

China-IFAD South-South and Triangular Cooperation Facility



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WHAT IS THE CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY?

- **Establishment:** The China-IFAD South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) Facility was established in February 2018. It is the first Facility in IFAD dedicated to SSTC.
- **Overarching goal:** Exchange expertise, knowledge and resources, and promote business-to-business links and investments across developing countries, with the broad aim of enhancing agricultural productivity and the livelihoods of poor people living in rural areas.
- **Focus:** Smallholder agriculture and rural development, with specific attention given to reducing poverty, fighting malnutrition and promoting rural youth employment in developing countries.
- **SSTC strategy and the SDGs:** The Facility is a key instrument to help advance the objectives of IFAD's SSTC strategy (December 2016) for promoting rural transformation, which is critical for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Initial funding:** US\$10 million (till end 2021).

OVERARCHING, MUTUALLY REINFORCING PRIORITIES

- Facilitating South-South knowledge exchange.
- Embedding SSTC in IFAD operations.
- Establishing operational SSTC partnerships between IFAD Member States.
- Promoting rural South-South investments.
- Strengthening cooperation in human resources.

GOVERNANCE

The Facility is located in and managed by IFAD's Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division (GEM). IFAD's main counterpart for the Facility within the Government of China is the Ministry of Finance.

The work of the Facility is supported by an Advisory Panel, consisting of representatives of China's Ministry of Finance and IFAD. The role of the panel is to:

- review and endorse the annual Strategic Guidance Note
- periodically monitor the implementation of SSTC activities undertaken by the Facility, and suggest future priorities
- review individual project proposals to be financed through the Facility and recommend their approval by the Ministry of Finance.

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Call schedule for 2018-2020

	Announcement date	Deadline for applications
First call for proposals	18 June 2018	14 September 2018
Second call for proposals	15 January 2019	15 March 2019
Third call for proposals	16 September 2019	15 November 2019
Fourth call for proposals	20 January 2020	19 March 2020

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

- All IFAD divisions, including its three SSTC and Knowledge Centres in Brazil, China and Ethiopia.
- Non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, including cooperatives and farmers' organizations.
- Multilateral, inter-governmental organizations and United Nations institutions.
- Governmental organizations, such as departments and secretariats of ministries in developing countries.
- Research institutions, universities and academia.
- Private sector organizations.

All project proposals are to be submitted to GEM. Proposals by institutions external to IFAD should be submitted through a sponsoring IFAD division.



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