



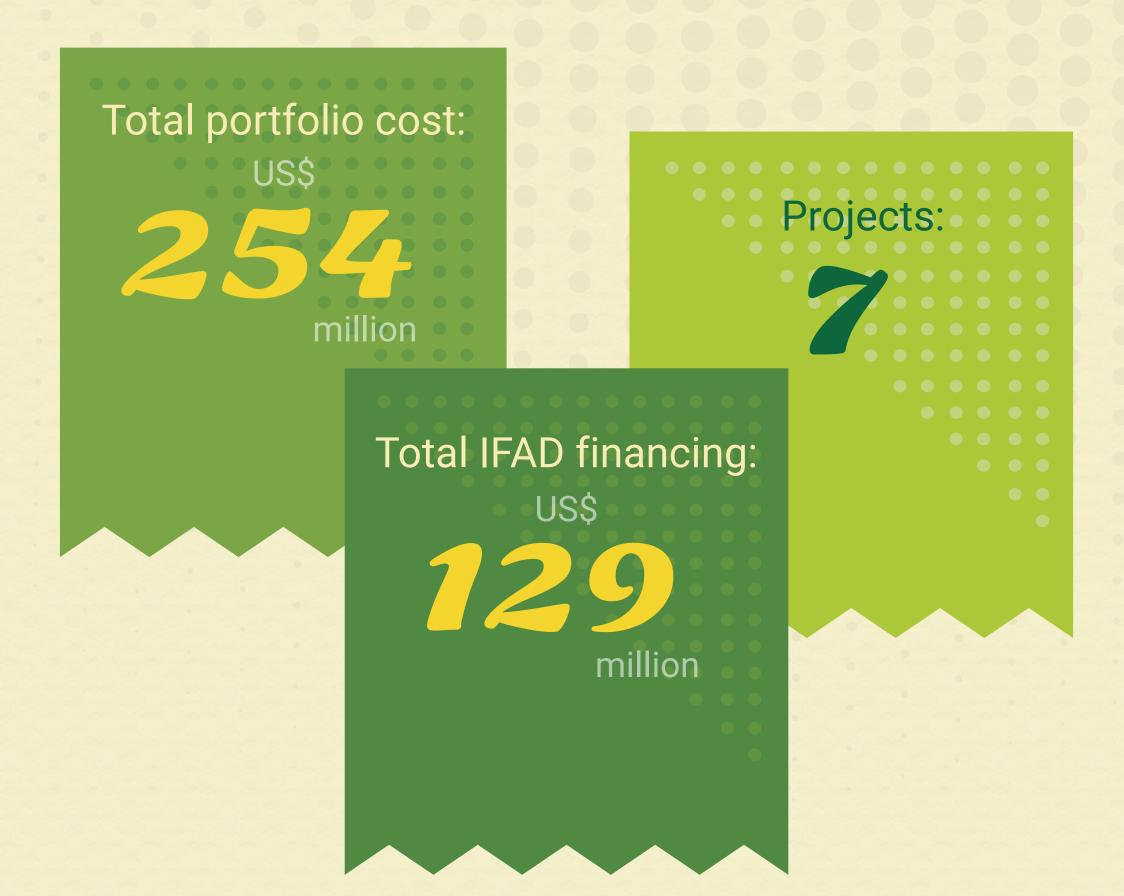
Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation

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since 1993

IFAD operations



Area: 198,500 km²

Population: 6.6 million

Rural population: 65.6% (2019)

Youth population (aged under 24): 48%

GDP per capita: US\$ 1,374 (2019)

Poverty rate: 25.3% (2020)

Human Development Index: 0.697 (2019)

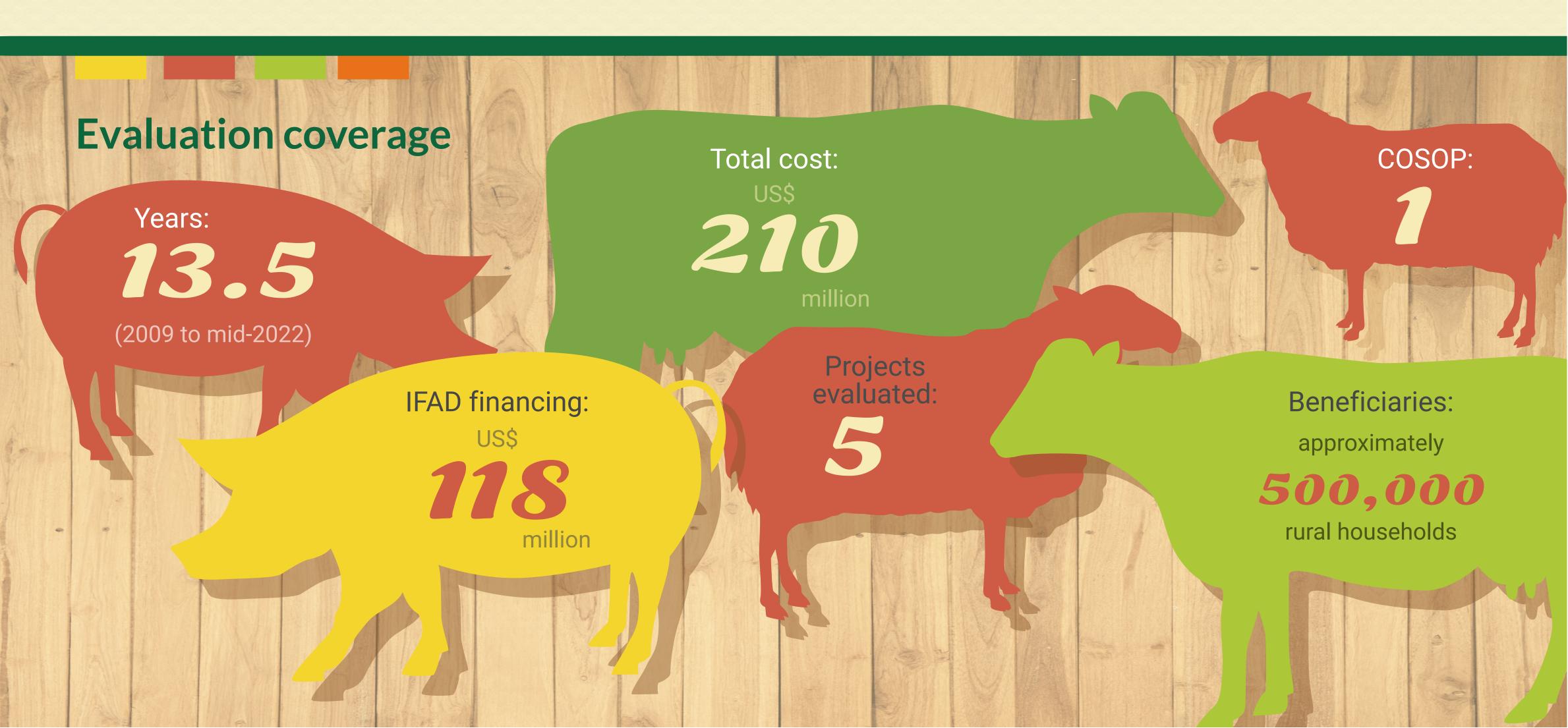
Sources: IOE CSPE report, World Bank

Areas covered by projects

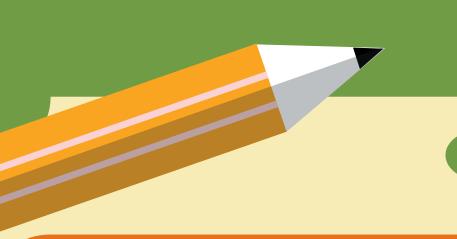
Pasture governance and management

Veterinary services and animal disease control

Livestock
value chain
development

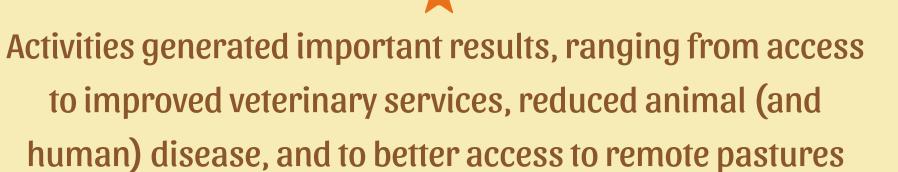


Main evaluation findings



Areas of strength

IFAD interventions around pasture management & veterinary services were comprehensive and encompassed multiple levels, e.g. legislative frameworks to field-level activities



Impact on institutions and policies around pasture management and veterinary services is far-reaching, e.g. advancement of pasture reform, enabling framework for private veterinary service provision

Numerous innovations were introduced, e.g. different aspects of community-based pasture management, scholarships to youth to work in areas lacking veterinarians

> IFAD has successfully fostered partnerships with international and national agencies and bodies



Areas for improvement

Insufficient attention to improvement and sustainable management of pastures, in contrast to the expansion of accessible pastures



The poverty focus has generally been weak without adequately targeted measures, for example, for those with a few animals



Innovative and successful pilot activities to promote women's economic empowerment were not mainstreamed in a timely manner in the investment portfolio



Market and value chain development support lacked clarity on how the project interventions could add value to the private sector operations

Recommendations

Carefully revisit the strategic thrusts, a mix of thematic, sectoral and geographic focus of the country programme with a view to strengthening a poverty focus.

Adopt a strategic approach to pro-poor value chain and cluster development, articulating the additionality and impact pathways for the rural poor.

Focus on consolidating the achievements in pasture management and veterinary services and their sustainability.

Strengthen the approach to supporting gender equality and women's empowerment.



