



ADAM Concept Note

Why ADAM?

As a follow up to the Paris Declaration and the UN reform agenda, strategic and focused prioritization of partners' interventions in UN member countries has become a prerequisite to improve coordination and increase effectiveness of development assistance.

In line with the main objectives and the building blocks of the FAO corporate strategy, TCSP (Policy Assistance Support Service of the Technical Cooperation) began developing the on-line Agricultural Development Assistance Mapping tool (ADAM) to support country-level FAO work in exploring potential synergies and joint programmes with other development partners and identifying resource mobilization opportunities.

What is ADAM

ADAM helps to better understand how funds of national and international assistance are allocated and which sectors are the most targeted in a given time span. It also provides overviews, by region or country, on resource partners' recent commitments to areas related to FAO's mandate. Information on privileged funding mechanisms, as well as key details on resource partners' internal processes are also included. Users may browse and/or aggregate ADAM data in the form of tables, charts, maps and download it or create reports directly from the application.

The platform may be used to analyze the situation of one specific country or to generate global/regional matrices, maps and charts showing cross-country aspects of the ODA (e.g. which donor is active in a specific country; total budget allocation by country and sector; etc.). ADAM's basic functionalities include:

- i) Use of basic statistical functions to aggregate data as needed;
- ii) Easily retrieve and visualize data on each party's priorities, areas of intervention, funding modalities and frameworks, implementing partners, etc.
- iii) Filter and link these elements and statistically analyze them;
- iv) Standard and ad-hoc reports and outputs to be included in other websites (e.g. charts, maps, etc.).



What ADAM is not

ADAM is not a database and therefore it relies on existing information on agricultural and food security related flows of aid (mainly OECD-DAC).

The [OECD](#) is the official source of statistics, including aid statistics, on the [23 OECD DAC](#) (Development Assistance Committee) member countries. Aid activity data are collected on annual basis and are consultable through the [CRS Aid Activities database](#)

The full potential of this tool would benefit from the development of a systematic system for the collection of aid flows to the agricultural and food security sectors.

In the current version, OECD data are integrated with those collected by [AidData](#), which aggregates information from multiple sources of global aid flows and projects.

Additional variables have been created specifically by the ADAM team, in an effort to standardize data coming from the FAO's Country Programme Frameworks (CPF), identify FAO's priorities in different countries ,analyze how these priorities match recipient country and resource partner objectives and to give a snapshot of other resource Partners' procedures.