

BOOKS

AGRICULTURE



Are Iraqi displaced farmers returning to agriculture?

Findings from a recent study on the crisis linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) occupation in the country suggests that displaced farmers are struggling to resume agricultural livelihoods and must rely more on off-farm sources of income to sustain their needs. This study aims to help policymakers identify durable solutions for returnee farmers and those willing to return.

(Rome and Cairo, 60 pp.) FAO & IOM
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc4089en>



Restoring land and soil health to ensure sustainable and resilient agriculture in the Near East and North Africa region - State of Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture thematic paper

The Near East and North Africa region is known for its scarcity of arable land, fertile soils and water resources for both agriculture and public use. This paper focuses on the current conditions of soil degradation and fertility loss; the factors that exert stress on soils and land in the region; the measures taken to tackle urgent concerns; and the instruments employed for assessment and monitoring.

(Cairo, 80 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc1137en>

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



Elimination of child labour in agriculture through social protection - Guidance note

Child labour numbers are increasing globally for the first time since 2000, to an estimated 160 million in 2020. Seventy percent of these children are engaged in agriculture; most of them perform work in family operations that may harm their health and education. This guidance supports the design and adaptation of social protection systems that contribute to the elimination of child labour in agriculture, and do not inadvertently perpetuate it or increase it.

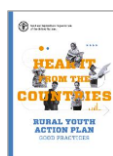
(80 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc4315en>



FAO and the 2030 Agenda follow-up and review - Guidance note for FAO Country and Regional Offices

This guidance note provides information on the significance of the follow-up and review process for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. It includes an assessment of the inadequacies in the coverage of the Voluntary National Reviews and recommendations for strengthening them.

(56 pp.)



Hear it from the countries - Rural youth action plan. Good practices

A successful transition of young people from dependence to independence will result in prosperous individuals, able to generate long-term payoffs for themselves, their families and societies at large. This compendium of good practices brings together snapshots of selected FAO projects, activities and products in support of the Rural Youth Action Plan's first biennium of implementation (2021–2022).

(64 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc3942en>

EVALUATION



Evaluation of the project "Upgrading the technical agriculture education system in Lebanon"

This report presents the final – positive – evaluation of a project centred on agricultural technical and vocational training. The aim was to improve access to the job market for young Lebanese graduates and to provide young displaced Syrians in Lebanon with qualifications and official diplomas that they could use once back in their home country.

(58 pp.) Project Evaluation Series

FOOD SECURITY



Regional Program for Food Security (RPFS) in Member Countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)(ECO-RPFS)

ECO membership ranges from Türkiye in the west to Pakistan in the east, encompassing large sections of central Asia. This study argues for a strong nutrition component in devising sustainable food security strategies for the region and the countries.

(Ankara, 84 pp., Russian. Also available in [English](#)) FAO & ECO-RCCFS
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc2032ru>

FORESTRY



Building resilience into watersheds - A sourcebook

As drought, floods, wildfires and other extreme events take an ever greater toll on agriculture and food systems, adopting risk reduction and management practices must become an integral part of watershed management. The purpose of this sourcebook is to provide advice on how to incorporate disaster risk reduction and resilience building into the watershed management process.

(144 pp.)
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4080/cc3258en>

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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT - IFAD



Frontier Technologies for Securing Tenure - A review of concepts, uses and challenges

Land tenure insecurity is a reality for a large proportion of the world, especially those in lower income contexts. Frontier technologies create new opportunities for addressing this challenge by supplanting existing processes. This publication showcases the frontier technologies used in land tenure projects, as well as the associated benefits and challenges.

(68 pp.)

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME - UNEP



Greening the Blue Report 2022

Greening the Blue is a UNEP initiative to engage and support the UN system in the transition towards greater environmental sustainability in the management of its facilities and operations. The 2022 edition of the report reveals the UN system accelerated efforts on environmental governance and environmental training in 2021.

(Nairobi, 12 pp.)

