

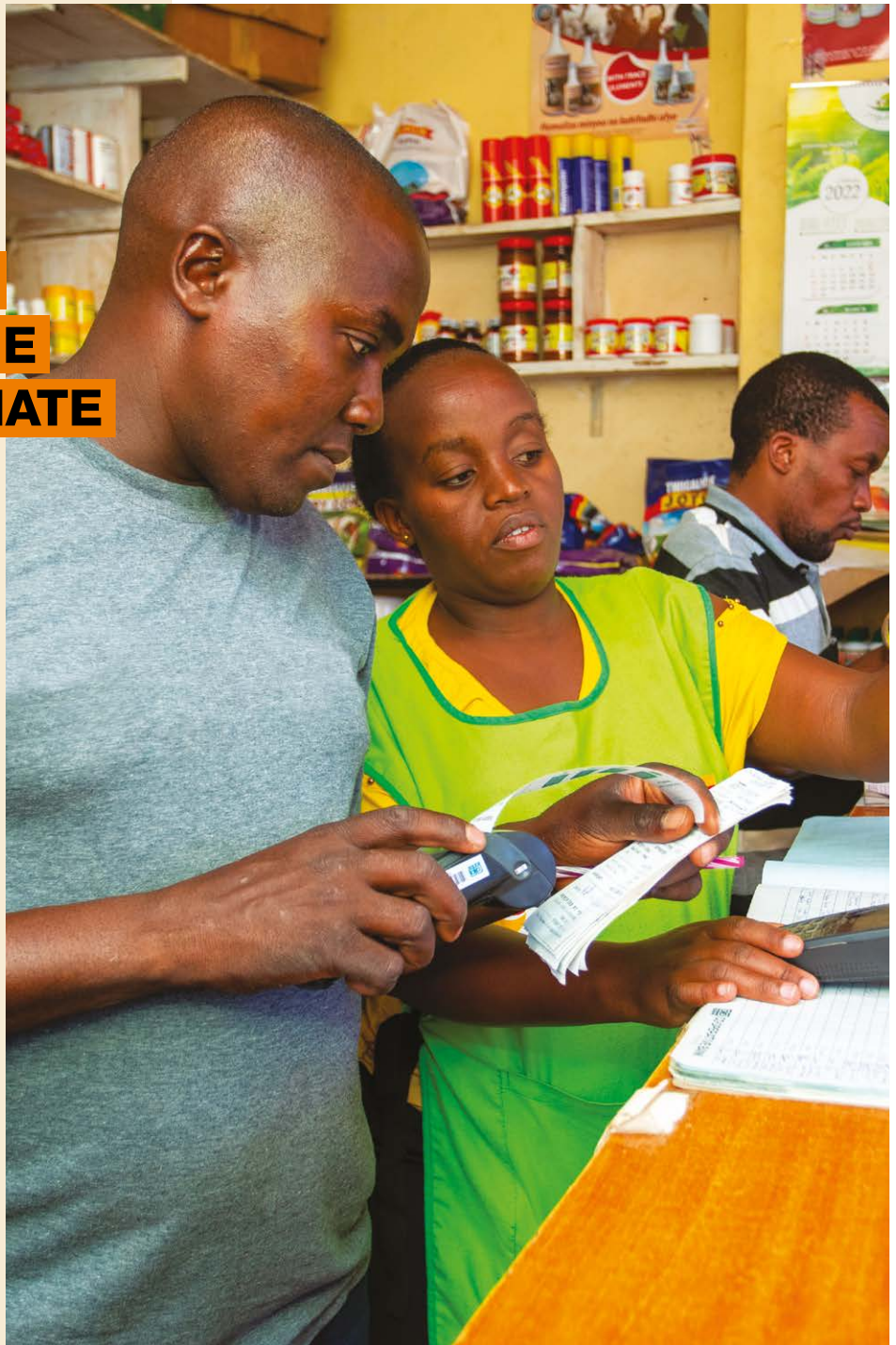
THE GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE MECHANISM IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Gender inequality is one of the most pervasive threats to sustainable development. It has negative impacts on access to, use of and control over a wide range of resources, and on the ability to fulfil human rights.

Challenging gender norms and addressing gender inequalities in agriculture and rural development requires innovative strategies. Given that climate change disproportionately impacts women and girls, a gender-transformative approach is crucial for sustainable climate resilience.

Launched in 2022, the Gender-Transformative Mechanism (GTM) in the Context of Climate Adaptation is a facility hosted by IFAD that supports and incentivizes IFAD’s partner governments to increase investment, capacities and activities to achieve gender-transformative results at scale in rural areas and build adaptive capacities.

The GTM aims to empower, by 2030, more than 20 million rural people across 27 projects and 20 countries to achieve gender-transformative results in agriculture, strengthen climate resilience and improve rural people’s well-being.



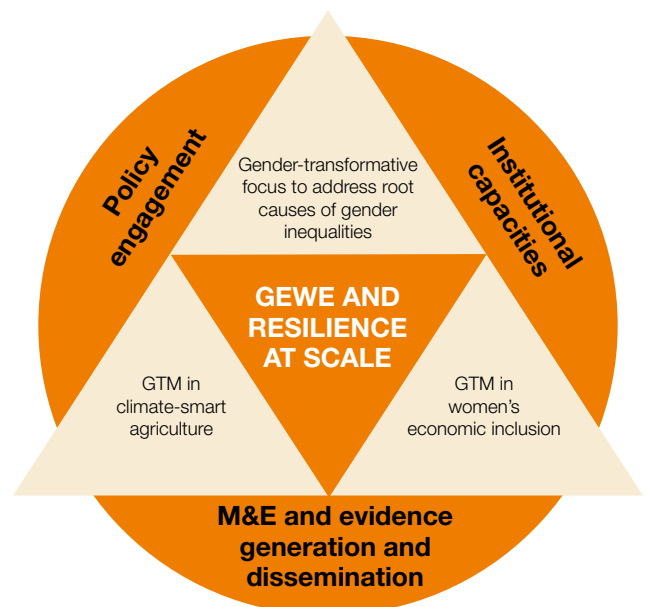
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THE GTM’S UNIQUE AND HOLISTIC APPROACH

The focus of the GTM is based on three programmatic pillars:

1. Adoption of a gender-transformative focus to address the root causes of persistent gender inequalities and inequities
2. Integration of gender-transformative approaches and practices to foster women’s inclusion in markets
3. Integration of gender-transformative approaches and practices into climate-smart agriculture (CSA) for greater adaptive capacity

The GTM will work on these programmatic pillars by investing in generating rigorous evidence through monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems and capabilities, policy engagement, and strengthening institutional capacities to ensure the long-term sustainability and scale of these efforts.



HOW DOES THE GTM WORK?

IFAD has established three levels of strategic objectives (SOs) to achieve the aims of the GTM and generate impacts in rural communities.

- **Country-level (SO1):** Strengthen government agency for gender-transformative results while enhancing the ability of governments to address the interaction of climate-induced vulnerability with gender inequalities.
- **IFAD-level (SO2):** Leverage innovations and scale up successful interventions through IFAD's investment portfolio, climate funds and evidence-based policy engagement with governments.
- **Global (SO3):** Contribute to knowledge generation on what works and how for gender-transformative results in the context of increased exposure to climate change, variability and risk. The ultimate goal is to influence the global policy dialogue and the post-2030 agenda.

HOW GTM MEASURES ITS SUCCESS

IFAD has developed a framework for the GTM that combines different types of indicators to measure GTM results at the country, institutional and global levels. Specifically, results at the country level are measured using a combination of programmatic indicators – such as selected IFAD core indicators, a resilience score card and a project-level Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index.

THE GTM LEARNING AGENDA

The GTM has developed a detailed monitoring, evaluation and learning strategy, which includes pathways to promote the sharing and use of evidence and knowledge generated through the implementation of the GTM. The learning and dissemination aspects of the strategy aim to strengthen the capacity of relevant stakeholders and support the development of a strong enabling environment for scaling up best practices through knowledge-sharing at three levels: (i) in-country and across countries implementing the initiative, (ii) within IFAD, and (iii) globally.

The GTM currently is working through three IFAD-financed loans.

- In Burkina Faso, the **Agricultural Value Chains Project in the Southwest, Hauts-Bassins, Cascades and Boucle du Mouhoun Regions (PAFA-4R)** improves farmers' food security and income. In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Hydro-Agricultural Development, the GTM extends the use of gender-transformative approaches and finances interventions to promote behavioural change, women's leadership, women's secure access to land, women's access to larger-scale and longer-term financial credit, and women's participation in higher-return value chains.
- In India, the **Maharashtra Rural Women's Enterprise Development Project (Nav Tejaswini)** enhances gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) by a bottom-up community development approach and improved economic opportunities. The GTM supports a centre of excellence housed within the women's development department of Maharashtra state authority (MAVIM) to share good development practices for gender-transformative results within Maharashtra, India, and internationally.
- In Ethiopia, the **Participatory Agriculture and Climate Transformation Programme (PACT)** aims to sustainably improve the incomes and food and nutrition security of poor households and to build resilience to climate shocks. The GTM will complement PACT initiatives by advancing gender-transformative results in the programme, strengthen women's climate resilience, improve the gender responsiveness of climate finance in Ethiopia and incentivize the Government of Ethiopia to prioritize gender equality and women's empowerment in rural development.

CALL TO ACTION

IFAD wants to increase the scope of action of the GTM to attain its ambitious objectives in more countries. In order to do so, it is seeking additional funding and expertise for the GTM from its member countries, climate funds and philanthropic organizations. The GTM resource mobilization strategy has been set in motion, with a target of US\$150 million by 2030.



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