

IFAD's Development Impact

Highlights: RIDE 2013*

The pillars of IFAD's agenda for enhancing results and scaling up impact

- Ambitious targets for outreach and impact.
- Rigorous impact evaluation for learning and demonstrating development results more clearly.

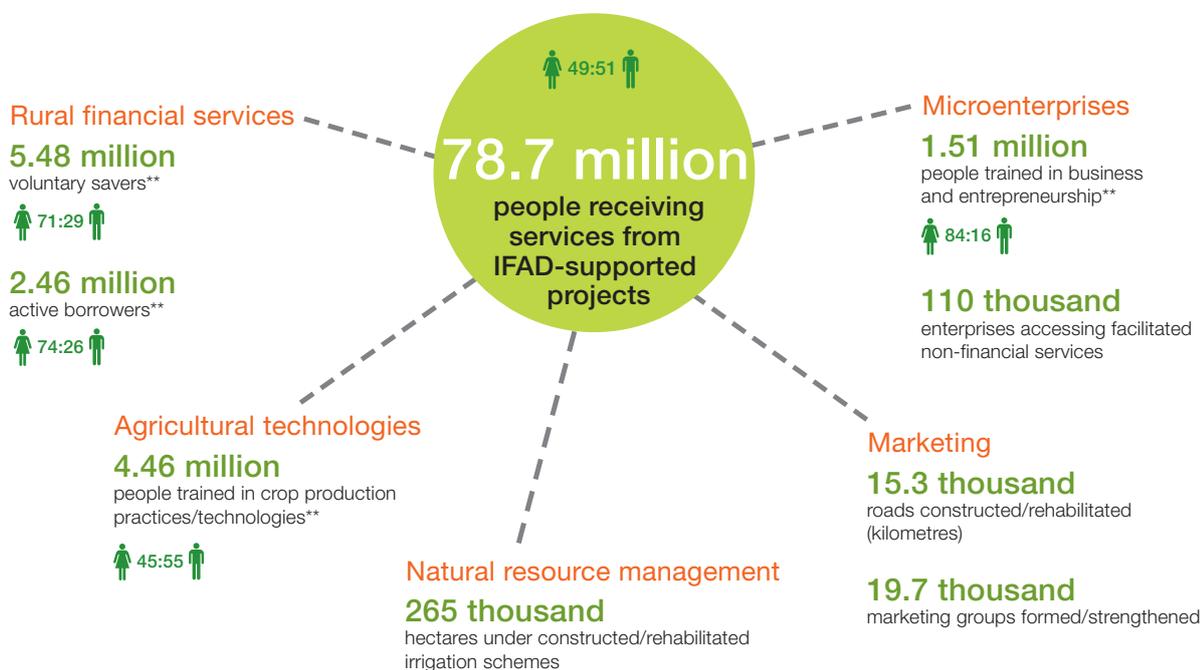
Increasing the number of poor rural people reached

- Poor rural people receiving services from IFAD-supported projects rose by 33 per cent in 2012.
- The share of women project participants – a key indicator of inclusiveness – continues to be high, at about 50 per cent.
- Numbers of people trained in entrepreneurship and accessing marketing services have risen markedly.

Delivering services to client countries more efficiently

- Disbursement of funds to client governments has increased.
- Time required for processing withdrawal applications has decreased.
- Time from project approval to first disbursement has decreased.

Outreach of IFAD-supported projects in 2012

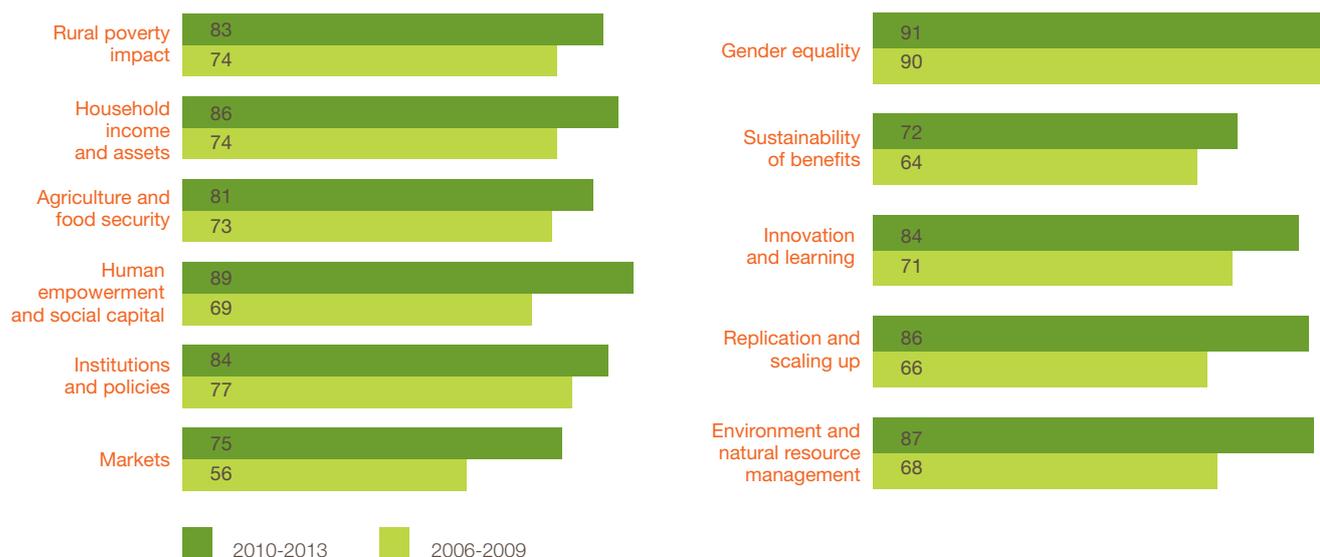


 female:male ratio of people receiving services

* A more comprehensive account of IFAD's performance can be found in the Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/eb/110/docs/EB-2012-110-R-12-Rev-1.pdf>

** Numbers of recipients reported here refer to individuals who directly benefit from a given project activity. Typically, other members of the same household (consisting on average of up to 5 or 6 individuals) will also benefit. Therefore, project activity outreach can be up to five- or six-fold greater than the numbers reported.

Results for selected impact indicators
(percentage of completed projects in the satisfactory zone)



Achieving enhanced impact

- IFAD-supported projects are increasingly effective mechanisms for inclusive and sustainable development.

Addressing challenges

Reaching the poorest people in remote parts of rural areas is difficult and costly

- An Action Plan to Enhance Operational and Institutional Efficiency was recently adopted to improve the efficiency of the projects IFAD supports.
- Decentralization of IFAD and systematic engagement in national policy dialogue are increasing to strengthen project effectiveness, create a supportive policy environment, and build the foundations for systematic scaling up of success.

Achieving durable impact in fragile states requires very careful analysis and innovative approaches

- In collaboration with FAO, IFAD has launched a programme focussing on projects in fragile institutional and social contexts, where performance issues are the most severe.
- A review of IFAD-funded operations in fragile states is being undertaken to strengthen IFAD's business model in these countries.

Climate change is a severe threat to the livelihoods of poor smallholder farmers in developing countries

- The Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP) is fully operational and is improving the climate resilience of IFAD-supported projects.
- ASAP represents the largest climate change initiative for smallholders worldwide.
- At the 2013 UN Climate Change conference in Warsaw, ASAP won a Momentum for Change Lighthouse award for innovation on climate finance.



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