

FAO Response to the 2013 Multilateral Aid Review (MAR) Update

Thank you for sending the Multilateral Aid Review 2013 Update with its rating on FAO's progress since 2011. We were very pleased to see, as expected, that it recognizes the important progress that has been made. We appreciate very much the effort that went into this analysis and the spirit of collaboration and engagement that characterized the MAR update process.

As the Update highlights, the Organization's ongoing reforms have addressed the areas of weakness identified in the 2011 MAR. There is a new strategic framework in place with a much sharper focus on results, administrative costs have been cut, management systems are being overhauled and we are committed to ensuring that everything we do is done in the most efficient and effective way possible.

FAO welcomes external assessments by Member Countries, which help us improve our performance, results and impact. The MAR Update, in particular, helps us measure the progress we are making and it is gratifying to see that the review acknowledges the change that has taken place. We look forward to the full MAR in 2015, which we are confident will show very clearly the results and impact of the reforms highlighted in the Update, especially at the country level.

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