



THE FRANCE-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

As one of the founding members of the Fund and among its top donors, France shares a commitment to ending poverty and hunger through sustainable rural development. The country's development priorities and IFAD's mandate are strongly aligned as both place smallholder farmers and rural people at the centre of their agenda, and recognize the crucial role of agriculture as an important driver in increasing food security, reducing poverty and mitigating climate change. To date, France has provided US\$559.7 million to the Fund's core resources, over US\$28 million in supplementary funds and over US\$212.2 million towards cofinancing of IFAD's investment portfolio. In addition, a loan of €200 million from the Agence française de développement (AFD), and a Concessional Partner Loan of EUR 50 million leveraged IFAD's capacity to deliver on rural poverty reduction. In IFAD12, France doubled its contribution and from the seventh top donor at US\$70.6 million in IFAD11 (2019-2021), became the second top donor with a contribution of US\$106 million.

The substantial contribution of France during the IFAD11 cycle helped the Fund to deliver its highest-ever programme of loans and grants, worth US\$3.46 billion, which translated into 78 new investment projects. This allowed IFAD to help an estimated 77.4 million rural people increase their income and contributed to significant impacts on sustainable production, access to markets, youth and women's employment, resilience, and overall food security.

France is strongly engaged in the Fund's governance and provides exceptional support in promoting IFAD's relevance and demonstrating how it plays a key role in addressing the global food security challenges and in building resilient rural economies through agricultural transformation.

In the context of this unique partnership, President Macron responded favourably to IFAD's request to be the IFAD13 Global Champion and his government will be advocating for stronger support from other Member States and increased contributions to the Replenishment. The culmination of the campaign will be France hosting the fourth session of the IFAD13 Consultations in Paris in December 2023.

FRANCE'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **US\$106 million**

TOTAL: **US\$559 million**

SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS

US\$28.17 million

LOAN

EUR 200 million

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **3.2%**

PERCENTAGE OF LIST A: **6.5%**

PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, Executive Board, Vice-Chair of the Governing Council, Evaluation Committee, Working groups on the Transition Framework and on the Performance-based Allocation System

SUPPORT FROM FRANCE HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL RISK MANAGEMENT

US\$7.16 MILLION
to the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management to strengthen agricultural risk management in developing countries

US\$1.19 MILLION
to the Weather Risk Management Facility to reduce vulnerability to weather and other production risks

US\$1.12 MILLION
to the Support to Farmers' Organizations in Africa Programme

US\$3.2 MILLION
to the Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission



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TACKLING POVERTY AND ELIMINATING HUNGER

The partnership between France and IFAD shows impact, delivers results and aligns well with France's development priorities – fragility, climate change and gender. France has provided critical support to the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), a key outcome of the 2008 G8 and G20 discussions on food security and agricultural growth. Hosted by IFAD, PARM works with stakeholders in developing countries to strengthen agricultural risk management through knowledge-sharing and capacity-building activities. France has also supported the Weather Risk Management Facility, established in partnership with the World Food Programme in 2008. The Facility promotes initiatives aimed at reducing smallholders' vulnerability to weather, and other agricultural production risks, in order to encourage and protect investments in smallholder agricultural production and contribute to food security. France has also supported the Farmers' Forum, a bottom-up process of consultation on rural development and poverty reduction among smallholder farmer and rural producer organizations from all over the world, as well as IFAD and governments. The Forum aims to strengthen partnerships between IFAD and farmer organizations, build their capacity and support policy dialogue initiatives.

PROMOTING SUSTAINIBLE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

France's contributions to the Support to Farmers' Organizations in Africa Programme (SFOAP) have helped strengthen the capacity of African farmers' organizations, and their regional and pan-African networks, by enabling them to share information, provide better advice to their members and contribute to policy processes. SFOAP supports 68 national farmer organizations in 49 countries, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Food and Agriculture Resilience Mission (FARM) initiative was initiated under France's presidency of the European Union. IFAD has a leading responsibility in this initiative and hosts the secretariat of FARM Pillar 3 to address short- and medium-term food security and nutrition needs and promote longer-term sustainable and resilient food systems. The generous contribution of the Government of France supports the establishment of the Secretariat and finances the initial operationalization.

ONGOING COLLABORATION

IFAD is closely involved and participates in ongoing discussions in the France-initiated Global Business for Food Security Coalition and the Save the Crops initiative.

IFAD collaborates with the AFD in the Finance in Common Summit and the Working Group on Financing Sustainable Food Systems, and in capacity-building by financing secondees to IFAD.

There is evolving collaboration with the research institutions CIRAD, INRAE and IRD, which convene periodically with relevant internal divisions to strengthen the partnership and build a more cohesive relationship that can impact results.

IFAD leads the agricultural cluster of the Public Development Banks Coalition (about 530 PDBs) coordinated by the Finance In Common general secretariat hosted by AFD in Paris. This cluster for Green and Inclusive Food Systems seeks to contribute to closing the existing US\$300-350 billion annual financial gap to transform food systems, mainly to finance sustainable agriculture and environmental improvements in the value chains. AFD is one of the main partners of the PDB Platform launched last year at the second edition of the Finance in Common Summit.