



# THE NETHERLANDS-IFAD PARTNERSHIP



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## ABOUT IFAD

An international financial institution and a United Nations specialized agency, IFAD is dedicated to eradicating rural poverty and hunger in developing countries. The Fund is one of the largest sources of financing for agriculture and rural development in the world's poorest countries.

**Total IFAD loans and grants\***  
US\$24.6 billion

**Total domestic contributions**  
US\$20.3 billion

**Total cofinancing**  
US\$15.1 billion

**Total programme and project cost**  
**US\$60 billion** (1978-2022)

\*Includes Debt Sustainability Framework grants but excludes other grants and some special initiatives

IFAD's mandate and policies are closely aligned with the priorities and vision of the Netherlands. For over 40 years, IFAD has focused exclusively on sustained investment to transform rural communities. In its work, IFAD prioritizes the most impactful interventions and, in 2021, it was rated the most effective multilateral development organization in the world.

Since IFAD's establishment in 1977, the Netherlands has been a reliable partner and contributor, supporting IFAD's core budget with a total of US\$717 million and placing itself among the Fund's five top donors. IFAD can leverage every euro that the Netherlands contributes to deliver a pro-poor total investment equivalent to EUR 6. Thanks to this core support, IFAD empowers 120 million rural people every year in almost 100 countries.

In addition, the Netherlands is one of the largest donors to the IFAD portfolio funded by supplementary resources, with a total contribution of US\$201 million. This strategic support has allowed IFAD to boost its work in specific countries to strengthen smallholder agriculture in order to achieve food and nutrition security. Beyond its crucial financial contribution, the Netherlands supports IFAD in taking a demand-driven, context-specific and integrated approach to focus on transforming rural economies and food systems. Within this context, the Netherlands has been instrumental in strengthening IFAD's strategic work on climate change, gender equality and women's empowerment and in promoting IFAD's engagement with the private sector. The Netherlands has been equally instrumental in shaping IFAD's results-based framework and impact assessment methodologies. IFAD employs rigorous approaches to directly assess the impact of its investments and in doing so draw lessons to improve its programmes.

## THE NETHERLANDS' TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOTING POWER

### CONTRIBUTIONS

IFAD12: **EUR 72.5 million**  
**(US\$82.9 million)**

TOTAL: **US\$717 million**

### SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS

TOTAL: **US\$201 million**

### VOTES

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL: **3.6%**

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## PARTICIPATION IN IFAD'S GOVERNING BODIES

Executive Board, Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, Emoluments Committee and Evaluation Committee

# THE NETHERLANDS, LIKE IFAD, STRONGLY BELIEVES IN THE BENEFITS OF CLIMATE FINANCE TO HELP RURAL COMMUNITIES ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

**EUR 30 MILLION**  
to support IFAD  
initiatives in the Sahel,  
the Horn of Africa and  
the Middle East

The Netherlands  
has contributed  
approximately  
**US\$85 MILLION**  
to IFAD's climate  
portfolio

The Netherlands  
contributed  
**EUR 7 MILLION**  
to the RPSF and  
**EUR 10 million**  
to the CRI



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## TACKLING WORLD POVERTY TOGETHER

### TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

Transforming food systems in low-income countries is one of the priorities highlighted by the Government of the Netherlands. In 2021, the Netherlands provided a contribution of EUR 30 million in supplementary funds to support cofinancing of IFAD investments and financing of thematic programmes and technical assistance activities such as policy dialogue. Through the Foresight for Food System Transformation (FaST) Programme funded by the Netherlands, IFAD works with partners to facilitate the foresight and scenario work that will underpin the follow-up to the Food Systems Summit. This investment will benefit the IFAD target group, with a particular focus on women and youth, contributing to enhance gender equality by creating employment and strengthening the livelihoods of small-scale producers.

### BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE

An essential partner of IFAD in the fight against climate change, the Netherlands is aligned with IFAD's strategic vision and strongly believes in the benefits of climate finance to help rural communities adapt to climate change, while emphasizing the importance of biodiversity, water and nutrition. The Government of the Netherlands is one of the main donors for the Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme (ASAP), which has been fundamental in driving IFAD's ambitious climate mainstreaming agenda.

To date, ASAP has supported almost 50 projects globally and contributed to strengthening the climate resilience of more than 30 million rural people. Investing in IFAD is cost-effective as every US\$1 spent on resilience now saves up to US\$10 in emergency aid in the future.

### TACKLING THE IMPACTS OF GLOBAL CRISES

The Netherlands recognizes IFAD's ability to respond efficiently and rapidly to the impacts of global crises. The Netherlands was among the first contributors to the Rural Poor Stimulus Facility (RPSF), which addressed the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The RPSF reached more than 20 million of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

Building on the lessons learned from the RPSF, IFAD launched the Crisis Response Initiative (CRI) in 2022 to protect productive rural livelihoods affected by the global food, fertilizer and fuel crisis associated with the war in Ukraine. As the first donor to the CRI, the Netherlands reaffirmed its strong commitment to supporting low-income countries to overcome the looming food crisis.

### PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT FOR RURAL SMALLHOLDERS

Rural smallholders are among the most underserved private economic actors as private financing is rarely available to them. IFAD's private sector strategy (2019-2024) aims to facilitate an increased leverage of private sector investments to strengthen value chains and access to markets for IFAD target groups.

The Netherlands was one of the early supporters of IFAD's work with the private sector and considers engagement of the private sector crucial to achieve the ambitious targets for 2030.