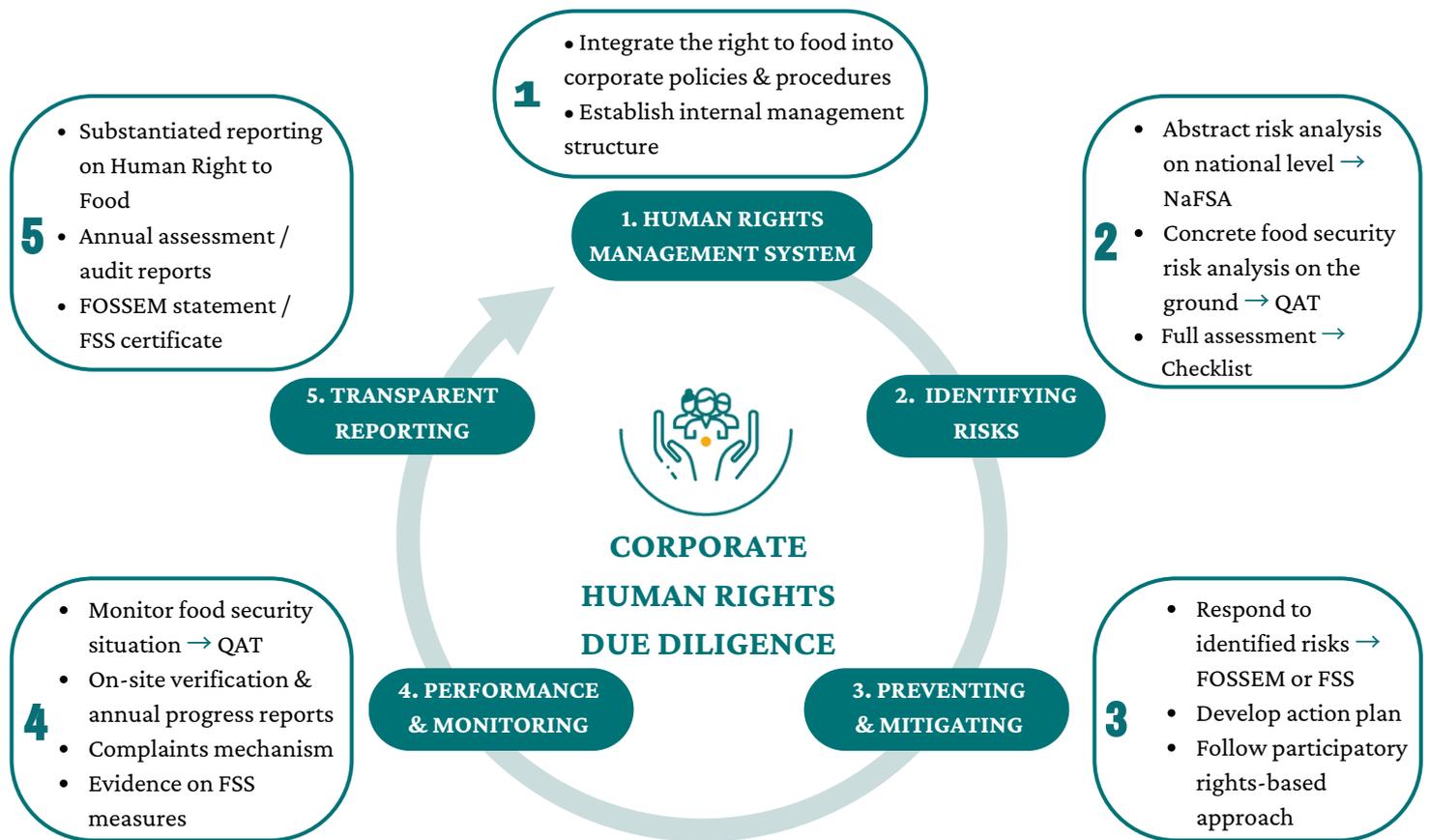


## **WHY DO WE NEED THE FOOD SECURITY STANDARD (FSS)?**

Many agricultural goods used in Europe for food or material use are produced in countries of the Global South. Yet, more than 800 million people still go hungry globally; most of them live in the rural regions of the Global South and depend on agriculture for their livelihoods (FAO 2015). Respecting the human right to adequate food is closely linked to 11 other essential rights related to health, social security and development impacting issues like child labor or deforestation. Ultimately, zero hunger for smallholder farmers and agricultural workers is the foundation for sustainable supply chains. The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture entrusted Welthungerhilfe and Meo Carbon Solutions to provide market participants a hands-on solution to address food insecurity in agricultural supply chains.

## **A TOOL TO SUPPORT CORPORATE DUE DILIGENCE**

- Highlights compliance with national due diligence obligations and internationally recognized principles—including the UN Global Compact and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- Supports credible and verified reporting on the UN SDG 2 and GRI 13.9.1 for food security through audit results and impact monitoring concept
- Identifies and mitigates human rights risks related to food by implementing the FSS at the production level
- Creates positive long-term impacts on the living conditions of workers, farmers and surrounding communities



## THE FSS TOOLBOX

The FSS toolbox is tailored to the specific circumstances of small businesses, medium-sized farms or plantations. The tools can be used for FSS certification or to assess potential and actual risks at production level in their operation and area of responsibility.



### National Food Security Assessment (NaFSA)

- Identifies potential human rights risks by country, with a special focus on the right to food through publicly available data
- Defines a risk level for eight categories that determine the social context as well as a national risk level for initial prioritization
- Provides additional questions for the audit



### FSS Quick Assessment Tool (QAT)

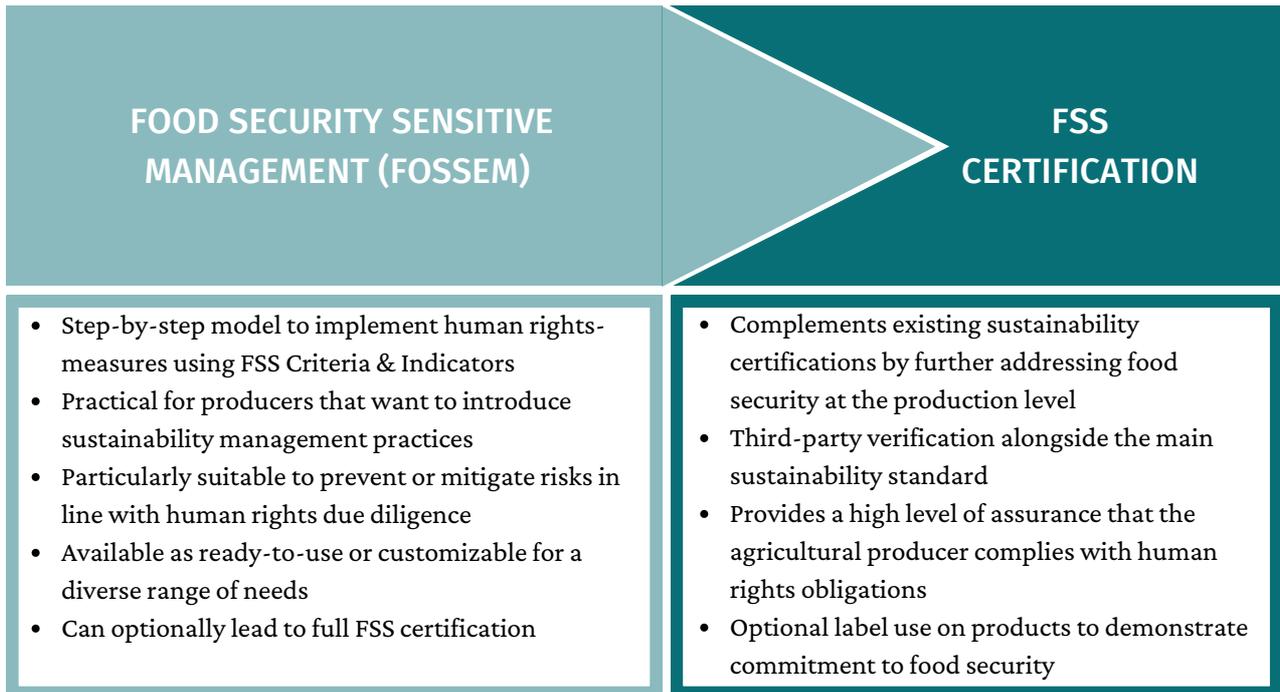
- Determines concrete food security risks at the local level
- Provides a structured interview questionnaire for smallholder farmers, workers and stakeholders
- Implements cost-effective food security monitoring



### FSS Audit Procedure Tool (Checklist)

- Offers a complete audit checklist—including criteria, indicators and guidance for verification
- Serves to develop an improvement plan for monitoring and reporting

## OUR SOLUTIONS



## OUR SERVICES\*

- Support the implementation of a holistic human rights approach in agricultural supply chains
- Provide a practical toolbox for risk identification on human rights, prioritization and development of action plans
- Assist throughout the entire process of working with the FSS—including training, consultancy and marketing and communication to highlight the differentiated rights-based approach
- Conduct benchmarking with the main standard for combined and cost-efficient audit
- Customize FOSSEM to specific supply chains and needs

*\* Services currently offered for free through funding from the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture*



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