

China CPE National Roundtable Workshop - Working Group 1

IFAD's future priorities and operations in China, in light of its middle-income country status.

1. Context:

- Reaffirmed commitment from IFAD and government
- Changing context: externally and internally, beyond what is analyzed and documented in updated manner, which influences IFAD's future prioritization and operation
- CPE offers scope for further improvements in various aspects, rating at 5 is not perfect. Other areas can also be improved.
- Financing is not becoming attractive – demand is changing: 口袋 – 脑袋

2. Process:

- Undergo thorough studies and analysis on new challenges and situation in line with govt strategy: need further study: sustainable development, climate change, combat desertification, biodiversity etc.
- develop matrix to highlight with and without IFAD scenarios and narrow down priorities

3. Partners and Institutions:

- Build broader partnership at all levels, beyond MOF: (MOA, PPP partnership, other donors)
- Enhance ICO (language, efficiency, using Chinese – translator)

4. Targeting:

- Targeting is a major focus of IFAD projects: due to out-migration, aging left-behind poses challenges to project impact, targeting may need to be inclusive of better off for leading role
- Helping collective entity centered around certain economic activities more than individuals, focusing on public goods and services
- Adopt rural based and agricultural based development approach while accommodating off-farm opportunities,

5. Focuses:

- spearhead in its niche areas – agricultural centred/based poverty reduction and rural development, especially in technological aspects;
- Focus on public goods and services – new mechanism and approach : capacity building , public infrastructure improvements.
- knowledge and technology introduction and support
- Focusing on new modalities and approaches , helpful for remote and border areas
- enhance innovation
- Generate experiences and introducing new perspectives from global best practices to focus on rural development beyond agricultural development.
- IFAD offer models and examples aiming for expanded impact;
- Results based learning

- Creating linkage and enabling environment for poor to benefit from overall development conditions;
- Partnership between business entities and farmers, interventions closely linked with sector industrialization
- Rural environment, sanitation, food safety , ecological conservation and rehabilitation: environmental induced sickness being major cause of poverty

- Explore agricultural based income increase approach: supporting modern agriculture and family farm
- Value chain development – sector industry development vis individual HH support. Support to some degree of agro-enterprises, extension and linkage of value chain to farmers
- Farmers’ organization, collective action