



THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES-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 programme and project cost
US\$60 billion (1978-2022)

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

The United Arab Emirates played a major role in the establishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in 1977 and has been a key supporter of the Fund for the past 46 years.

To reach the goal of doubling IFAD's impact on poor rural communities by 2030, we need to invest in the medium term – particularly in transforming food systems and adapting to climate change. IFAD will continue to strive for the empowerment of women and youth, to encourage climate-smart and resilient agricultural practices, and to promote food security and healthy nutrition.

In September 2017, the United Arab Emirates and IFAD signed an agreement on the secondment of United Arab Emirates nationals to IFAD. This has further strengthened the partnership between IFAD and the United Arab Emirates and provides necessary training opportunities for United Arab Emirates nationals. In July 2023, IFAD and the Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development (AAAID) signed an agreement to explore the feasibility of establishing a rural finance fund for small-scale farmers in the Arab region.

IFAD has participated in recent events organized by the United Arab Emirates, such as the World Governments Summit in March 2022 and Expo 2020 Dubai. In the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), IFAD has a constructive role supporting the United Arab Emirates in organizing a successful event with a focus on food systems transformation and the reform of global climate finance architecture. IFAD can bring to the table its inclusiveness, which is mainstreamed through its work with, for example, youth, Indigenous Peoples and small-scale producers.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES' TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **US\$3 million**

TOTAL: **US\$63.18 million**

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **0.59%**

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PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

Executive Board and Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD 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 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 the United Arab Emirates, 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.

PARTNERING FOR INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE

IFAD attaches great importance to strengthening its partnership with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and other Arab and regional funds in their capacity not only as cofinancers of its projects or cooperating institutions, but also as partners in knowledge management, policy dialogue with governments and potential replication of innovations proven to be effective. In 2015, IFAD and AAAID jointly organized the Gulf Forum to Enhance Food Security and Support Small and Medium Scale Farmers, which resulted in a series of recommendations calling for the use of more advanced technologies, particularly in resolving water-related problems, and for more investment in services for agriculture. The two institutions also collaborated in the completion of studies to identify strengths, constraints and opportunities for smallholder agriculture development in the Gulf region.

IFAD and the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture have also joined forces over the years to deliver agricultural and water scarcity solutions that support smallholder farmers in marginal environments so that they can improve their productivity and resilience. In 2016, IFAD was recognized for its contributions to agricultural innovation by the Abu Dhabi-based Khalifa International Award for Date Palm and Agricultural Innovation. More recently, IFAD and the Khalifa Award signed an agreement to strengthen their partnership, such as in sharing and disseminating information related to the areas of nutrition and date palm production.



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