



THE BRAZIL-IFAD PARTNERSHIP



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

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

The strong partnership between IFAD and Brazil builds on a shared commitment to reducing poverty and pursuing innovative ways to strengthen rural communities in Brazil. Together, Brazil and IFAD are helping smallholder farmers in the north-east to improve their livelihoods through inclusive, resilient and sustainable local community development. Brazil has been a regular strong contributor to the core resources of the Fund since its first replenishment.

Family farming produces around 70 per cent of the food consumed by families in Brazil and employs three quarters of farm labour. Yet in 2022, more than half of all Brazilians, including a substantial portion of rural populations, experienced some level of food insecurity. Vulnerable farmers, agrarian reform settlers and traditional communities, including indigenous and *quilombola* groups, are the main focus of IFAD-supported interventions in Brazil, and within those groups, particular attention is paid to women and youth. IFAD's operations are concentrated in the semiarid north-eastern area, which is home to most of the country's smallholder farmers, the largest poverty pocket in Latin America (in absolute terms) and the area in Latin America most affected by climate change and desertification. Recently, IFAD expanded its geographical outreach into the Amazonas and Atlantic rainforest biomes within the north-east, designing innovative operations such as promoting payments for environmental services schemes, renewable energies and water reuse.

IFAD has a country office in Brasilia, which hosts a regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) and Knowledge Centre, and an office in Salvador, Bahia, in the north-east, responsible mainly for its operations and partnerships.

BRAZIL'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **US\$6 million**

TOTAL: **US\$110.9 million**

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **0.8%**

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PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

Executive Board, Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources and Emoluments Committee

IFAD'S CURRENT PORTFOLIO IN BRAZIL REPRESENTS AN INVESTMENT OF US\$419.5 MILLION

94.4 PER CENT
of IFAD financing for the PCRCP project supports adaptation and mitigation activities

Cofinancing from other international financial institutions and development partners will represent **85 PER CENT** of investments for operations designed in Brazil for the 2022-2024 cycle

The IFAD portfolio in Brazil under design and start-up in 2022-2024 is expected to reach more than **US\$952 MILLION** in investment

By 2022, IFAD had supported 13 projects in Brazil, for a total investment of over **US\$1.1 BILLION** benefiting more than 615,000 families



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TACKLING POVERTY AND HUNGER TOGETHER – IN BRAZIL AND BEYOND

PLANTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN RURAL AREAS

Brazil is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, providing critical ecosystem services at the regional and global levels. Promoting climate adaptation and mitigation is a strategic priority for Brazil and IFAD, with interventions targeting vulnerable rural communities that rely on natural resources to make a living. The collaboration with Brazil to boost climate resilience is expected to reach the next level with the kick-off of the Planting Climate Resilience in Rural Communities of the North-east Project (PCRCP), a US\$212.5 million investment that seeks to increase the food security and income of around 1 million people by promoting resilient agricultural production systems. The project, jointly financed by IFAD, the Green Climate Fund and the Brazilian Development Bank, will support a paradigm shift: transform the production systems of farmers by intensifying production sustainably while increasing farmers' resilience to the effects of climate change. This will be complemented by the renewed collaboration between IFAD and the Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming through the third phase of the successful Dom Hélder Câmara Project, which will cover the entire north-eastern semiarid region of Brazil through investment in access to public policies, technological innovations and resources to promote sustainable, biodiverse and climate-resilient food systems. It will total US\$155 million, reaching approximately 245,000 people.

BUILDING SOUTH-SOUTH PARTNERSHIPS AND INVESTING IN KNOWLEDGE

The expertise acquired by Brazil in tropical agriculture and rural development continues to generate much demand from other countries of the Global South. Recognizing that the sharing of knowledge is crucial to promoting rural transformation, IFAD selected Brazil to host one of its three regional SSTC and Knowledge Centres. Together with a number of Brazilian institutions, including government, academia, research institutions and civil society organizations, IFAD is supporting the generation, gathering and dissemination of knowledge throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, and beyond. Its partnership with the Brazilian Cooperation Agency has helped to consolidate SSTC as an effective mechanism to promote sustainable rural development and food systems.

HANDS-ON POLICY ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

IFAD and the Government of Brazil have established high-level policy dialogue spaces at both the federal and regional levels. Through the Interstate Consortium for the Sustainable Development of Brazil's north-east, policies to promote family farm marketing, agroecology and access to water are coordinated between the nine states of the north-eastern region. At the federal level, the Dom Hélder Câmara Project forged a partnership between the Ministries of Agrarian Development and Social Development to combine small grants for productive transfers and technical assistance for the poorest families, a policy effort that was found to be the project's most effective intervention to reduce rural poverty.