

SUBREGIONAL EVALUATION OF IFAD'S EXPERIENCE IN THE

Dry Corridor of Central America



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Independent Evaluation Office IOE - IFAD

Virtual Final Workshop, 3 July 2024

Concept Note

1. Background. In December 2022, IFAD's Executive Board approved the Subregional Evaluation of IFAD's Experience in the Dry Corridor of Central America (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua). This is the second subregional evaluation that IFAD's Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) has conducted, in line with the IOE Multi-Year Evaluation Strategy (2022-2027). A subregional evaluation groups several countries that share some agro-ecological or socio-economic characteristics and assesses IFAD's implementation approaches and organizational structure. The evaluation was completed in January 2024 and submitted to the IFAD Evaluation Committee in March 2024.

2. In line with common practice, IOE will organise a virtual workshop, in collaboration with the Latin America and the Caribbean Division of IFAD and the governments of the four countries. The main **objectives of** the workshop are to: (i) present the main findings and recommendations of the evaluation; and (ii) discuss strategic priorities for future IFAD programming in the subregion.

3. Workshop agenda and process. The workshop, which will be organised as a Zoom videoconference, is scheduled for 3 July 2024 from 9 to 10.45 a.m. El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua time (5 - 6.45 p.m. CET). The programme is presented in [Annex I](#). The opening session will include statements by the Director of the IOE. IOE will then present the main findings and conclusions of the evaluation. The Associate Vice-President of IFAD's Programme Management Department and IFAD's Latin America and Caribbean Division will share their reflections on the future directions of the country programme.

Representatives of partner country governments, regional and international organisations and producer organisations will share their experience and reflections in a panel, moderated by the IOE.

4. Expected participants. Participants/guests will come from IFAD, government agencies, international organisations, research institutions and non-governmental organisations.

5. Background documents. Relevant background documents, in particular the CSPE report, will be published when available on the IOE event website: <https://ioe.ifad.org/en/w/sub-regional-evaluation-on-ifad-s-experience-in-the-dry-corridor-of-central-america-virtual-final-workshop>.

6. Communication and media coverage. The Evaluation Communication Unit of IOE will collaborate with IFAD's Latin America and the Caribbean Division and government partners to better disseminate information about the virtual workshop and the key issues raised by the evaluation. Information on the workshop will be posted on IFAD's login message, as well as on the IOE website and social media (LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook).

Agenda

16h30/ 16h45	Connection tests
17h00	Welcoming remarks and introduction Indran Naidoo, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD, IOE
17h10	Presentation on the main findings and recommendations of the Sub-regional Evaluation of IFAD's experience in the Dry Corridor of Central America Fabrizio Felloni, Deputy Director, IOE Claudia Ranaboldo, Senior Consultant, IOE, Massiel Jiménez, Evaluation Analyst, IOE
17h35	Remarks from IFAD Senior Management Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department Rossana Polastri, Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Division René Castro, Country Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Division
17h55	Questions and answers
18h10	Discussion panel Moderator: Fabrizio Felloni, Deputy Director, IOE Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ing. Nick Kenner Estrada Orozco, Vice-Minister of Rural Economic Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, Republic of Guatemala • Ing. Eduardo Cerrato, General Manager of Rural Adelante, General Directorate of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of El Salvador • Lic. Manuel Antonio Martinez Guzman, Project Administrative Unit, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of Honduras. • Ileana Gómez, Senior Researcher, Regional Programme of Research on Development and Environment (PRISMA) • Merling Preza Ramos, General Manager, Central de Cooperativas de Servicios Múltiples PRODECOOP, R.L., Pequeños Productores de Café • Ingrid Figueroa, Executive Director, Central American Integration System (SICA) / Oscar Quesada Madriz, Advisor to the Executive Management of SICA • Claudia Ranaboldo, Sr. Consultant, IOE, IFAD
18h50	Closing remarks and end of workshop Indran Naidoo, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD, IOE