

## Main actors

The NFPCSP is jointly implemented by the Food Planning and Monitoring Unit (FPMU) under the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). FPMU is the main counterpart of the programme and serves as the secretariat to the Food Planning and Monitoring Committee (FPMC), Bangladesh's policy body that steers the implementation and monitoring of food security policies.

At a technical level the FPMC is supported by the FPMU and an inter-ministerial Food Policy Working Group (FPWG). This working group coordinates 11 ministries and divisions around 4 Thematic Teams:

- food availability;
- economic access;
- social and physical access; and
- food utilization for balanced nutrition.

The Technical Assistance Team of the NFPCSP, which is made-up of four international and four national FAO experts, supports the FPMU, the FPWG and the Thematic Teams. The location of the NFPCSP within the FPMU premises promotes daily collaboration between the two entities.



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The  
National  
Food Policy  
Capacity  
Strengthening  
Programme

Working  
to reduce  
hunger and  
malnutrition



## Why be concerned with food security in Bangladesh?

Despite an impressive increase in food production over the past three decades, about 40% of the population still suffers from hunger and a slightly larger proportion of children under the age of five are malnourished. Food security is therefore a high priority on the agenda of the Government of Bangladesh.

## The right policies and the right actions

Since its launch in 2005, the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme (NFPCSP) has been instrumental in building Bangladesh's institutional and human capacities to design and implement food security policies. The NFPCSP assisted the Government in finalizing the National Food Policy (NFP) as well as in formulating and launching the NFP Plan of Action (PoA). To consolidate these achievements, the current phase of the programme (2009–2012) focuses on strengthening national capacities to monitor the country's food security situation and to provide research based knowledge as well as timely information and quality advice to policy makers on crucial interventions.



## Key activities of the NFPCSP

### Capacity strengthening

- **Organising and sponsoring postgraduate training abroad**, including two PhD programmes, in reputable international universities for all permanent staff of FPMU.
- **Preparing and delivering tailor-made courses** on a number of topics including impact analysis of economic policies on food security; principles and applications of a food and nutrition approach in policy design and planning; practical applications of food security analysis; data analysis; food balance sheets; tools for early warning of food crises; results-based management etc.
- **Providing on-the-job training** on FPMU's food security monitoring activities which include drafting of the *Quarterly Food Situation Report*, the *Fortnightly Foodgrain Outlook* and the *National Food Policy Plan of Action Monitoring Report*.
- **Promoting postgraduate training on food security within national academic institutions** to help ensure that human resource capacity building is sustained beyond the duration of the programme.
- **Developing institutional and managerial capacities** of the FPMU by establishing functional office facilities, undertaking an institutional assessment and supporting the adoption of a results-based approach to work planning, organisation and management.

### Food security research and dialogue

- **Funding and technically supporting food security research** that promotes evidence-based policy making. By the end of the programme, 60 long-term studies, involving more than 90 national institutions, and covering all dimensions of food security, will have been funded.

- **Organising regular seminars and workshops** to maintain a fruitful dialogue between the Government and researchers in civil society on different topics including research findings and progress in implementing the NFP Plan of Action.
- **Providing direct advisory support** to Government and Development Partners. In particular, in the context of the 2007 natural disasters and the 2008 food price crisis, the programme provided information and advice on crucial issues, such as the National Food Budget, procurement price fixation, and management of public stocks and safety nets. It also advises Development Partners on the design of their food security interventions.

### Information and knowledge management and dissemination

- **Developing an online food security database** that links different agencies together in order to facilitate access to data on food security.
- **Creating a documentation centre in FPMU** to act as a repository of food security resources.
- **Establishing an electronic library** that provides free access to online references, bulletins and other material.
- **Maintaining the NFPCSP website** ([www.nfpcsp.org](http://www.nfpcsp.org)) in order to provide access to project information, FPMU and project outputs and to national and international sources of information on food security.

