



THE SWITZERLAND-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

IFAD and Switzerland are both advocating for a peaceful world with zero poverty and hunger. Eighty per cent of the world's poorest people, who are the most vulnerable to global shocks, live in rural areas, and are too often left behind. IFAD is the only United Nations agency and international financial institution dedicated to empowering rural people to lead their own development. 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.

During the IFAD11 cycle (2019-2021), the Fund delivered 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.

Since IFAD was established in 1977, Switzerland has contributed US\$315 million to the Fund's core budget and over the years has served on the Executive Board. Switzerland's expertise and advice on diverse topics – such as climate change adaptation, engagement with the private sector, and monitoring and evaluation – have been essential for IFAD's development effectiveness. Switzerland has also financed junior professional officer (JPO) positions to support agroecology work and secure long-term impact within IFAD. Additionally, IFAD is working in close collaboration with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Economic Cooperation and Development Division of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. With more than 40 years of partnership, IFAD and Switzerland are committed to working together for a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive future.

SWITZERLAND'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **CHF 47 million**
(US\$50.2 million)

TOTAL: **US\$315 million**

SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS

US\$46 million

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **1.78%**

PERCENTAGE OF LIST A: **3.58%**

PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

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

SWITZERLAND AND IFAD ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE HUMANITARIAN–DEVELOPMENT–PEACE NEXUS AND CREATE PROSPEROUS, VIBRANT AND RESILIENT RURAL COMMUNITIES

US\$2.3 MILLION
to the Rural Poor
Stimulus Facility and
US\$5 million to the
Facility for Refugees,
Migrants, Forced
Displacement and
Rural Stability

US\$11 MILLION
to the Adaptation for
Smallholders Agriculture
Programme (ASAP)

US\$10 MILLION
to the Agri-Business
Capital (ABC) Fund



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MAINSTREAMING THE HUMANITARIAN–DEVELOPMENT–PEACE NEXUS

IFAD and Switzerland are deeply convinced that addressing the humanitarian–development–peace triple nexus is key to accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Investing in economic growth and development in rural areas can prevent future crises and displacement of vulnerable people as it helps create the conditions for peace and stability in vibrant rural communities, where there are opportunities for decent work and livelihoods. Increased collaboration between humanitarian and development organizations is also needed to build peace and prosperous rural economies. IFAD aims to address the drivers and impacts of fragility to prevent further humanitarian disasters.

To provide support in fragile situations, Switzerland has contributed US\$5 million to the Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability, which funds projects such as the Small Ruminants Investment and Graduating Households in Transition Project (SIGHT) in Jordan and the Rural Livelihood Development Project in Yemen. These projects aim at improving the living conditions, incomes and productivity of the poorest rural people as part of an integrated development and peacebuilding process. In 2022, the SIGHT project in Jordan reached 34,745 people, 10,935 of whom were women. In Yemen, the project is expected to reach 26,000 households with a target of 53 per cent for youth. Switzerland also contributed US\$2.3 million to the Rural Poor Stimulus Facility, which seeks to improve the resilience of rural livelihoods impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

Tackling climate change and mitigating its impact on populations is another main priority highlighted by Switzerland. Indeed, it is now essential to build the climate resilience of countries in fragile situations. Switzerland contributed US\$11 million to the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP). In 2021 the “enhanced” phase of ASAP, ASAP+, was launched with a view to substantially scaling up climate finance for small-scale producers and a resource mobilization target of US\$500 million. ASAP projects focus on addressing the climate change drivers of food insecurity. ASAP has helped 5 million smallholder farmers in 41 countries to adapt to climate change.

TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Enabling food systems transformation requires efficient collaboration between development organizations, the public sector and the private sector. To achieve meaningful results, there is a need to channel private-sector financing into investments that impact low-income countries. Switzerland has been a leading donor in the creation of the Agri-Business Capital (ABC) Fund, dedicated exclusively to investing in smallholder farmers and in small and medium-sized rural agribusinesses (SMEs) in developing countries. With a contribution of US\$10 million, Switzerland supports sustainable inclusive agricultural value chains that aim to reduce rural poverty, feed the planet and build resilient food systems. In 2021, the ABC Fund, which is managed by a Swiss private asset manager, supported 349,300 smallholder farmers, of whom 41 per cent were women. In Côte d'Ivoire, for instance, the ABC Fund has invested in Bio Amandes – a small business producing shea butter that employs more than 7,000 women in 60 different villages.