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The APR Newsletter goes live

The IFAD in Asia and the Pacific newsletter is an attempt to encourage learning and innovation in the region, by highlighting project results from vastly different development contexts and perspectives. Our aim is to connect and motivate people to generate, use and share good practices, learning and expertise. Drawing from contributions of both IFAD and project implementation units, this newsletter brings inspirational storytelling and robust research from across IFAD-funded operations in the Asia region to a broader audience. This is our first public issue, and we hope to share our work with you twice a year.

We hope you will enjoy reading about how IFAD and its partners are helping rural people to build better lives and livelihoods across Asia and the Pacific.

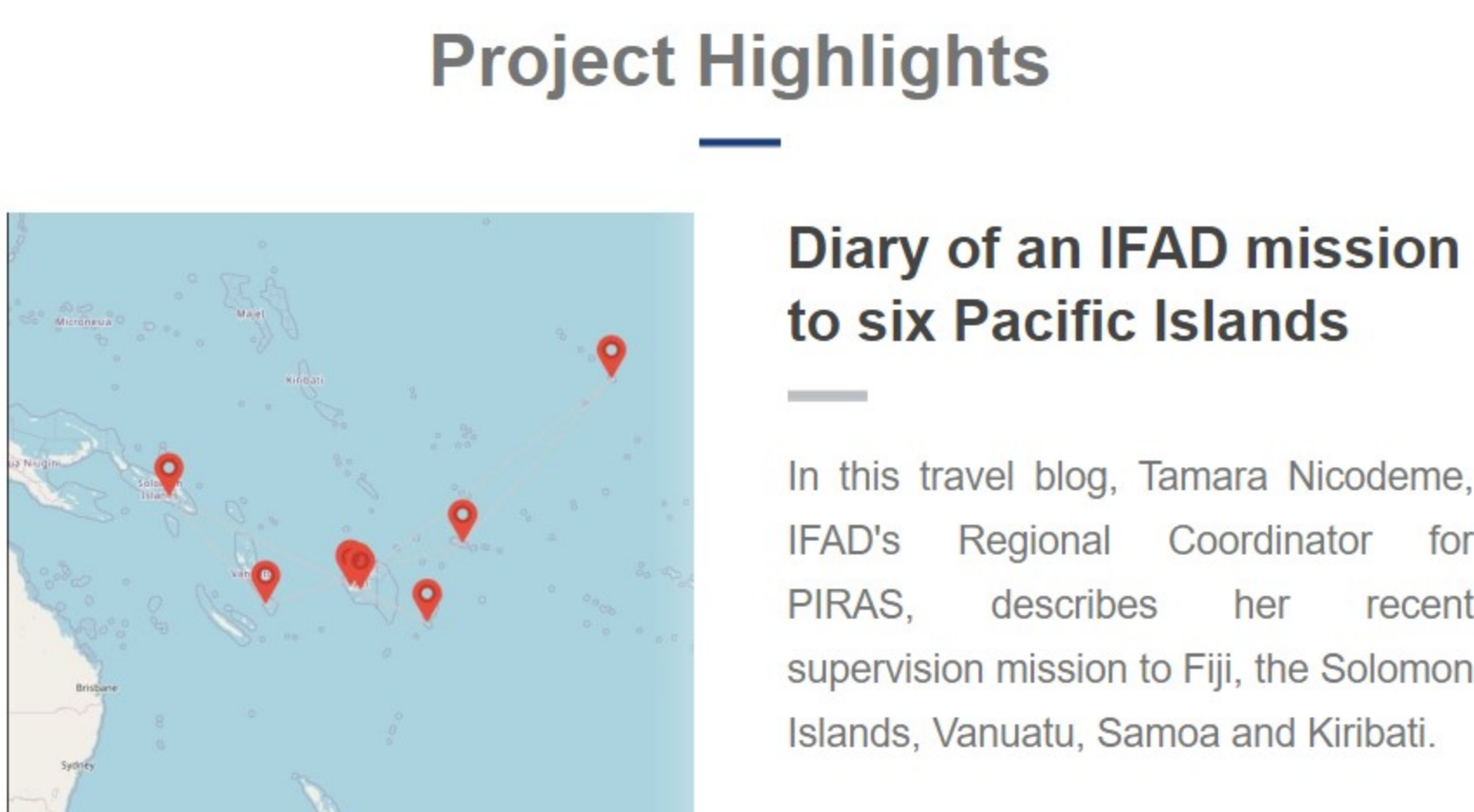
IFAD videos



Pakistan: In the semi-arid mountainous provinces of Northern Pakistan, an ambitious water infrastructure network is helping almost 30,000 small-scale farmers double their farmlands.

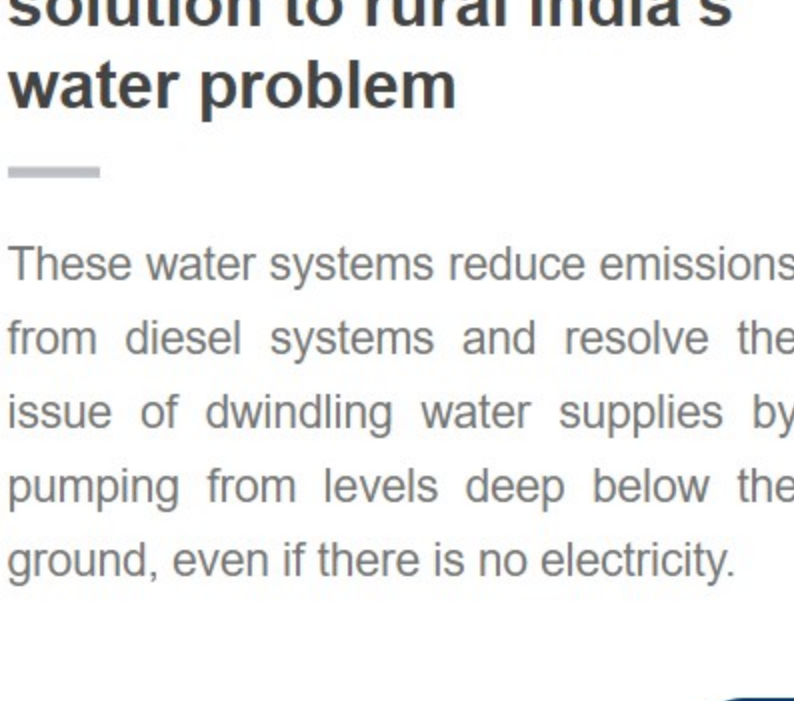


Samoa E-commerce: How one woman's entrepreneurship led economic recovery in times of COVID-19.



IFAD's Rural Poor Stimulus Facility: Journalist Qasa Alom reports on how it has been working small scale farmers and producers around the world to face the COVID-19 crisis and build resilience to future shocks.

Project Highlights



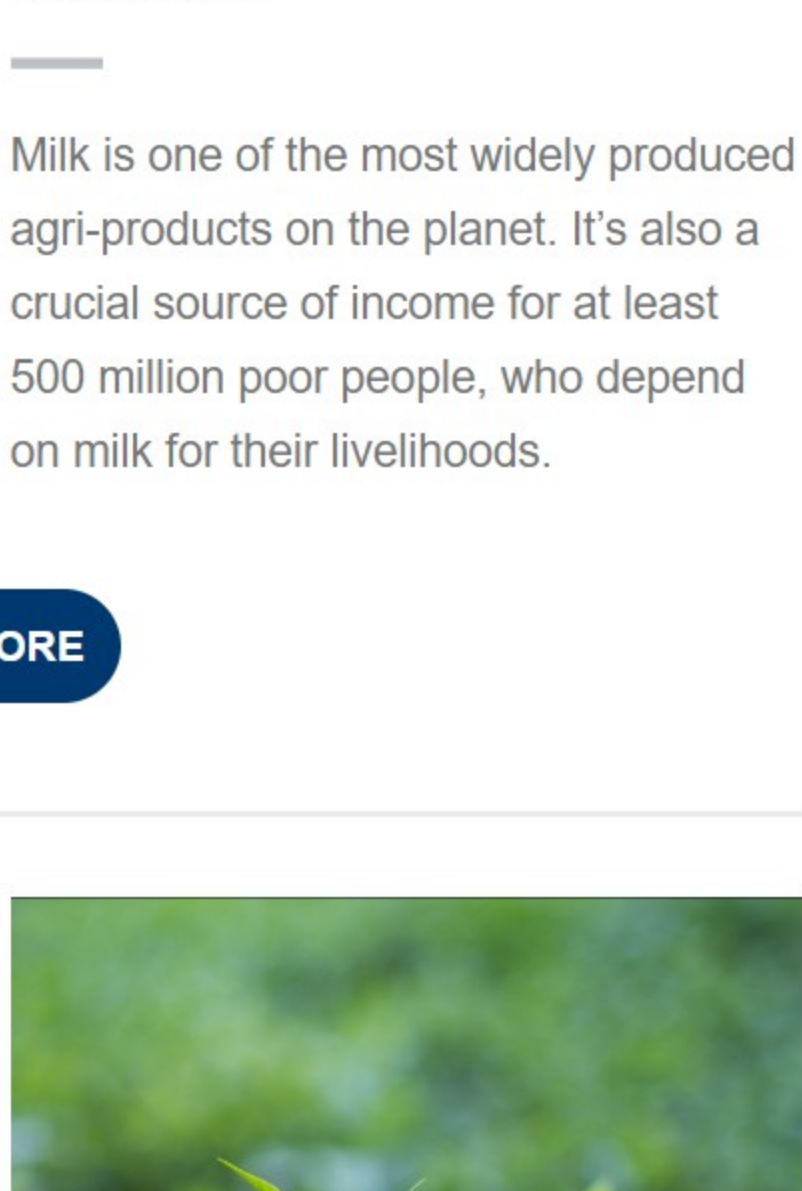
Diary of an IFAD mission to six Pacific Islands

In this travel blog, Tamara Nicodeme, IFAD's Regional Coordinator for PIRAS, describes her recent supervision mission to Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa and Kiribati.

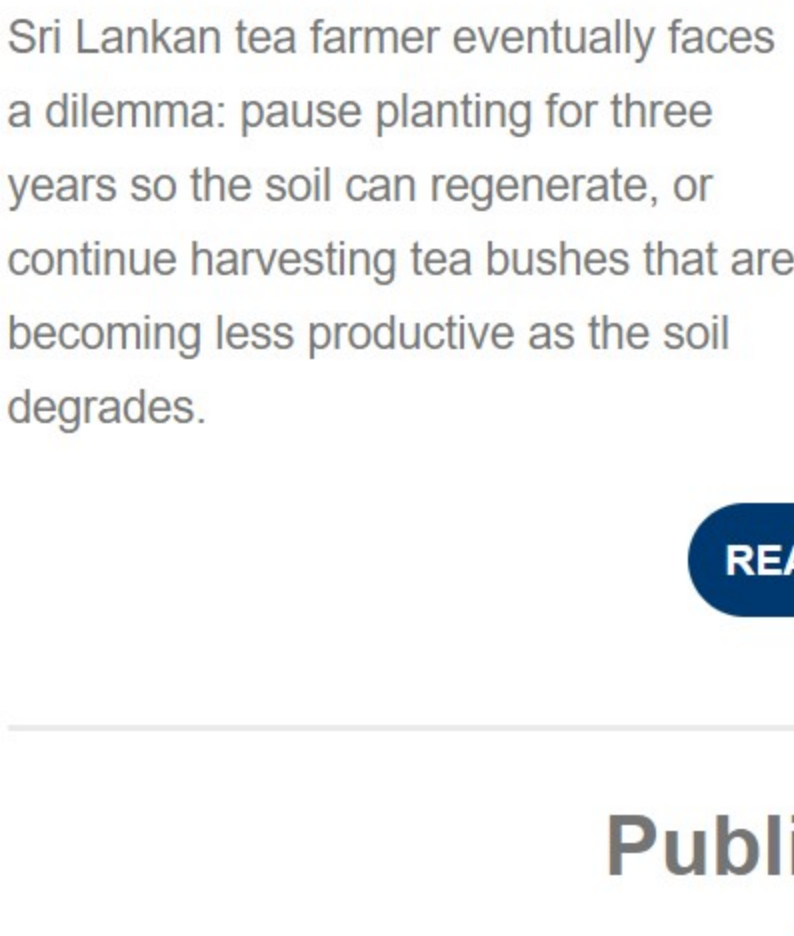
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The sun is the unlikely solution to rural India's water problem

These water systems reduce emissions from diesel systems and resolve the issue of dwindling water supplies by pumping from levels deep below the ground, even if there is no electricity.



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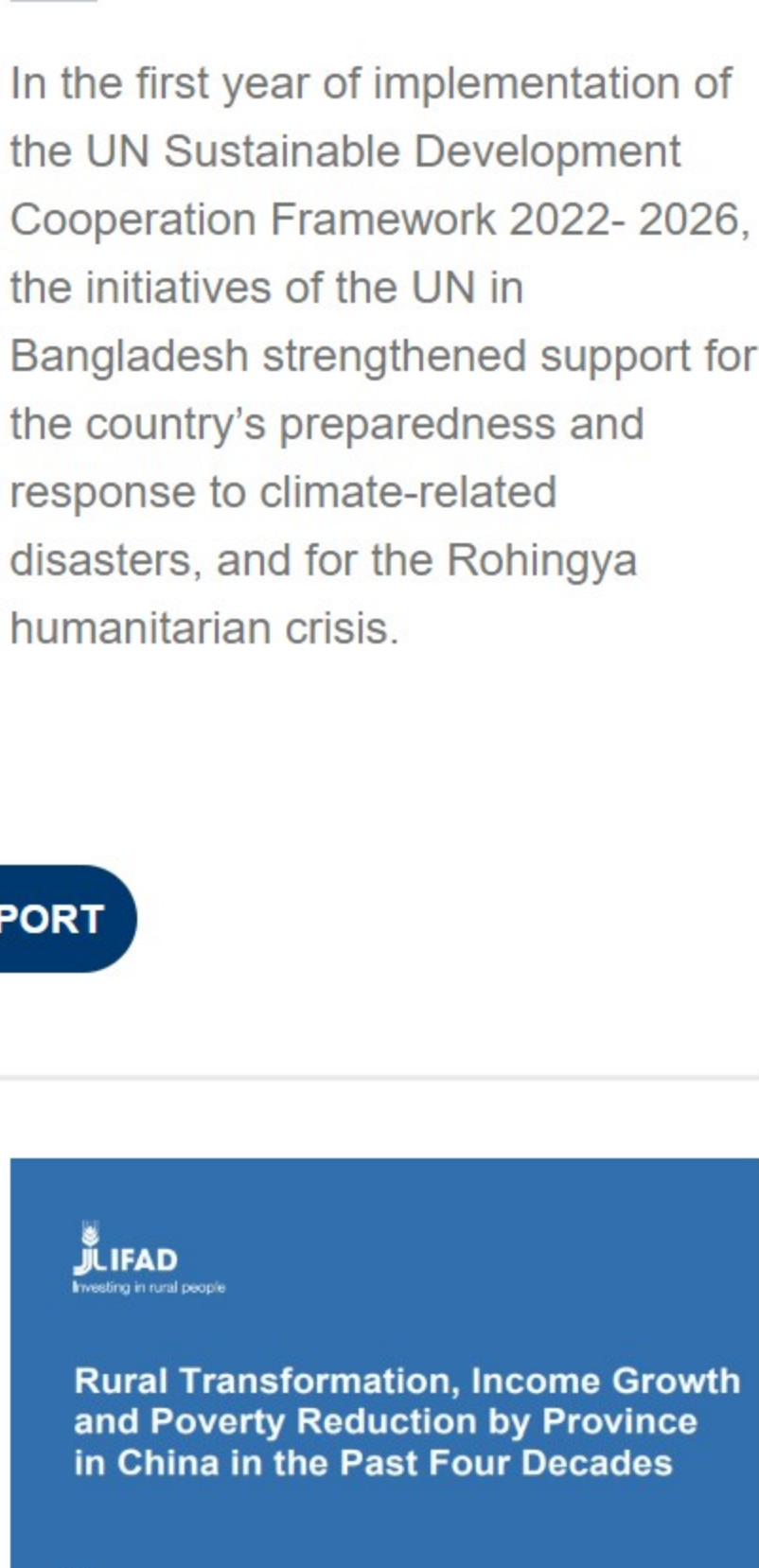
Let's raise a glass to South Asia's dairy farmers

Milk is one of the most widely produced agri-products on the planet. It's also a crucial source of income for at least 500 million poor people, who depend on milk for their livelihoods.

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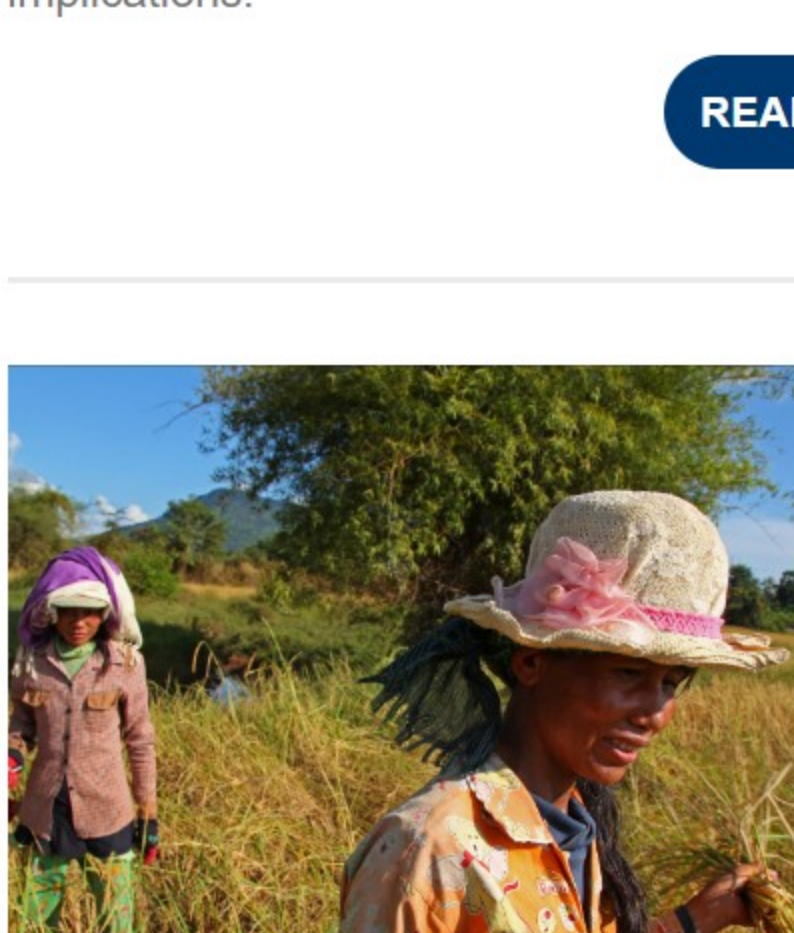
Brewing up a better future for Sri Lankan tea farmers

Ranked among the world's top five exporters of tea, Sri Lanka is at the heart of the global tea trade. But every Sri Lankan tea farmer eventually faces a dilemma: pause planting for three years so the soil can regenerate, or continue harvesting tea bushes that are becoming less productive as the soil degrades.



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Publications



Bangladesh: UN Country Team Results Report

In the first year of implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2022- 2026, the initiatives of the UN in Bangladesh strengthened support for the country's preparedness and response to climate-related disasters, and for the Rohingya humanitarian crisis.

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IFAD Research Series No. 90: Rural Transformation, Income Growth and Poverty Reduction by Province in China in the Past Four Decades | June 2023

China has experienced rapid rural transformation in the past four decades, accompanied by a rise in rural household income and a fall in rural poverty. This paper examines rural transformation and its major outcomes at the provincial level. The paper also discusses likely impacts of institutions, policies and investments on rural transformation, and includes policy implications.



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Strengthening climate resilience of rural communities by co-producing landscape-specific integrated farming systems in Cambodia

This paper presents a novel approach for promoting landscape-specific integrated farming systems through multi-stakeholder engagement, knowledge-based decision-making and improved land use planning.



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Home gardens, household nutrition and income in rural farm households in Odisha, India

Using panel data from a sample of households from vulnerable population groups in India, difference-in-differences and other econometric techniques, this paper analyses the effects of home gardens on food security, dietary quality, child anthropometry and income.



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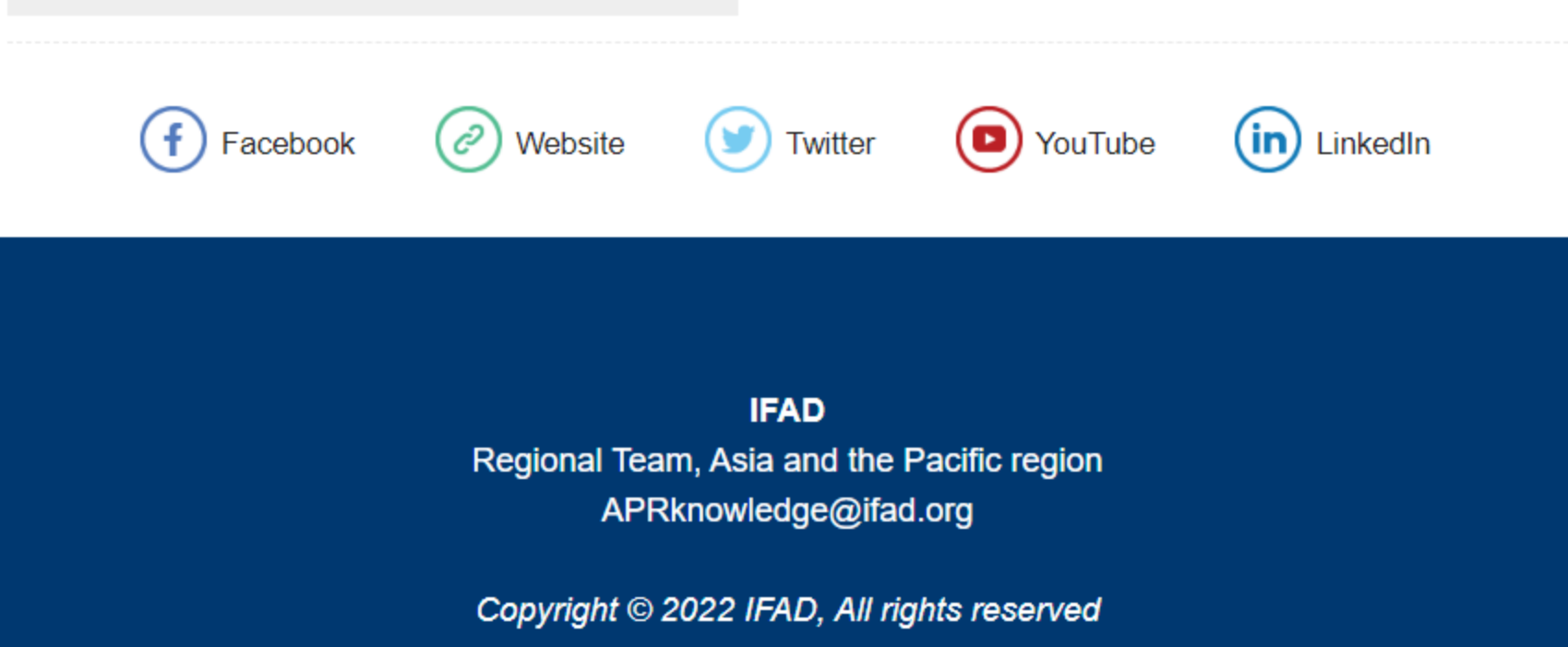
Upcoming Events

IFAD at the UN Food Systems Summit +2 Stocktaking Moment | 24 - 26 July 2023

During this first global follow-up to the 2021 Food Systems Summit, countries will present the progress made and share their contributions to achieve the 2030 Agenda through food systems transformation. This stocktaking moment will further reaffirm the world's commitment to act with urgency, at scale and in line with the promise of the SDGs. IFAD is leading three sessions at the UNFSS+2 and co-leading several side events, including:

- Policy to Practice: Bangladesh's Approach Towards Integrating Food Systems with Nutrition and Resilience
- Using National Pathways as a platform for enhancement of public policies with close support from the UN system – cases of Guatemala, Peru, and Guyana
- Science and innovation as means of implementation towards climate-smart food systems
- Mobilising Impactful Private Sector Investments for Sustainable Food Systems Transformations and Zero Hunger
- Private sector for public good: Powering sustainable and inclusive food systems through enterprise
- Securing land tenure rights for Sustainable Food Systems: the role of family and small-scale farmers

For more information, visit the event webpage.



In case you missed it

Press releases

[G20 Agriculture Ministers Meeting: IFAD President Alvaro Lario advocates for increased investment in rural transformation, reaffirms partnership with India](#) | 17 June 2023

Social media

[Facebook: A delegation from IFAD in Bangladesh participated in a two-day field visit recently in #Rajshahi and #Natore districts organised by Heifer Bangladesh](#)

Op-eds

[IFAD and China set to re-dedicate efforts to global development](#) | by Nii Quaye-Kumah

[How India's G20 presidency can address global hunger](#) | by Alvaro Lario

Podcasts

[SIDS, food security and climate shocks – Episode 45](#) | 26 June 2023

Stories

[What Black Jello Says About the Power of Small Enterprise](#)

IFAD in the News

[Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific at the International Fund for Agricultural Development \(IFAD\), Embarks on First Visit to Tonga](#)

[IFAD agricultural development aims to rebuild Tonga's informal economy](#)