



CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



SSTC GRANT

Grant value

US\$300,000

Focus countries

Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean

Duration

2024–2026

Implementation partner

IFAD SSTC and Knowledge Centre in Brasilia

Beneficiaries

150 rural youth (50% women)

10 youth entrepreneurs

750 family farmers

2,000 indirect beneficiaries

ICT for Digital Rural Inclusion and Youth Empowerment

In Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D) in agriculture can boost farmers' productivity, income, and resilience while enhancing market access and opportunities for marginalized groups, particularly youth and women. Young people are early adopters of new tools and technology. By combining the potential of rural youth and ICT4D, agricultural and food systems can become more sustainable and inclusive.

Built on the excellent results of the two previous editions of the Rural Youth Innovation Award (2020 and 2021), this project aims to deepen knowledge and solutions for digital rural inclusion, and to help young entrepreneurs accelerate innovation in rural areas across the LAC region and with China. The project will: (1) award and disseminate innovative youth-led or youth-targeted solutions on digital rural inclusion; and (2) pilot and upscale promising high-impact ICT solutions with youth-led private sectors, such as providing digital information technology to smallholder beekeepers and providing digital financial services to rural communities.

Coordinated by the IFAD SSTC and Knowledge Centre in Brasilia, the project will benefit from a regional network of partners who understand the link between ICT4D and the rural youth in the domain of innovation and scaling up of ICT solutions.

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