

# CORPORATE-LEVEL EVALUATION ON IFAD'S ENGAGEMENT IN PRO-POOR VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

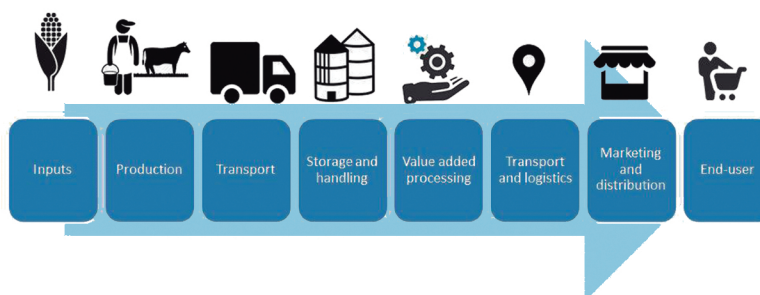
## PURPOSE:

- 1) To provide an assessment of IFAD's performance in supporting the development of pro-poor value chain development, and how this work contributed to achieve IFAD's mandate of rural poverty reduction, and inclusive and sustainable rural development; and
- 2) To identify alternatives and options for improvement and providing recommendations to enhance IFAD's approach to value chain development as a means to rural development and poverty reduction.

## OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS:

A **value chain** is defined as "A set of enterprises collaborating to varying degrees along the range of activities required to bring a product from the initial input supply stage, through the various phases of production, to its final market destination".

A **pro-poor** value chain is an intervention that develops approaches to include the poor in the chain(s) with a view to sustainably improving their livelihoods by taking advantage of opportunities and addressing constraints in a coordinated manner.



The overarching questions of this evaluation are as follows:

- a) Is the IFAD approach to pro-poor value chain development an effective way to sustainably reduce rural poverty? To what extent, under what conditions and for whom?
- b) To what extent are IFAD's organizational set-up and instruments conducive to designing and supporting effective pro-poor value chains?

## SCOPE

All work supported by IFAD, including loans, grants, knowledge management, partnerships and dialogue on policies, in the period 2007-2017. The evaluation will assess strategies, policies and initiatives at the corporate, country and project level.

## TIME-FRAME

Time-frame of the evaluation: data gathering and analysis in 2018; report preparation in 2019.

## MAIN METHODS

- ⚙️ Analysis of available data on the value chain portfolio
- ⚙️ Case studies of IFAD value chain portfolio
- ⚙️ Assessment of IFAD value chain knowledge products
- ⚙️ Management self-assessments
- ⚙️ Key informant interviews
- ⚙️ Electronic survey
- ⚙️ Analysis of partnerships with peer organizations and the private sector
- ⚙️ Analysis of relevant experience in partner organizations