The Food Security Standard (FSS)
Realizing the Right to Food in Global Value Chains

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Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V. ...

- ... is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany.
- ... fights hunger and poverty - non-partisan and non-denominational - wherever possible with local partner organisations.
- ... helps from a single source: from rapid disaster relief to long-term development cooperation.
- ... its principle: Helping people to help themselves
- ... is an advocate for the hungry and the poor
- ... exerts an advisory influence at the political level - both nationally and internationally.
- ... is lobbying with campaigns to inform the public
800 Million are going hungry

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 Dec. 1948), Article 25 (1):

“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing, medical care and necessary social services..."
Hunger and Agricultural Export Production

80% of the world's hungry live in rural areas

- 50% smallholder farmers
- 20% landless
- 10% nomads, fishermen, indigenous peoples

Hungry people in rural areas: 80%

Hungry people in urban areas: 20%

Source: (Hungry people in rural areas) WFP 2015
Global Hunger Index

Coffee-exporting countries

As long as there is hunger in agri-value chains...

... the right to a life in dignity is not fulfilled.

... families rely on their children for income generation.

... there will be ecological damage and deforestation.

... we will not meet the SDGs and Paris Agreement.

... development and humanitarian aid is necessary.

... farmers cannot invest in sustainability and technology.

... supply is at risk due to

- lower resilience and flexibility.
- farm closure.
- trade bans.
- violent conflicts.

... we do not make full use of the human capital hindering economic growth.

... there will be ecological damage and deforestation.
Shared Responsibility for Food Security

FSS focuses on factors influenced by private sector at local level

**Government**
Institutional and legal framework for food security

**Private Sector**
Means for food security staff and communities in the area of influence

**Food and Nutrition Security**

**Individuals**
Own food consumption/nutrition
[...] all human rights should be subject to periodic review.
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**STABILITY**
- 1. Good governance and rule of law
- 5. Profitability, fair business conduct
- 6. Labour rights, working conditions
- 7. Training, capacity building
- 8. Social safety nets

**ACCESS**
- 9. Land rights
- 10. Water rights
- 11. Sustainable agricultural practices

**AVAILABILITY**
- 12. Safe utilization of food
- 13. Good nutrition

**UTILIZATION**
- 14. Complaint mechanism
- 15. Women’s rights/gender equality
- 16. Nutrition and child education
- 17. Assess & monitor local food security

**CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS**

FSS as Due Diligence Tool: German Supply Chain Law
FSS as Due Diligence Tool

Human Rights Declaration
- HR declaration

Risk-Analysis
- NaFSA
- GRAS
- Criteria & Indicators

Prevention & Improvement Measures
- Management processes - policies, responsibilities
- Trainings
- Consultation with workers, smallholders, communities, stakeholders
- Facilities, equipment

Impact Monitoring
- Grievance mechanism
- FSS-QAT

Reporting
- Thorough documentation
- Third-party verification

FSS as Due Diligence Tool
FSS is Rooted in the Right to Food

THE FIVE PILLARS AND 17 PRINCIPLES OF THE FSS

STABILITY

1. Apply good governance and respect the rule of law
2. Respect national food security and development strategies
3. Mitigate natural and human-made disaster risks

ACCESS

4. Ensure market access and contribute to local development
5. Safeguard long-term farm profitability and fair business conduct
6. Respect labour rights and ensure good working conditions
7. Provide training and capacity building
8. Offer social safety nets

AVAILABILITY

9. Respect land rights
10. Respect water rights and ensure that water quality and availability are maintained or improved
11. Implement sustainable agricultural practices

UTILIZATION

12. Provide a setting for the safe utilization of food
13. Guarantee good nutrition

CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS

14. Provide complaint and grievance mechanisms
15. Respect women’s rights and ensure gender equity
16. Raise awareness for nutrition and support child education
17. Assess and monitor local food security
Verification in the context of existing certification standards

Sustainability Standards

✓ Quality
✓ G.A.P.
✓ Occupational safety
✓ Worker’s rights
✓ ...

FSS add-on

✓ Social security
✓ Health care
✓ Impact on food security
✓ Access to food

Food Security of farmers and workers
Safeguarding Food Security with the FSS

Right to adequate Food is protected by producers of agricultural commodities within their field of responsibility

- Farmers and workers are food secure
- Food security in area of influence does not deteriorate.
The Food Security Standard ...

- is an Add-On Standard and designed to be integrated in any existing sustainability standard in the agricultural sector.
- is applicable to all agricultural products, farm sizes and business types.
- is rooted in the Human Right to adequate Food.

FSS Benefits

- **Food Security**: Farmers, workers and local communities are food secure.
- **Human right**: Producer of agricultural goods comply with the human right to food.
- **Due diligence**: Retailer demonstrate due diligence in food security.
- **Sustainability**: Consumers can opt for products that are also sustainable regarding food security.
What to do?

1. Check out if there is a risk to food security in the country of production with NaFSA.
2. Join the free 4C-FSS Add-On Training in August 2022.
3. Ask 4C for relevant standard and guidance documents.
4. Conduct (self-)assessment against 4C-FSS Add On.
5. Develop action plan to implement the FSS criteria.
6. Organize the audit: check if your CB can verify FSS within the next 4C-audit.

Contact FSS-Team if you need assistance in the FSS implementation.
Let’s go for it!

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