

FAO technical assistance modalities

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Technical Assistance Instruments

- **Regular Program Funds (RP)**
(expert consultations, assessment, identification and formulation missions)
 - Letters of Agreement
- **Technical Cooperation Program (TCP):** national and regional; for development or emergency assistance, with the budget up to US\$500 000 per project, up to 24 months duration
- **Government Cooperation Program (GCP):** Donor funded at request of the recipient country or the donor; FAO facilitates fund raising and project formulation missions
- **Unilateral Trust Funds (UTF):** Recipient country provides funds for implementation and execution of a program/project



TCP facility

- responds to government requests for urgent small-scale TA activities and it strengthens field programme development processes, with the overall budget up to US\$200 000 per biennium, per country.
- If the delivery (actual expenditure) is approaching the budget ceiling of US\$200,000, it can be expanded to US\$300,000



Aims & Examples for TCP-facilities

1. **Provision of a rapid and ad-hoc support for specific technical problems, where no expertise within the government services is available**
 - ❑ UKR: TA in defining the Wholesale Markets Regulatory Framework and Guidelines for Feasibility Studies to enable further investment mobilization
 - ❑ GEO: Definition of responsibilities for the regional units of MoA



Aims & Examples for TCP-facility, *cont.*

2. Formulation of project proposals for its submission to donors (GCP) and other funding sources (UTF), including TCP

- ⇒ ARM: Assistance for reforestation programme
- ⇒ MCD:
 - ⇒ Implementation of Strategic Program Supporting the Promotion of Rural Development in Macedonia (multiple funding sources)
 - ⇒ Development of an EU compliant Market Information System



Aims & Examples for TCP facility, *cont.*

3. Prepare background documents required by the government
4. Preparation of small sector- and subsector studies or assessments
KOS: request for TA for inventory of the Beekeeping sector
5. Facilitation of field programme development and participation in related UN processes.

Remark: cannot be used to bridge the gap between two projects



List of possible inputs:

1. Expertise

- *National* consultants (honorarium, DSA and in-country travel);
- *International* and Partnership (TCCT and retired) consultants (honorarium, DSA, international and in-country travel);
- *FAO* technical expertise (staff cost, DSA, international and in-country travel);
- *Letters of Agreement* (LOAs) with institutions, universities, civil society or non-governmental organizations, related only to the provision of technical services;



List of possible inputs:

2. Operating costs

- *General operating expenses* (including communications, printing, renting of vehicles related to project implementation, limited expenses related to final workshops/wrap-up meetings) for a maximum 5 % of overall budget;
- *Direct operating costs* at the established rates for the reimbursement of FAO administrative services.



Limitations in input provision

TCPF cannot be used:

- *to cover travel allowances for government staff,*
- *study tours,*
- *the procurement of expendable or non-expendable equipment*
- *supplies or administrative costs or other operating costs of government agencies*



TCPF – elements of the project outline

Attachment 3

- TCP Facility project code (if project already established):
- Title of the assistance:
- Objectives:
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- Expected outputs:
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- Main inputs foreseen:
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- Rationale for funding under the TCP (main TCP criteria met):
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- Approximate budget: US\$.....
- Expected duration:

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Thank you for your attention



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