

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Area:
796.100
km²

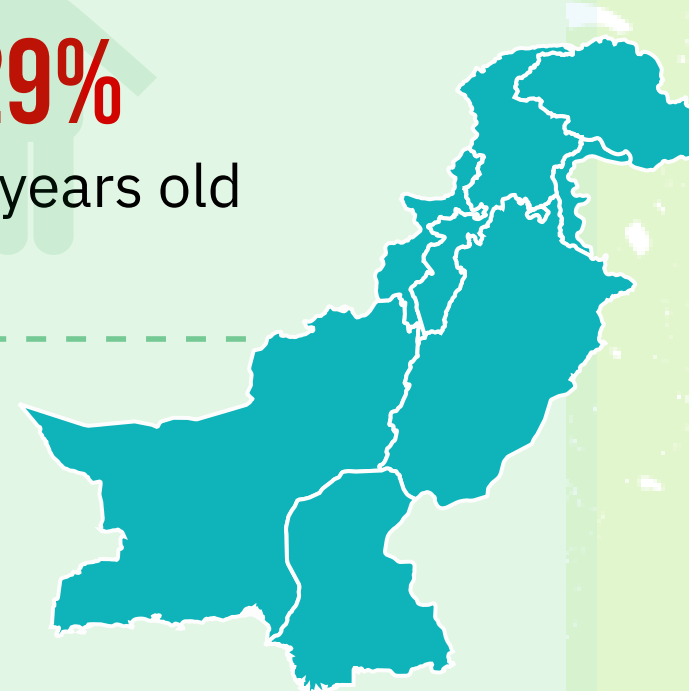
Population:
212
million (2018)

Rural population:
60%
(2018)

Youth:
29%
15-29 years old

Population below poverty line
(2014-2015):
24.3%
national poverty line

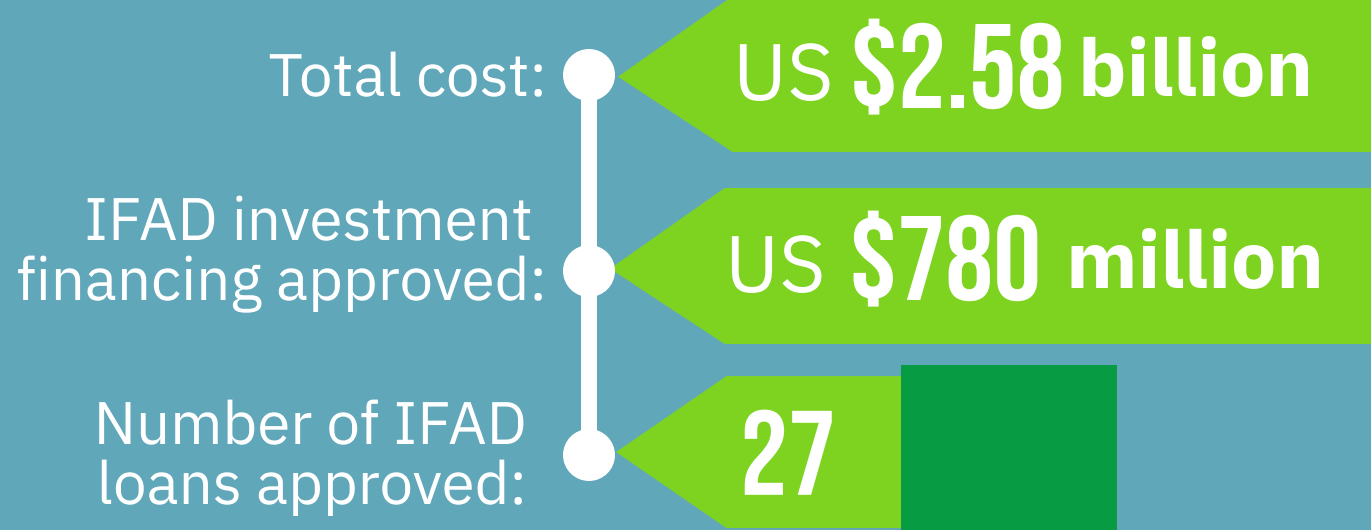
Food and nutrition insecurity (2018):
36.9%
population
40%
children under 5
suffering from stunting



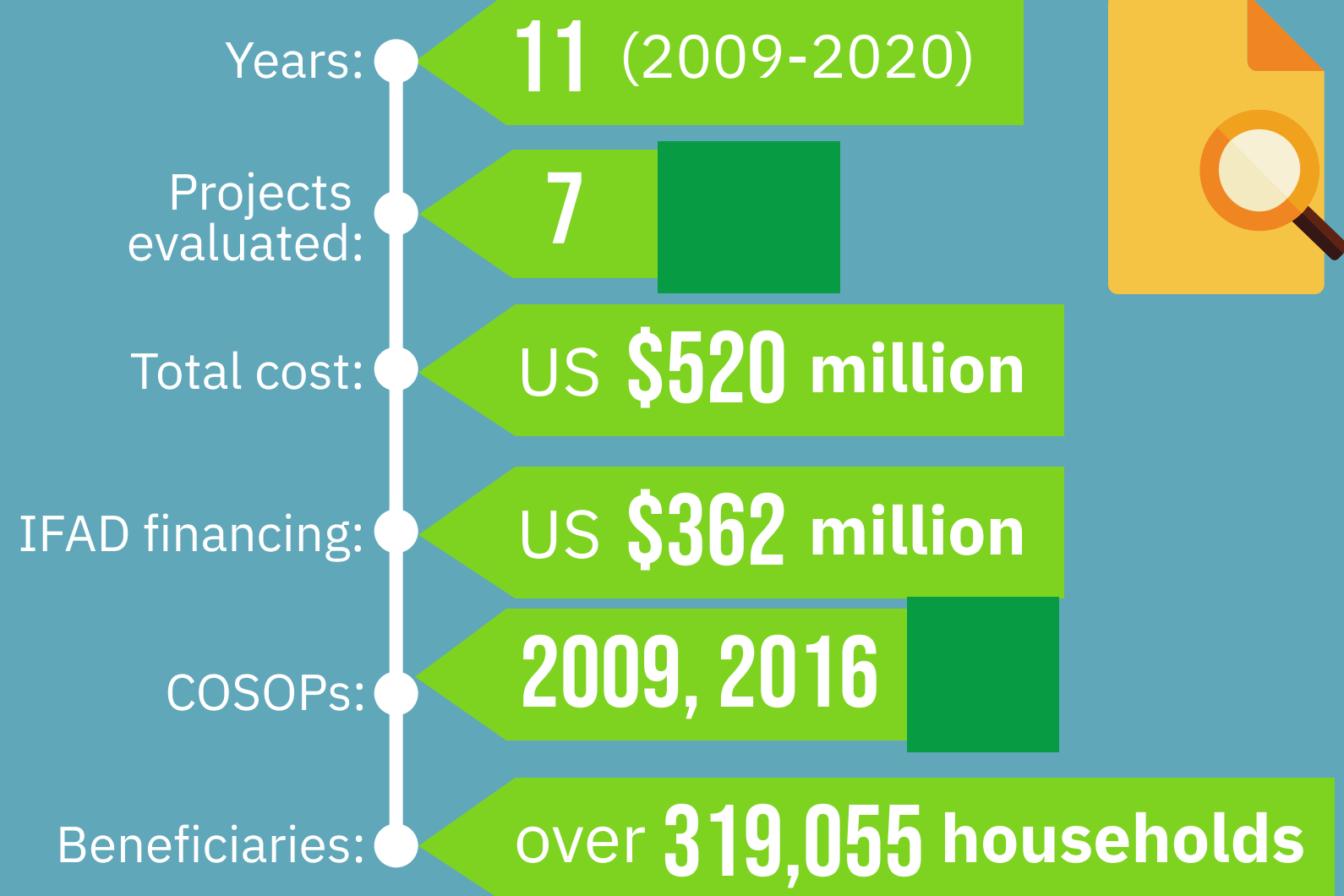
2010 - shift to federal parliamentary
democracy

Sources: World Bank, Data Bank

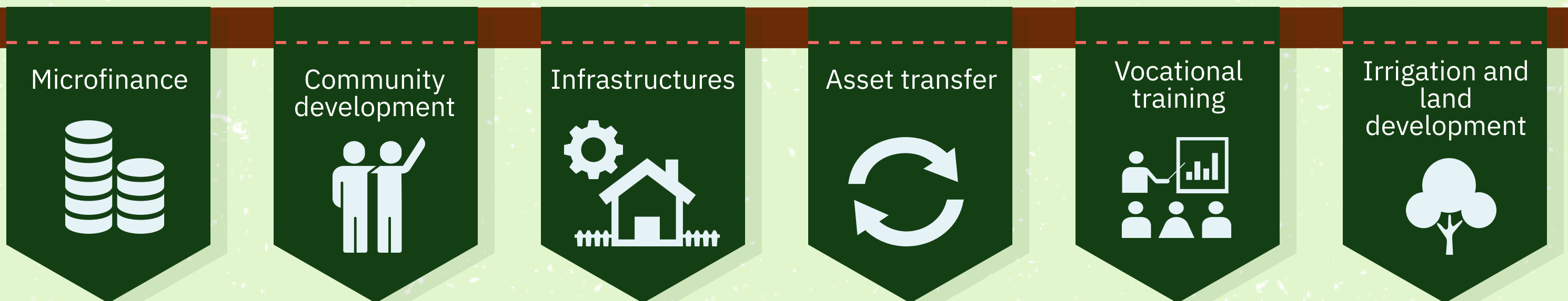
IFAD OPERATIONS (SINCE 1979)



EVALUATION COVERAGE



AREAS COVERED BY PROJECTS



MAIN EVALUATION FINDINGS

Areas of Strength

Positive impact on human capital and on household incomes through investment in infrastructures

Support to community institutions contributing to social capital and the effectiveness and sustainability of community-level infrastructure

Improved livelihoods with the provision of productive assets (mostly livestock) and skills training with a strong poverty focus

Achievements in the area of women's social and economic empowerment

Positive effects on the indicators of portfolio delivery efficiency due to IFAD's proactive and flexible approach to portfolio management



Areas for Improvement

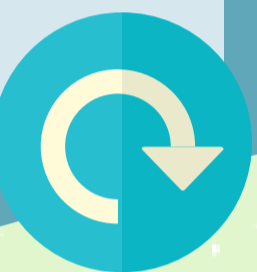
With lending portfolio skewed towards asset transfer and skills training, strategic interventions in agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors to address structural constraints (e.g. regulatory framework) declined

Reliance on poverty scorecard for targeting individual households limited broad reflection on opportunities for leveraging changes in the local economy around agriculture and food systems

Concentration of project efforts on delivering goods and services according to targets, rather than improving and influencing institutions, policies and systems

Weak strategic coherence and synergy between different elements of the country programme, with limited learning and capitalization of experiences

Insufficient attention to promoting innovations and scaling up for greater influence and impact



RECOMMENDATIONS



Place greater emphasis on inclusive market systems development with due attention to climate resilience and natural resource management



Articulate a strategy to promote innovations and scaling up for greater rural poverty impact



Place more emphasis on strengthening and linking with institutions, policies and systems for greater likelihoods of sustainability.



Adopt a more flexible and differentiated approach in targeting and programming



Broaden and strengthen partnerships with other development agencies partners and non-governmental actors while upgrading the IFAD country office and its support systems