

Kyrgyz Republic

Country Strategy and Programme Evaluation



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

IFAD operations since 1993

Total portfolio cost:
US\$

254
million

Projects:

7

Total IFAD financing:
US\$

129
million

Areas covered by projects

Pasture
governance and
management

Veterinary services
and animal disease
control

Livestock
value chain
development

Evaluation coverage

Years:

13.5

(2009 to mid-2022)

Total cost:
US\$

210

million

COSOP:

1

IFAD financing:
US\$

118

million

Projects
evaluated:

5

Beneficiaries:
approximately

500,000

rural households

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



Activities generated important results, ranging from access to improved veterinary services, reduced animal (and human) disease, and to better access to remote pastures



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

1

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.

2

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.

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

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