



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

June 11, 2021 marks a milestone for human rights: the Corporate Due Diligence Act to prevent human rights violations in supply chains passed the German Bundestag. This means that companies in Germany must develop processes to manage human rights risks. Sustainability certifications are an important part of the toolkit. For the FSS team, this means: if certification is applied, a holistic approach is desirable, taking into account all human rights that are at risk in agricultural production.

The FSS toolbox is ready and should now be put into practice. Over the past years, the FSS has proven its functionality and practicality in several contexts and sustainability systems. More than 300 stakeholders have contributed their expertise to develop a robust but flexible standard. The new FSS website gives a good overview and invites to exchange with the FSS team to implement human rights due diligence in a holistic way - now also for coffee with 4C!

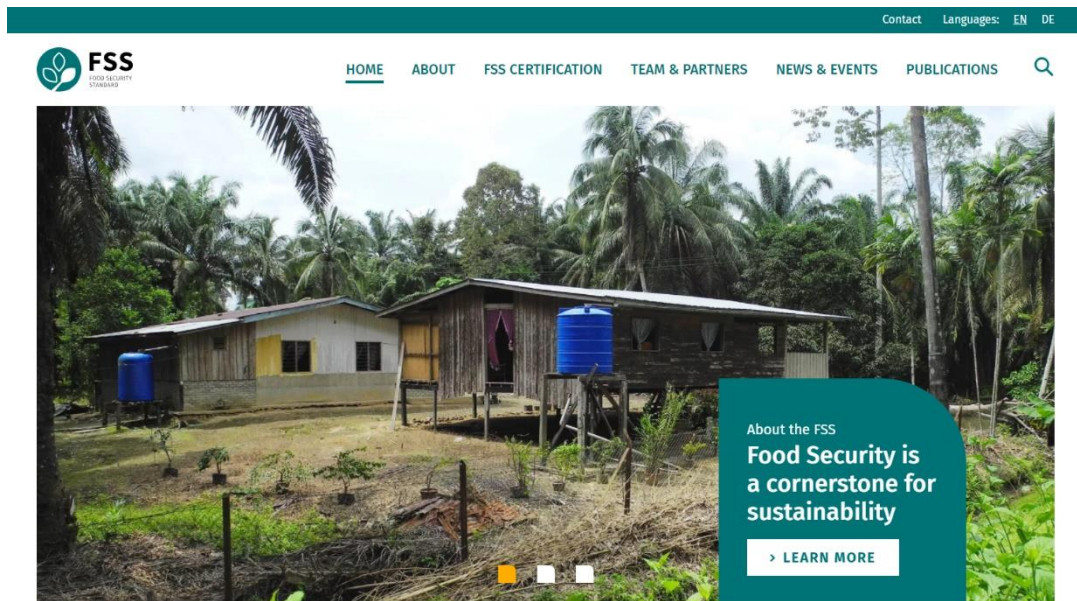
Best regards,

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Lisa Heinemann, Project Manager FSS, Welthungerhilfe

## New FSS Website has been launched



The **FSS Website** has been launched recently. Check it for an overview on how the FSS works in practice, it`s benefits for different market actors and tailor-made services to existing sustainability standards, companies and producers. On top, you can read through our latest publications, learn more about our pilot audits in Guatemala, Zambia, Bolivia, Kenya, Malaysia and Indonesia or why hunger and the right to food matter.

To stay updated, make sure to follow the Food Security Standard on **LinkedIn**.

### **FSS as a Due Diligence tool for German Due Diligence Act**

Another current focus is on the FSS as a tool for implementation of, and monitoring compliance with the German Due Diligence Act. To demonstrate it`s practicability, the FSS Team has compared the requirements of the German Due Diligence Act with those of the Food Security Standard. The result: The FSS covers the law comprehensively and is an excellent preparation for the following EU Due Diligence Act, which is expected to be much stricter. In

combination with a solid sustainability standard the FSS provides a safe harbor solution for all agricultural commodities.

Especially in the cultivation of agricultural export products in the global South, the social rights and the Right to Food are often not sufficiently protected. That is where the FSS can be a practical tool to monitor that

- people have access to sufficient food at all times;
- people receive adequate wages;
- acceptable working conditions are met;
- access to basic education is enabled;
- basic health care is provided;
- legal security is ensured.

The same applies to access to clean water or the careful use of natural resources.

Our latest [blog article](#) highlights that the FSS can be a tool for the implementation of the German Due Diligence Act, which comes into force by 2023, and therefore encourages companies to develop the Human Rights Due Diligence processes – including the Right to Food.

## 4C Food Security add-on is now available



The 4C Food Security add-on is now available for 4C coffee certification. Start your journey towards more food secure coffee production with us!

To strengthen its contribution to food security, 4C collaborated with the Food Security Standard (FSS).

FSS and 4C united their forces to develop a voluntary extension of the 4C core requirements, in accordance with the principles, criteria and indicators of FSS, a so-called **4C Food Security add-on**. Thanks to intensive and constructive cooperation between FSS and 4C, the checklist for the 4C Food Security add-on was recently finalized and is now ready to certify.

By adopting this add-on, companies can demonstrate outstanding human rights due diligence and high commitment to the Human Right to Adequate Food and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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