



CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



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SSTC GRANT

Grant value

US\$500,000

Focus countries

Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana and Madagascar

Duration

Oct 2019–Jun 2022

Implementation partner

International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR)

Cooperation partners

Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife, Cameroon

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ethiopia

Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ghana

Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Madagascar

National standards bodies

Beneficiaries

Rural smallholder farmers and community members, particularly women and youth

Government agencies

Civil society

South–South and Triangular Cooperation for the Inter–Africa Bamboo Smallholder Farmers Livelihood Development Programme

BACKGROUND

Over the past two decades, validated smallholder bamboo value chain models and technologies have been instrumental in creating more than 250,000 new rural jobs globally, benefiting women and youth. The project was a cross-cutting component of the Inter-Africa Bamboo Smallholder Farmers Livelihood Development Programme under the IFAD-INBAR cooperation in East and Southern Africa.

The project aimed to enhance connectivity among bamboo technical experts from the developing countries through capacity-building and development of high-quality standards. The project focused on Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana and Madagascar to scale up sustainable, climate-smart, smallholder-based bamboo value chains in Africa. Moreover, voluntary guideline standards developed from this project will boost sustainable bamboo trade in and beyond the four beneficiary countries, with impacts on intra-African and Sino-African trade flows.



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Transferring knowledge, skills and solutions from Asian bamboo farmers to African cultivators through SSTC

5 Voluntary Guidelines Standards published

285 beneficiaries from 45 countries attended study tours and regional symposiums

8 bamboo-related standards initiated under the African Organisation for Standardisation

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ACHIEVEMENTS

During the three-year period, the project implemented several SSTC activities under the framework of the IFAD-INBAR Inter-Africa Bamboo Smallholder Farmers Livelihood Development Programme in the following areas:

Created a conducive environment for bamboo value chain development through improving policy and promoting investment. The project developed dedicated bamboo development strategies and action plans in the beneficiary countries. These plans helped establish bamboo industries in Cameroon, Ghana and Ethiopia, providing jobs for women and youth.

Improved knowledge transfer and quality standards by establishing a community of practice involving 52 experts from 31 nationalities and publishing five Voluntary Guidelines Standards. This has enabled the development of national standards and participation in the development of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards. Meanwhile, the project has also initiated the development of eight continental standards under the African Organisation for Standardisation.

GHANA SHARES ITS BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES

Sixty professionals from 13 African countries visited community bamboo propagation sites, bamboo enterprises and animal science departments in Ghana during a four-day study tour in April 2021. The participants, including policymakers, managers, civil society actors, media and entrepreneurs, learned about bamboo leaves as feed for livestock and identified development ideas to accelerate rural poverty reduction.



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