



# THE KUWAIT-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

The State of Kuwait played a major role in the establishment of IFAD in 1977 and has been a key supporter of IFAD for the past 46 years.

IFAD continues to strengthen its collaboration with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and other Arab and regional funds, not only in their capacity as cofinancers of its projects or cooperating institutions, but also as partners in knowledge management, policy dialogue and the scaling up of successful innovations.

IFAD has also consolidated its partnership and cooperation with Kuwait through capacity-building of Kuwait nationals, especially staff of the Kuwait Fund. In 2018, IFAD and the Kuwait Fund signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a view to enhancing collaboration in common areas of interest and in countries in which both institutions are active. Among other things, this led to the Kuwait Fund providing cofinancing of approximately US\$14 million to support IFAD's investment in family farming in Guinea-Bissau.

IFAD and Kuwait have been working together to promote food security and healthy nutrition by investing in climate-smart, adaptive and resilient agricultural practices. Together, IFAD and Kuwait have invested in long-term sustainable and inclusive rural transformation that addresses the drivers and impacts of fragility to prevent more humanitarian disasters and displacement of vulnerable people.

Kuwait was a key champion of IFAD during its Twelfth Replenishment (IFAD12), contributing US\$31 million – a 100 per cent increase on its US\$15 million contribution to IFAD11.

## KUWAIT'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

### CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **US\$31 million**

TOTAL: **US\$249.5 million**

### VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **1.7%**

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## PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

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



# IN 2021, IFAD'S US\$8 BILLION ONGOING PORTFOLIO REACHED ABOUT 100 MILLION OF THE WORLD'S POOREST AND MOST MARGINALIZED RURAL PEOPLE TO BUILD THEIR RESILIENCE TO SHOCKS AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVELIHOODS

## TACKLING POVERTY AND HUNGER TOGETHER

Every US\$1 spent on resilience now saves up to US\$10 in emergency aid in the future and can avert hardship for millions of people the world over. With the support of Kuwait, IFAD provides long-term concessional financing for inclusive and sustainable agricultural and rural development so that rural women and men can move out of poverty and hunger.

In **Kenya**, for example, the Smallholder Dairy Commercialization Programme addressed constraints in the smallholder milk sector. Through training and technical support, the project reached over 120,000 people, of whom approximately 60 per cent were women. The project increased milk production by 37 per cent and significantly improved market access, leading to a 43 per cent increase in the value obtained for milk sold.

In the vulnerable mountain regions of **Morocco**, over 90,000 people, most of them women, have been trained to combat climate change impacts and build sustainable livelihoods through the Rural Development Programme in the Mountain Zones. They have established water user associations to irrigate their land effectively and are managing 1,300 hectares through climate-resilient means. Meanwhile, women have also found new income streams that both draw on and conserve the natural environment, from keeping bees to producing essential oils.

In **Guinea-Bissau**, the Family Farming Diversification, Integrated Markets, Nutrition and Climate Resilience Project is designed to sustainably increase the income and dietary diversity of rural households in the country's eastern and northern regions. The project supports the diversification of family farming and adaptation to climate change. It also fosters entrepreneurship among rural youth and women, persons with disabilities and migrants who have returned to the country, and seeks to integrate them into regional and subregional trade corridors.

IFAD's recent impact assessment, focusing on 96 projects implemented during the 2019-2021 replenishment cycle, has shown significant results, such as:

- 77 million rural people with increased incomes
- 63 million people with improved market access
- 38 million people with greater resilience.



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