CONTEXT-SENSITIVE PROGRAMMING IN FAO LEBANON

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Context-sensitive programming requires:

1. Understanding the interaction between the local context and FAO projects;

2. Incorporating this understanding into the projects’ life-cycle; and

3. Orienting activities towards the reduction of potentially negative impacts in the community, while accentuating the positive ones.
FAO’s context-sensitive programming approach

Source: Food and Agricultural organization of the United Nations (FAO)

1. CONTEXT ANALYSIS
   - Key disagreement areas
     - Drivers of disagreement/agreement
     - Stakeholder dynamics analysis

2. PROGRAMME CLINICS
   - Discussion of findings
     - Project – context interaction
     - Concrete recommendations

3. CONTEXT-SENSITIVE PROGRAMMING
   - Shaping activities to maximize positive impact / minimize unintended negative impact
   - Informing MEAL framework
Mainstreaming context-sensitive programming:

- Programme Clinic to develop context-sensitive programming recommendations to the identified issues

- Survey process to understand food security and agriculture sector related dynamics in project implementation areas

- Specific focus also on direct support project components (e.g. cash interventions, vouchers, agricultural inputs, etc.)
• Extending the survey process to members of the Food Security and Agriculture Sector WG members

• Relevance of data from the field;
• Relevance of project/activity diversity from these sectors;
• Relevance of wide multi-stakeholder character of the findings.