

FO4ACP

Farmers' Organizations for
Africa, Caribbean and Pacific



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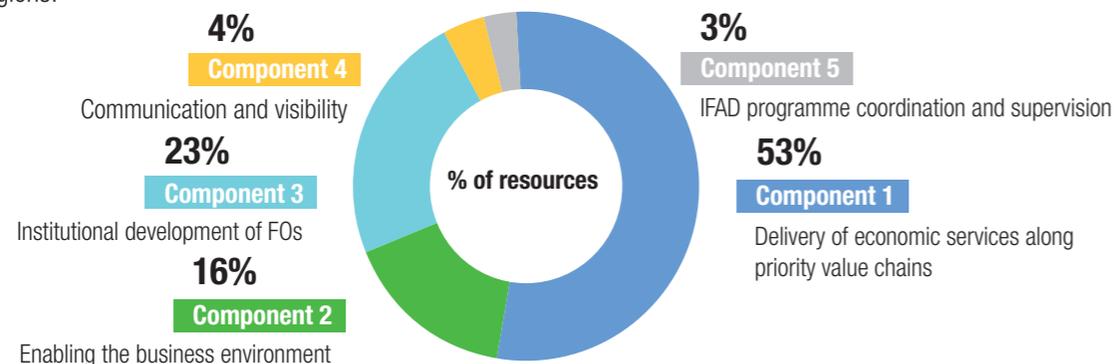
The F04ACP programme

The Farmers' Organizations for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (F04ACP) programme aims to increase the incomes and improve the livelihoods, food and nutrition security and safety of organized smallholders and family farmers in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries by strengthening regional, national and local farmers' organizations (FOs).

The programme is implemented by six regional farmers' organizations, PAFO, Agricord and the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean. They work closely with the national FOs, agri-agencies and sub-implementing partners in about 70 countries, with a potential outreach of over 52 million smallholder farmers. Great emphasis is put on economic services, advocacy and institutional development of the membership-based FOs. F04ACP is built on **4 priorities**:



The programme covers **5 components** that promote a wide range of activities based on FOs' priorities and needs in different regions.



IFAD was selected to coordinate and supervise F04ACP because of its unique expertise and extensive partnerships and dialogue with FOs. Since the 2006 launch of the Farmers' Forum, a bottom-up process of consultation and dialogue among FOs, IFAD and governments about rural development and poverty reduction, the experience and lessons learned from partnerships among IFAD and FOs have grown.



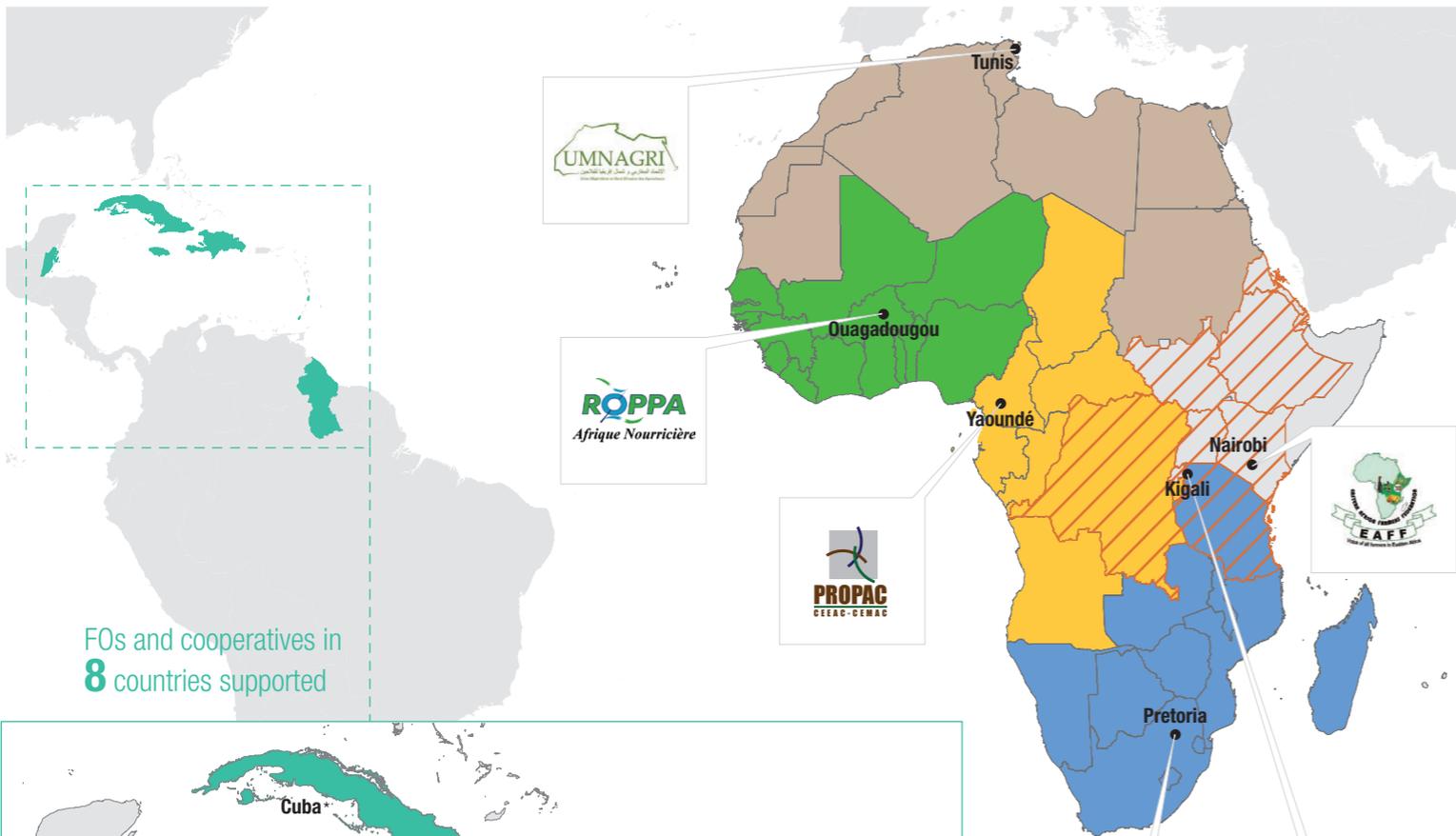
Context and background of F04ACP

Agriculture remains the backbone of ACP economies and is dominated by family farming. Throughout these regions, millions of smallholder farmers and rural producers have joined membership-based farmers' organizations that represent their constituencies in policy processes and provide economic services.

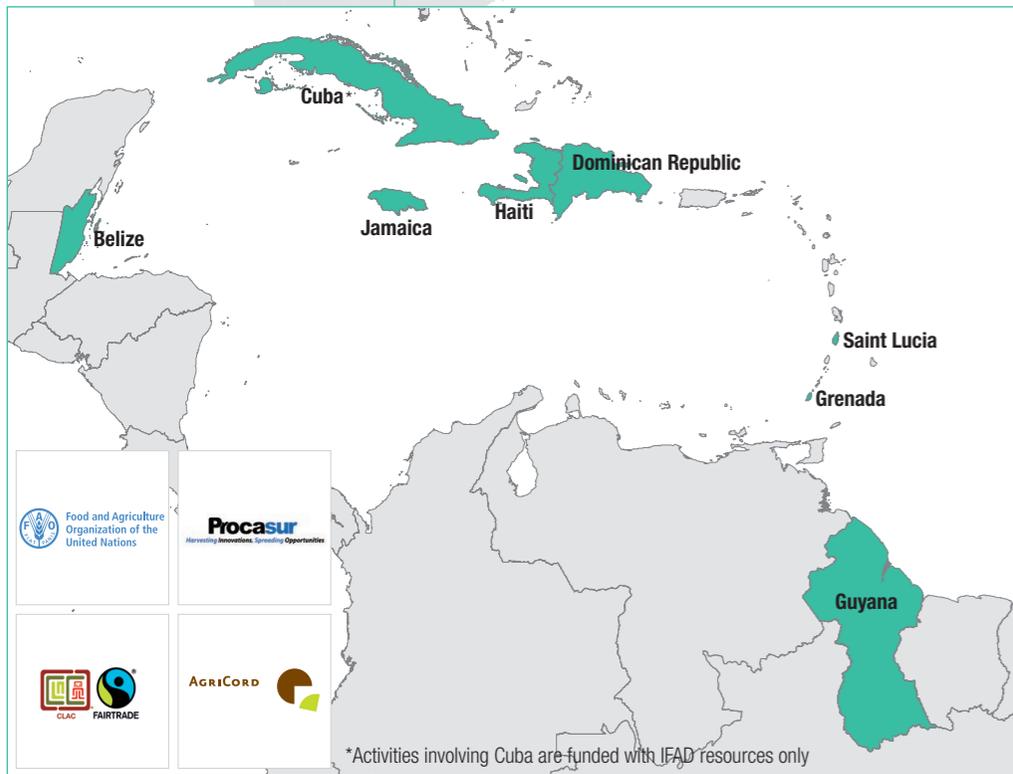
Farmers' Organizations (FOs) are increasingly recognized as representatives of the farming community. The United Nations (UN) declared 2012 as the International Year of Cooperatives and 2014 as the International Year of Family Farming. Thanks to a campaign driven mainly by FOs, 2019-2028 was proclaimed the UN Decade of Family Farming. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) was approved in 2018, marking an important milestone in the recognition of the rights of rural people.

These events acknowledge the invaluable role that FOs play in supporting smallholders' market integration, shaping policies for agriculture and sustainable development, generating employment and social integration, reducing poverty, and improving nutrition and food security.

Within that context, since 2009, key support programmes were implemented by FOs and AgriCord with funding from the EU, IFAD and Swiss and French development agencies: Support to Farmers' Organizations in Africa Programme (SFOAP) pilot phase (2009-2012), Farmers' Africa (2013-2018) and its two interventions (the SFOAP main phase and Farmers Fighting Poverty (FFP)/Africa) and the Medium-term Cooperation Programme with Farmers' Organizations in Asia-Pacific (MTCP) phase two (2013-2019). These programmes laid the foundation for strong strategic partnerships between IFAD and like-minded donors such as the EU to directly support capacity-building for FOs worldwide. The design of F04ACP is based on the successful activities, the impact and the lessons learned from these programmes, and is the result of the joint effort of all involved stakeholders.



FOs and cooperatives in **8** countries supported



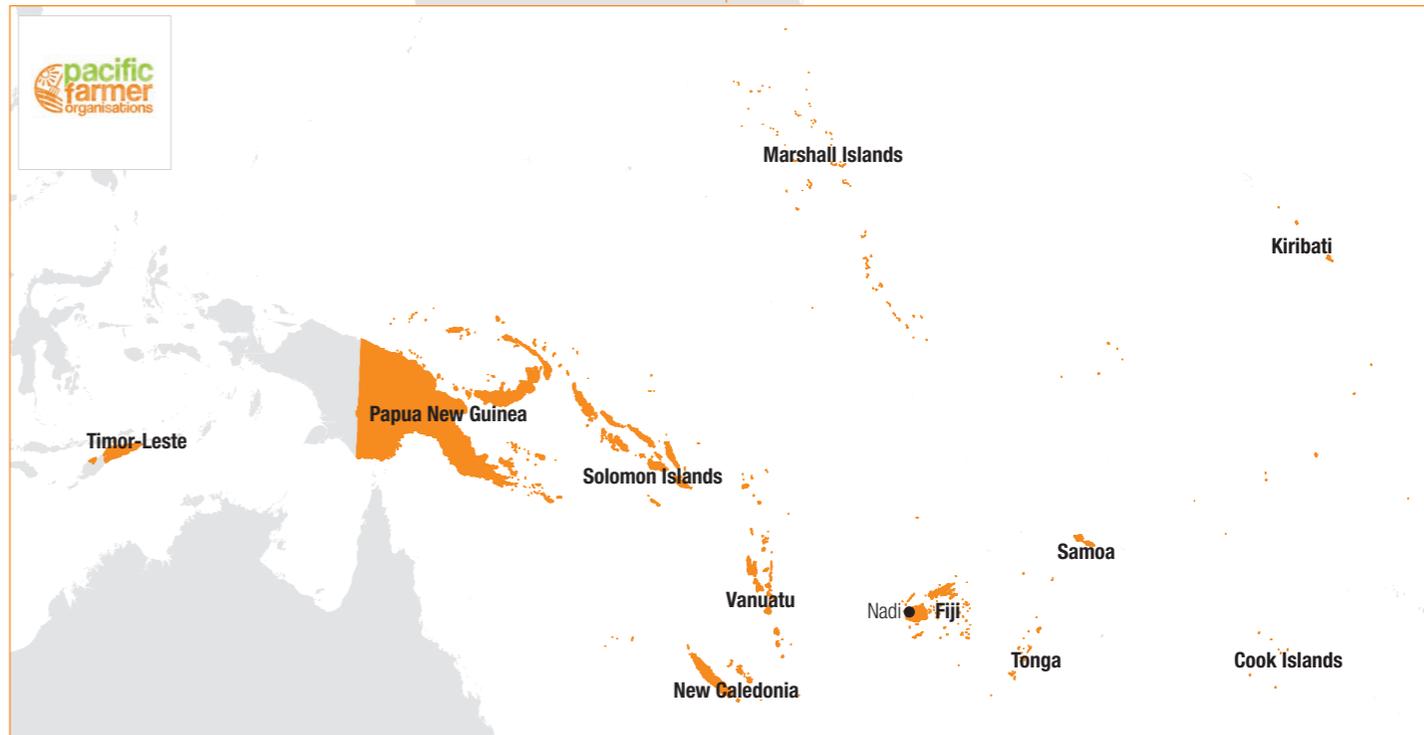
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1 pan-African
5 regional and **71** national FOs
and their members in
50 countries supported

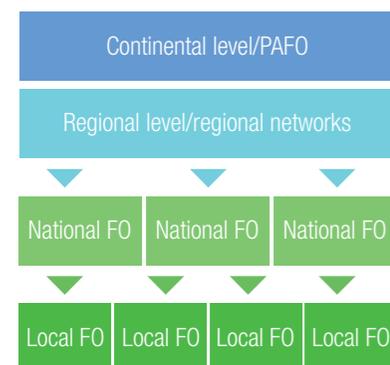


1 regional and **23** national FOs
and their members in
11 countries supported



Intervention modalities adapted to different needs and contexts

The project is coordinated and directly supervised by IFAD. Funds go to seven regional farmers' organizations, AgriCord and FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean that are responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of activities within their region, and to channel funds to the national FOs, agri-agencies and sub-implementing partners. National FOs are the co-implementers of the programme and are responsible for executing national activities. In each of the areas where it works, FO4ACP adopts different intervention strategies tailored to specific contexts and needs. Steering and/or coordination committees are established at all levels to define the FOs' strategic orientations and ensure learning and knowledge-sharing.



AFRICA

In Africa, FO4ACP is implemented by five regional FOs members of PAFO, PAFO itself and AgriCord.

The five regional farmers' organizations are: the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF), the Plateforme Sous Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC), the Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA), the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) and the Union Maghrébine et de l'Afrique du Nord des Agriculteurs (UMNAGRI). Together they created the Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO), the first continental platform of FOs in Africa.

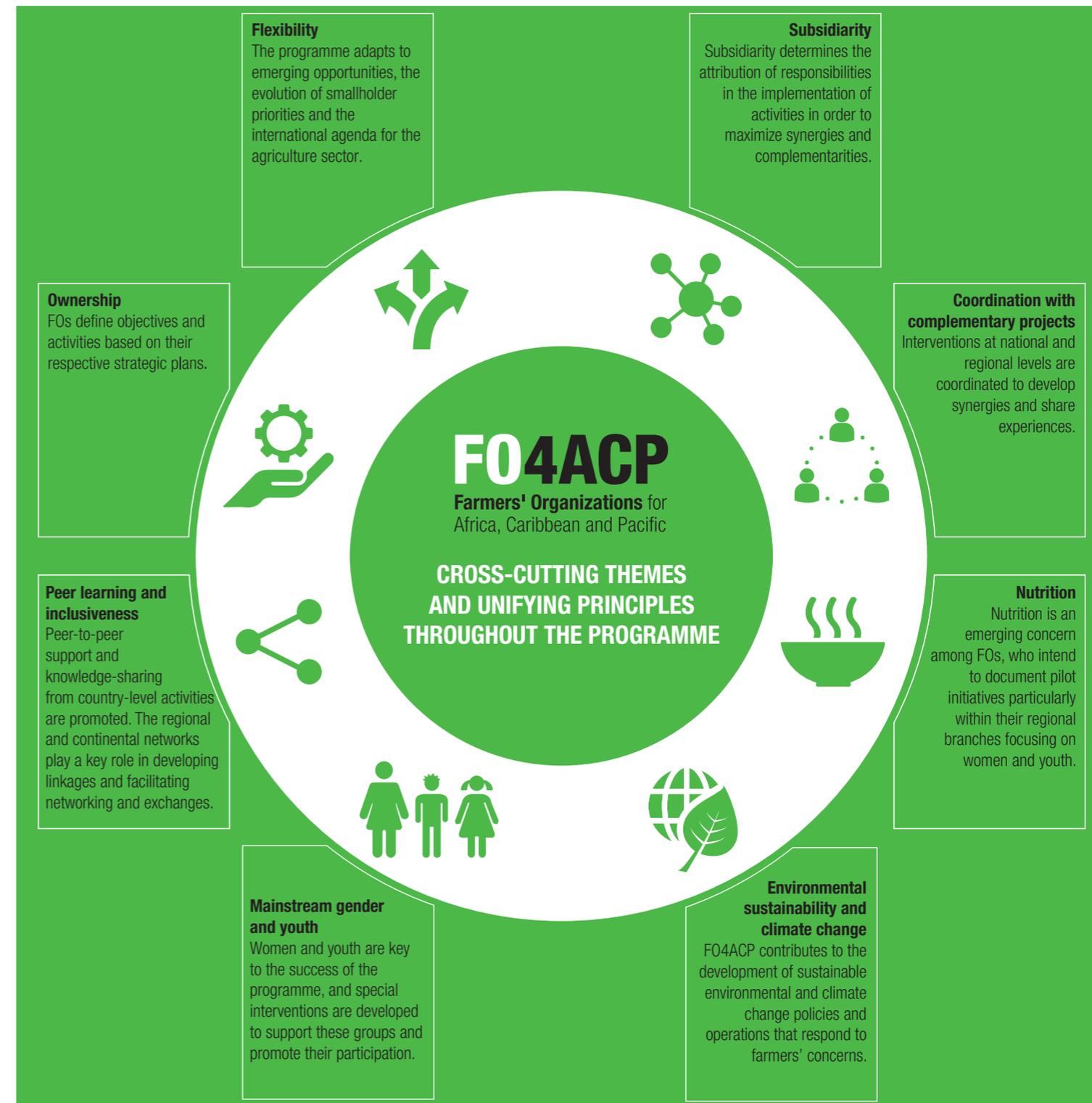
AgriCord is a non-profit global alliance of agri-agencies mandated by FOs in Europe, Canada, Africa and Asia. Agri-agencies provide specialized services, tools and approaches to answer the needs of different segments of FOs. Local initiatives implemented by FOs at the local, district or provincial level receive technical support from AgriCord through its agri-agencies and national FOs.

CARIBBEAN

In the absence of an apex regional organization in the Caribbean, the programme is coordinated by AgriCord and the FAO Regional Office for Latin America and Caribbean, in collaboration with PROCASUR Corporation and the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Fair-Trade Small Producers and Workers (CLAC). These organizations work with FOs and cooperatives and focus on strengthening FOs' capacity to access and provide rural services, especially for rural youth and women.

PACIFIC

In the Pacific, FO4ACP is directly implemented and coordinated by the Pacific Islands Farmers' Organization Network (PIFON). The umbrella organization is responsible for implementing regional level activities while national FOs and implementing agencies execute activities at the national level.





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