

IAMO Forum 2022 - "Enhancing resilience in a post-pandemic era: challenges and opportunities for rural development"

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The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) Forum 2022 entitled "Enhancing resilience in a post-pandemic era: challenges and opportunities for rural development" will take place in Halle (Saale), Germany, from 22 to 24 June 2022.

The Corona pandemic has affected rural areas in various ways all over the world. Its impacts stretched to agricultural trade, international mobility, livelihoods in rural areas and many other development aspects. Although agricultural production and food consumption remained on a rather stable path from a macroeconomic point of view, many effects at the level of rural households are still unknown and especially poorer countries may be faced with setbacks in their (rural) development efforts. How, for instance, will the drop in aggregate remittance flows spark off as a driver of poverty at the individual and community level? Are there long-lasting effects of personal illness on agricultural production or government's containment measures at food supply chains to be expected? Which farms and rural areas are more resilient than others? Recent conceptualisations of resilience stress the adaptability of farms and households which will determine their resistance to future shocks. Often attention from policy and research dissipates quickly after acute events passed. However, when looking at the effects of this pandemic we should consider what are the long-term lessons from earlier crises such as the 2008 financial crisis, e.g., for remittance dependent households? Did at least some of them adapt and developed new livelihood strategies? How did agricultural trade flows adjust to shocks and do food import dependent countries with a more diversified trade structure enjoy a better food and nutrition security?

The conference will be organised by the IAMO department Agricultural Policy and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA. The conference language will be English.

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