Established in 2018 with a supplementary contribution of US$10 million from the People’s Republic of China, the China-IFAD South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) Facility is the first facility in IFAD dedicated to SSTC.

Objective

The Facility aims to leverage knowledge, technologies, and resources from the Global South to accelerate rural poverty alleviation, enhance rural productivity, and advance rural transformation.

Type of Activities

- Share, apply, and adapt development solutions
- Promote innovation and capacity building
- Facilitate policy dialogue and technical cooperation
- Bridge business-to-business linkages and private-public partnerships
- Catalyze South-South trade and investments
Strategic Priorities

- Addressing the knowledge gaps and scaling up innovations
- Fostering partnerships and opportunities for business along agricultural value chains
- Promoting dialogues among development stakeholders and building the capacity of rural people and SSTC partners

Theory of Change

IMPACT

OUTCOMES

OUTPUTS

PILLARS

Eligible Recipients

All developing countries are eligible for receipt of funding from the China-IFAD SSTC Facility. Using a demand-driven and result-oriented approach, projects financed by the Facility are developed and executed by recipient organizations, including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, UN and multilateral agencies, and private sectors, following the IFAD’s policies, procedures, and guidelines.
Guiding Principles for Projects

- Prioritizing country ownership and leadership
- Strengthening local capacity and inclusive participation
- Promoting innovative solutions and models
- Focusing on local beneficiaries and tangible results on the ground
- Building on IFAD’s comparative advantages in rural financing and access to market
- Establishing sound monitoring and evaluation framework

Project Portfolio

As of early 2023, the China-IFAD SSTC Facility has supported 16 SSTC projects in 38 countries across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean regions, with a total effective investment of US$7.24 million.

These projects deploy SSTC as an important instrument to promote rural transformation and enhance food security. They cover a broad range of thematic areas, such as value chain development, climate-smart agriculture, aquaculture, agromachinery, post-harvest management, rural financing, crisis response, gender equality, nutrition, youth empowerment, and more.
Facility Achievements

Since 2018, the China-IFAD SSTC Facility has provided:

- Complementary financing to support the implementation of IFAD corporate SSTC Strategy
- A programmatic mechanism to integrate SSTC into IFAD’s country programmes and operations
- Access to expertise and solutions from the Global South to promote local agricultural production and rural transformation
- Variety of partnerships to enhance collaboration among the Global South at the grassroots level

As of early 2023, projects funded by the Facility summarized nearly 200 solutions and good practices, developed more than 100 knowledge products, engaged over 200 experts, and facilitated around 120 business-to-business linkages, benefiting over 4,500 smallholder farmers with 40,000 indirect beneficiaries in developing countries.

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