



THE JAPAN-IFAD PARTNERSHIP

**RECOVERY.
REBUILDING.
RESILIENCE.**



ABOUT IFAD

An international financial institution and a United Nations specialized agency, IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty and hunger in developing countries. The Fund is one of the largest sources of financing for agriculture and rural development in the world's poorest countries.

Total IFAD loans and grants
US\$23.9 billion

Total domestic contributions
US\$19.8 billion

Total cofinancing
US\$14.5 billion

Total programme of work
US\$53.8 billion (1978-2021)

Japan is a strong advocate of “human security”, a principle that is embodied in its commitment to support the most vulnerable people while addressing broadly all dimensions of poverty. Japan’s vision is shared by IFAD, whose mandate is to economically and socially empower the poorest rural people in remote areas of developing countries. IFAD’s strategic focus is closely aligned with Japan’s official development assistance priorities, including promoting food security and nutrition.

Japan is a globally recognized leader on nutrition and in December 2021 hosted the Nutrition for Growth Summit, where IFAD has expressed its commitment to improve nutrition through better production systems that can increase the availability, affordability and consumption of diverse, safe, nutritious foods. IFAD organized four side events in collaboration with partners and joined other organizations in endorsing the Summit declaration – the Tokyo Compact on Global Nutrition for Growth.

In November 2021, IFAD established a Liaison Office in Yokohama, its first in Asia. The IFAD Liaison Office in Japan has engaged with many partners, including ministries, the City of Yokohama, universities, research institutes and private companies, as well as other international organizations in Japan. IFAD looks forward to working with more partners to advocate for investment in small-scale farmers and long-term support to enhance global food security.

JAPAN’S TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **US\$57.3 million**

TOTAL: **US\$619.4 million**

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS:
US\$10.5 million

VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **3.80%**

PERCENTAGE OF LIST A: **7.63%**

PARTICIPATION IN IFAD’S GOVERNING BODIES

Executive Board

Food and nutrition security is at the forefront of the partnership between Japan and IFAD.

From 2022 to 2024, 100 per cent of donor contributions go to low-income and lower-middle-income countries and 50 per cent to sub-Saharan Africa

The aim of the JPO programme is to provide guidance and supervision so that the JPO benefits from the professional development opportunity represented by working at IFAD

IFAD is the first United Nations fund and the only United Nations body and specialized agency other than the World Bank Group to enter the capital markets

Over a period of 40 years, IFAD has invested US\$973.5 million in Bangladesh, reaching 11.7 million households



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TACKLING POVERTY AND HUNGER TOGETHER

TOWARDS A VIBRANT AFRICA

Both Japan and IFAD have made a special commitment to the poorest regions of the world, including sub-Saharan Africa. Japan launched the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), a major event promoting high-level policy dialogue between African leaders and development partners. IFAD has collaborated with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to contribute to several initiatives launched through TICAD, such as the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa and the Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) approach. In 2022, IFAD organized three side events at TICAD8 with Japanese partners. One event, co-organized with JICA, focused on how to adapt the SHEP approach in African countries, where the two organizations have reconfirmed their commitment to strengthening their partnership in promoting market-oriented agriculture.

COLLABORATION ON HUMAN RESOURCES

IFAD also engages with Japan through the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) and Special Programme Officer (SPO) programmes. Currently, there are three Japanese JPOs and one Japanese SPO at IFAD, based in Rome, Abuja, Dhaka and New Delhi. To raise awareness of career opportunities at IFAD among talented Japanese nationals, IFAD organizes career seminars and special lectures in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and several universities.

INNOVATIVE FINANCING BY JAPANESE INVESTORS

In June 2022, IFAD issued its first-ever bond in Asia with a US\$50 million investment from Dai-ichi Frontier Life Insurance Co., Ltd, a Japanese life insurance company. The investment comes at a time when millions of rural people are at risk of falling into hunger and poverty due to skyrocketing global food, energy and fertilizer prices, and more frequent and extreme weather shocks driven by climate change. In recent years, IFAD has been exploring new funding models to channel more resources into empowering vulnerable rural populations and meeting the changing needs of developing countries.

ENHANCING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

IFAD and Grameen Euglena, a joint venture between Euglena Co., Ltd. (Japan) and the Grameen Krishi Foundation (Bangladesh), are supporting smallholder farmers in the cultivation of mung beans. The collaboration aims to strengthen public-private partnership with IFAD's implementing partners in Bangladesh. It will enable farmers supported by IFAD-financed projects to access international markets, while Grameen Euglena will also have access to good quality mung beans produced in large volumes by Bangladeshi farmers. Coastal farmers will be trained in technology used in Japan and given technical assistance to access international mung bean value chains. During the six-year partnership from 2022 to 2028, IFAD and Euglena will work together to ensure availability of good quality agricultural inputs at an affordable price, and train farmers to efficiently use inputs for safe, nutritious and diversified production.