the global situation and outlook for agricultural commodities prevalent in the Group. Analyze information and data, and prepare a Report on the findings.
- 3.5 From the above Reports and other relevant information on priorities, identify priority areas for investment and development at national and Group levels, with the focus on promotion of agricultural trade and production;
- 3.6 Prepare brief on each priority area, indicating among others the relevance to food security, scope, targets, approaches, benefits and contribution to trade or agricultural production in general, and food security in particular, basic requirements, and possible involvement of development partners;
- 3.7 Based on the identified priority areas prepare specific Terms of References for identification or formulation mission for bankable projects directed at promotion of agricultural trade and production within the Group, and between the Group and the rest of the world;
- 3.8 Assign and field identification and formulation mission: prepare work plan of Mission; carry out review of the reports on assessment of policies, strategies and programmes of member states; comparative advantages of member states to provide supplies of selected agricultural commodities; briefs on priority areas identified for support under the D8PFS; undertake field visits as may be necessary to generate further data and information; identify and prepare proposals for development into projects and programmes for funding; carry out appraisal of proposals identified, and consolidate them into a form of an Action Programme for submission to funding sources for further action, including mobilization of resources. Prepare and annex to the Programme, at least three or four undertakings (including elements and costs).

Table 1: WORK PLAN

Months	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Identification/Assignment of the Project Team	█											
Preparation and finalization of the TORs	█											
Preparatory workshop in consultation with member states and the international partners		█										
Review reports, policies and programme in the member countries		█	█									
Assemble information, data and prepare country reports		█	█	█								
Carry out capacity assessment, and prepare program for capacity building			█	█								
Undertake training programme (first workshop)					█							
Review, update and finalize the D-8 strategy.					█	█						
Review and assess the global situation and outlook for D-8 commodities							█					
Missions for the formulation and identification of projects							█					
Carry out appraisal for the formulated project ideas							█	█				
Prepare and establish a plan of action for implementation of the D8PFS								█	█			
Undertake training programme (second workshop)										█		
Workshop in consultation with funding institutions to discuss the preliminary results											█	
Final Report (Lead Expert)												█
Technical review and final report clearance												█
Technical Support of the international specialized institutions (eg. FAO) and financial support of national and international partners such as OIC, IDB	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

VI. PROJECT TEAM

LEAD EXPERT

Senior Policy and Programming Expert to mainly contribute to the whole project Process. 12 months.

POLICY EXPERT

Expert in Policy analysis to assist in collation and co-ordination of information on policies (national and global situation and outlook), comparative advantages of member states for supplies of selected commodities, identification of proposals for bankable projects and/or viable undertakings: 2 months in four missions.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Expert, Trainer in Project formulation, to assist in the assessment of the technical and institutional capacities in the formulation and implementation of the D8PFS and support the

preparation of a training plan on project/programme identification, formulation, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation: 2 months in three missions.

NATIONAL EXPERTS

- Eight National experts (one per country, to work in tandem with the National Focal Points) in agricultural economics/policy analysis to support the collection of in-country information and identification of constraints for national and household food security, to be further taken into account in the design of the RSPF and related projects for its implementation: each one for 3 months (Annex 4)

VII. REPORTING

Technical reports, as identified in the Work plan, will be prepared by the Lead Expert, subject matter Experts Focal Points and national experts in member countries at the end of each mission or activity. A D8PFS Steering Committee may be established to monitor the Project and approve all reports before submission of the D8PFS to the Ministerial Meeting for final approval. The Lead Expert will prepare a project report by consolidating the reports prepared by the other expertise.

VIII. OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

To be specified in due course.

IX. PROJECT BUDGET

The overall budget required for implementing the Project is estimated at US\$400,000. Breakdown of the costs would be prepared in due course. The funds may be secured through:

- Allocations by the Member States, and
- Financial assistance of the partner institutions, such as OIC, IDB.

X. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To be prepared in due course.