The partnership between IFAD and the Netherlands is based on a shared vision and a strong alignment of their respective policies and strategic priorities. The partners agree that to achieve the targets of Sustainable Development Goal 2, it will be vital to:

- foster smallholder agriculture in order to achieve food and nutrition security
- support the mainstreaming of climate change
- ensure gender equality and women’s empowerment
- promote private-sector development, including through public-private-producer partnerships (the 4Ps approach).

IFAD and the Government of the Netherlands promote closely connected objectives: a) preventing conflict and instability; b) eradicating poverty and reducing social inequality; and c) driving sustainable and inclusive growth and climate action worldwide. The focus is on prevention, by investing now and giving opportunities to people, in particular young women and men in low-income countries in Africa.

The Netherlands is a founding member of IFAD and a member of the Executive Board and the Evaluation Committee. Since the establishment of IFAD, the Government of the Netherlands has provided a total of US$543 million in core contributions to the Fund, and a total of US$118 million in the form of supplementary funds.

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$20.8 billion
Total domestic contributions US$18.1 billion
Total cofinancing US$13.3 billion
Total programme of work US$52.9 billion (1978-2019)

THE NETHERLANDS’ TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

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PARTICIPATION IN IFAD’S GOVERNING BODIES
Executive Board, Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD’s resources, Evaluation Committee and the Emoluments Committee
TACKLING WORLD POVERTY TOGETHER

FOOD SECURITY AND LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES
IFAD’s role as an international financial institution with a clear mandate and sustainable financial strategy enable the Fund to make a catalytic and substantive contribution to achieving SDG2 by 2030. IFAD’s focus and the priorities of its financial support are on working in the poorest and low-income countries (LICS) to ensure food security and decent incomes for the most vulnerable people.

CLIMATE CHANGE
The Netherlands is also a strategic partner for IFAD in addressing the impact of climate change. In 2012, it was a key donor for the establishment of the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP), with a complementary contribution of approximately US$57.2 million. It further strengthened IFAD’s efforts to mainstream climate change into its investment operations with an unrestricted complementary contribution for IFAD10 of US$27 million.

According to the Impact Assessment initiative carried out for IFAD10, projections on the number of beneficiaries of the entire IFAD portfolio indicate that 26 million rural poor people have increased their resilience as a result of taking part in IFAD-funded initiatives. Common indicators measure resilience linked to the ability to cope with shocks, and crop and income diversification. The results indicate that IFAD beneficiaries are 13 per cent more resilient than counterparts who have not participated in IFAD-financed activities.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR
The Netherlands and IFAD consider engagement of the private sector crucial to achieve ambitious targets for 2030. IFAD’s recent Private Sector Strategy aims to mobilize private funding and investments in rural micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and small-scale agriculture; and to expand markets, and increase income and job opportunities for IFAD’s target groups, including women and young people.