



THE AUSTRIA-IFAD PARTNERSHIP



ABOUT IFAD

An international financial institution and a United Nations specialized agency, IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty and hunger in developing countries. The Fund is one of the largest sources of financing for agriculture and rural development in the world's poorest countries.

Total IFAD loans and grants*
US\$24.6 billion

Total domestic contributions
US\$20.3 billion

Total cofinancing
US\$15.1 billion

Total programme and project cost
US\$60 billion (1978-2022)

*Includes Debt Sustainability Framework grants but excludes other grants and some special initiatives

Austria and IFAD are committed to building a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient future and to jointly eradicating poverty and hunger around the world. IFAD's work is focused solely on rural communities, which account for more than 80 per cent of the world's poorest people. The Fund's mission is to empower rural communities to improve their livelihoods by having a significant impact on improving production, access to markets and food security. On average, beneficiaries of IFAD projects raise their income by 23 per cent. In 2021, the Quality of Official Development Assistance Report (QuODA) ranked IFAD as the most effective multilateral organization delivering impactful long-term assistance to countries in need.

A founding member of IFAD, Austria has contributed US\$149.2 million to the Fund's core resources since its creation and is among its top 20 donors. Austria is also actively engaged in shaping the Fund's strategies and supporting its reform processes through the guidance it provides in IFAD's governing bodies.

AUSTRIA'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **EUR 16 million**
(US\$18.3 million)

TOTAL: **US\$149.2 million**

SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS

US\$3.2 million

HAITI DEBT RELIEF INITIATIVE

US\$0.7 million

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **1.08%**

PERCENTAGE OF LIST A: **2.17%**

PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

Alternate Member of the Executive Board, Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, Governing Council and Working Group on the Performance-based Allocation System

AUSTRIA AND IFAD ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD INCLUSIVE RURAL ECONOMIES IN WHICH WOMEN HAVE A KEY ROLE

A total of
US\$18.3 MILLION
to IFAD12 core
contributions

US\$2.4 MILLION
for the Enhanced
Adaptation for
Smallholder Agriculture
Programme (ASAP+)

40 PER CENT
of IFAD's core
resources is dedicated
to climate action

35 PER CENT
of projects designed
during IFAD11 are
gender-transformative



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PROMOTING SECURITY AND PEACE AMONG COUNTRIES WITH FRAGILE SITUATIONS

Peace is essential for development to be sustainable and to maintain food security.

IFAD's strategic vision centres on addressing the root causes of fragility to create safe, resilient and prosperous rural communities with opportunities that safeguard their future. IFAD invests in ambitious projects that aim to provide rural people with decent jobs and generate incomes, which can play a significant role in preventing migration and potential conflicts.

Encompassing this aim and to address disrupted market and food systems in the face of multiple shocks, the theme of IFAD's Twelfth Replenishment (IFAD12) has been "recovery, rebuilding and resilience". Austria's core contribution of US\$18.3 million to IFAD12 has played a part in empowering 120 million rural people every year, enhancing their livelihoods and promoting peace and stability.

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROMOTING RESILIENCE

Tackling climate change, promoting resilience and financing climate adaptation are all fundamental steps in supporting countries with fragile situations to overcome the looming climatic crisis. Austria has demonstrated a strong commitment in the fight against climate change. Protecting and preserving the environment is an overarching priority for the Government of Austria.

In support of countries with fragile situations, Austria was one of the first donors to the Enhanced Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP+), with a contribution of EUR 2 million. ASAP+, which has gathered a total of US\$66 million, builds on IFAD's expertise – and its successes and lessons learned – in investing in rural communities. As a global climate change programme, ASAP+ focuses on tackling the climate change drivers of growing food insecurity. This ambitious project is expected to increase the resilience of more than 10 million people in low-income countries. In Ethiopia, IFAD channels climate and environmental finance to help smallholder farmers lead their own agricultural development and strengthen their resilience to climate change. For example, with the support of ASAP+, the Participatory Agriculture and Climate Transformation Programme enables 150,000 vulnerable rural households (men, women, youth and persons with disabilities) to sustainably improve incomes, food and nutrition security and build resilience to climate shocks by facilitating community-led, climate-smart productive landscapes, agribusiness development, institutional and policy strengthening and implementation support services.

BUILDING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES AND EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN

In low-income countries, and more noticeably among rural communities, gender inequalities remain significant: women are sometimes left behind with less access to markets, financial services and technology than men. Yet women have a key role to play in improving the food systems, resilience and livelihoods of their community. IFAD and Austria attach importance to empowering rural women and giving them their deserved role in the agriculture sector. Indeed, women account for 51 per cent of all IFAD beneficiaries and over one third of IFAD projects are designed to be gender-transformative, seeking to achieve gender equality.

In Uganda, for instance, the Project for the Restoration of Livelihoods in the Northern Region (PRELNOR) has a strong focus on women and aims to achieve gender equality through the increased participation of women in the development processes. This ambitious project is expected to benefit 140,000 rural households, where women account for an estimated 57 per cent of participants.