



CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



SSTC GRANT

Grant value

US\$324,152

Focus countries

Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina

Duration

2024–2026

Implementation partner

International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation

Beneficiaries

900 smallholder farmers

4,500 indirect beneficiaries in

LAC region

South-South initiative to promote the sustainable use of bamboo as an innovative strategy for climate resilience

Despite the abundance of bamboo resources in Brazil, Bolivia, and Argentina, challenges such as inadequate capacity, lack of advanced technology, and underdeveloped enterprise models hinder its full utilization in value chains. IFAD in partnership with the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR) is leveraging China's extensive experience in utilising bamboo as a climate-resilient solution in smallholder farming systems and as a means for poverty alleviation.

Through the replication and up-scaling of bamboo sector development solutions, the project aims to improve climate resilience and diversify the livelihoods of smallholder farmers. This objective will be achieved through three key components: 1) improving the climate resilience of smallholder farmers by using climate-smart techniques for bamboo production, use, and processing; 2) diversifying livelihood and income generation opportunities for smallholders and rural communities by providing SMEs with low-cost processing machines and equipment for the value addition of bamboo; and 3) strengthening local institutions' capacity to effectively use bamboo as a potential tool for income generation and climate resilience.

The project, as part of the Bamboo as a Substitute for Plastic (BASP) Initiative under the Global Development Initiative framework, will facilitate cross-learning and technical assistance among LAC countries and China. It will ensure the inclusive participation of key partners, including government counterparts, private sectors, bamboo farmers, and civil society, in project implementation.

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