AGROVOC and COVID-19

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Terminology Development and KOS Mapping
It is a **controlled vocabulary** covering all areas of interest of FAO. Most used thesaurus in food and agriculture and related sciences in the world.

Promotes **consistency** in preferred terms, and the assignment of the same terms to similar content.

Is used to **tag and index** publications, articles and datasets, to make it **easier** for researchers to **find information** and **semantic links**.
Based on a Concept Model

37,500+ concepts
750,000 terms
aligned to 20+ datasets
up to 40 languages

skos:preflabel → ‘milk products’ @en
skos:broader
skos:preflabel → ‘cheese’ @en
skos:narrower
skos:preflabel → ‘sheep cheese’ @en
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Linked Data is **structured data** which is interlinked with other data becoming more useful through semantic queries.

When data can be **freely used** and **distributed** by anyone (subject only to the requirement to attribute and share-alike), it is called Open Data.

AGROVOC **thesaurus content** in English, Russian, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese is now released under the international licence CC BY IGO 3.0.
AGROVOC usage statistics

- **WS accesses**
  - 2017: 466k
  - 2018: 631k
  - 2019: 443k
  - 2020: 348k

- **SPARQL queries**
  - 2017: 20k
  - 2018: 61k
  - 2019: 7k

- **Void requests**
  - 2017: 6.2m
  - 2018: 5.7m
  - 2019: 13k
  - 2020: 1k

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  - 2017: 6.2m
  - 2018: 5.7m
  - 2019: 13k
  - 2020: 1k

- **Downloads of full dataset**
  - 2017: 5m
  - 2018: 20m
  - 2019: 6m

- **Loddy URI resolution**
  - 2017: 5m
  - 2018: 20m
  - 2019: 6m

Date range: Jan - May
**AGROVOC: Up to 40* languages**

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*Min 150 terms. Coverage depends on editor network. More languages in system.*
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The AGROVOC editor network suggests new concepts, terms and definitions.

Editors represent an institution. Work done on volunteer basis. Editors may manage a language, and/or a topic(530,445),(958,661), like soil, fisheries, or land governance. Some have an expert network contributing.

Distributed editing, shared online platform (VocBench) at University of Rome Tor Vergata. Discussions often needed. Suggestions also welcome by email.
Sub-vocabularies like LandVoc, ASFA and FAOLEX concepts are now part of AGROVOC. These can have different hierarchies, but **shared infrastructure**, so concepts use the same AGROVOC **unique resource identifier (URI)**, translations and definitions.

Curation not only of a language but a **subject**: aquatic sciences and fisheries, land governance, law and policies.
The Coronavirus Disease 2020 pandemic is a global health crisis, and FAO is playing a role in assessing and responding to its potential impacts on people’s life and livelihoods, global food trade, markets, food supply chains and livestock.

Data-driven decision making is essential to drive further research, support ongoing investigations and share critical knowledge.

Controlled vocabularies like AGROVOC play a small but important part in ensuring that data and research are accessible, also across languages.

New concepts suggested by AGROVOC editors but also others.
Request for COVID-19 concepts

Sent: 31 March 2020 23:11  
To: Agrovoc <Agrovoc@fao.org>  
Subject: COVID-19 related keywords

Will the next update of AgroVoc have any COVID-19 related keywords. I know Coronavirus is one, but as the disease takes up more and more attention, will you be adding the keywords specific to this kind of coronavirus?

Thank you,
AGROVOC added 25 new concepts related to the current world health crisis in an extra release on 10 April 2020. These included entries for coronavirus disease (alternative term COVID-19) and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (alternative SARS-CoV-2).
WHO announced “COVID-19” as the name of this new disease on 11 Feb 2020, following guidelines developed with OIE and FAO.

Viruses are named by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV). Diseases are officially named by WHO in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD).
Look for trusted authorities: for concepts and translations.

Adding COVID-19 concepts

Concepts need to be within scope of AGROVOC: agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food safety, food security, policies.

Yes: MERS, SARS, movement restrictions, agent-based models, non-pharmaceutical interventions, viral shedding, supply chain disruptions.

No: intensive care, ventilators, mortgage holiday

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<td>non-pharmaceutical interventions</td>
<td>Non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs, also known as non-pharmacological interventions) include all measures or actions, other than the use of vaccines or medicines, that can be implemented to slow the spread of influenza [and other illnesses] illnesses in a population.</td>
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<td>physical distancing</td>
<td>Social distancing, or physical distancing is a set of non-pharmaceutical interventions or measures taken to prevent the spread of a contagious disease by maintaining a physical distance between people and reducing the number of times people come into close contact with each other.</td>
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<td>hand washing (alter term hand hygiene)</td>
<td>Hand washing (or handwashing), also known as hand hygiene, is the act of cleaning one's hands for the purpose of removing soil, grease, microorganisms, or other unwanted substances.</td>
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<td>movement restrictions</td>
<td>Limitation on the movements of a person or animal who has or is suspected of having an infection. Used as a public health and veterinary health measure.</td>
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Adding COVID-19 translations

Sources used for concepts, definitions and translations included World Health Organization (WHO) websites, FAO website and FAOTERM, the UNBIS Thesaurus, EuroVoc and Inter-Active Terminology for Europe (IATE). Trusted sources key.

COVID-19 multilingual terminology available in IATE

270 multilingual entries related to the current pandemic are now available in IATE, the European Union terminology database. With 8 million terms in the 24 official languages, IATE is the terminology reference not only for language professionals, but also for national experts, policy advisers, public administration academics and private sector companies.
National editors also encouraged to use trusted sources, like ministries of health.

Definitions are essential for shared understanding and reducing ambiguity (here, from WHO).

The vocabulary used must be understood by everyone, and it is important that consistent terminology is used.
Lessons learned during the Ebola and Zika outbreaks have helped some countries confront the COVID-19 pandemic, so Ebola virus disease and Zika virus disease have been added to AGROVOC.

More concepts are also suggested by AGROVOC editors, such as Hamsterkauf (German for panic buying), relevant to value chains and market disruptions.

Goal: include concepts relevant to the complex socio-economic impacts of COVID-19, as decision makers and governments need to balance economic and health concerns of reopening economies.
Keywords in use, July 2020

Nutrition and COVID-19

This document captures the information on basic nutrition available to consume fish, vegetables, and other nutritious food. It demonstrates that how less intake of nutrition leads to the malnutrition. Furthermore, the importance of WASH, hygiene, and hand washing practice was discussed in the document.

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Value chains and nutrition [173]

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Regions
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Lessons learned after this whole action, from the vocabulary control point of view:

- Not static: Even trusted authorities change names of concepts.
- What is most used? AGROVOC editorial guidelines: “The abbreviated form should be selected (as preferred term) when it has become so well established that the full form is rarely used, mostly the case for acronyms.” → August 2020: COVID-19 made preferred term @en.
- Initially a challenge to find other online thesauri to link to, and good translations: now much more available
- Ongoing discussions: what to include? Think about how concepts are used.

contact tracing  Tröfcheninfektion  border closures  lockdown  comorbilità  gendered impact
The full socio-economic impact of the virus on food security and agricultural food systems is not yet known, so the number of COVID-19 related concepts are expanding.

The AGROVOC monthly releases facilitate responsiveness on emerging topics.

Agreed terminology with definitions is needed, especially to enable correct translations.
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