Local agrifood systems analysis & foresight
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Why we need this study (1)

• EU Consensus for Development → nexus employment, environment and investment in the agri-food sector and food systems

• Rapid and fundamental changes in food systems → implications for many EU development objectives and the SDGs (systemic risks & significant opportunities

• Managing policy trade-offs: balancing rural economic prosperity, urban food security, environmental sustainability and growth in the agrifood sectors → better system-wide foresight and scenario processes linked to national and regional policy dialogue.

• 2016-2020 funding period - food security and agricultural development key EC development priority (support to agricultural growth to food and nutrition security, mainstreaming nutrition and improving long-term resilience to crisis, all often complemented with social transfer mechanisms)
Why (2):

• Post-2020 - achieving or failing to achieve resilient and secure food systems → major consequences for broader development objectives related to employment, migration, security and health

• Understand at country level the risks and opportunities posed by fundamental pressures on and changes in food systems over coming decades.

• Reframe traditional food security and agricultural development investments from a wider food systems perspective clearly articulating implications for overall development objectives and priorities

• National level policy responses and action will be critical during the 2020-2026 to mitigate these risks and ensure resilient food systems for the future - also to tackle significant security risks at regional and global scales.
**Purpose and scope**: What should the EU know about local evolving agrifood systems to develop its strategic cooperation with third countries in a post-2020 context?

- capacity to anticipate its evolution & proposing ‘transformative’ interventions
  - To support the design of effective FNSSA sector interventions
  - To support DEVCO's broader policy dialogue with private and public agrifood sector actors (e.g. design of appropriate financial tools to leverage agri-food investments).
- Foresight on local agri-food systems to elaborate ‘stylised’ local agri-food systems, ‘locked’ into comparable transformation pathways and characterized by similar opportunities and risks. These ‘types’ can then be grouped into initial operational typologies
Work outline: Agrifood system analysis and foresight covering 'FNS-critical' countries (65)

- main expected outputs for the first phase:
  - An initial, foresight-based, local agri-food system typology (Q4 2018): AFS ‘types’ with their respective challenges and risks (e.g. to rural and urban livelihoods) as well as major transformational opportunities (e.g. sustainability of local AFS by 2030 in Rwanda versus the Mali..)
  - A basic methodological proposal (by Q1 2019): targeted at development practitioners (e.g. operational staff in delegations) to facilitate the initiation of AFS foresight work at local (country) level.
  - A Policy brief on the possibilities and options offered by the adoption of an agrifood systems approach in future programming (by Q1 2019).

- In a second phase (Q2 2019 and beyond): fine-tuning typologies + insights from scenario analysis for selected ‘local AFS-types’. Meaningful scenarios that combine transformative actions with ‘FNSSA / resilience’ sector interventions (where relevant).