

**NURTURING
GROWTH,
HARVESTING
CHANGE:
GP-SAEP
CULTIVATING
SUSTAINABLE
FOOD
SYSTEMS
WORLDWIDE**

**GLOBAL PROGRAM FOR
SMALL AGROECOLOGICAL
PRODUCERS AND
SUSTAINABLE
TRANSFORMATION
OF FOOD SYSTEMS
(GP-SAEP)**



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Investing in rural people

The **European Union (EU)**, the **Belgian Development Cooperation** and **IFAD** are with this program embarking on a joint effort with other partners to support the scaling up of agroecology as an effective pathway to achieve sustainable food systems benefitting rural small-scale producers and to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the programme is to contribute to the **transition to sustainable agri-food systems for the benefit of the rural poor**. The development objective is to enable rural small-scale producers to strengthen their practice of agroecology through better access to knowledge, support services, improved technologies and market outlets thereby improving their resilience to climatic, environmental and socioeconomic shocks and stressors as well as food and nutrition security and incomes.

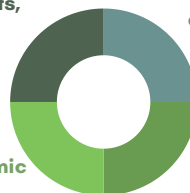
The program is structured around **four components** aimed at addressing challenges faced by small producers adopting agroecology.

1: Enhancing access to agroecological inputs, such as seeds, bio-inputs, and technology.

2: Increasing the value added and markets for agroecological products

4: Enhancing economic analysis tools (EFA+) for agroecological food systems.

3: Strengthening rural advisory services (RAS) and farmer collaboration in agroecological transition.



TARGET GROUP AND AREA

The beneficiaries will be **small-scale agroecology farmers, producers' organisations and agri-food Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**, with particular attention to the inclusion of Indigenous peoples, women, youth and vulnerable groups. It is estimated that **20,000** rural households will directly participate in and benefit from the programme and the parallel financed investment projects it will be linked to.

The GP-SAEP program aims to address the main barriers for scaling up agroecology and transitioning towards sustainable food systems for small producers in **Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean**.

"Agroecology, an integrated approach that simultaneously applies ecological and social concepts and principles to the design and management of agricultural and food systems."

