



Cabo Verde

Marina Nathalia Delgado, a banana and cassava producer, has benefited from the installation of boreholes with photovoltaic water pumping systems.

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Influencing the global agenda and widening impact through partnerships

IFAD engages in global events, forums and debates to use its knowledge – including that derived through knowledge products, impact assessments and evaluation from IFAD’s own programme portfolio – to advocate for investment in rural people.

Engaging in strategic global processes

In 2023, our engagement with the G7 and G20 processes contributed to positive outcomes. In the G7, consensus was reached among leaders on the urgent need for more support for sustainable and resilient agriculture and food systems, outlined in the Hiroshima Action Statement.

Furthermore, the G7 has assigned IFAD lead responsibility for the G7 Presidency’s private sector initiative, which focuses on strengthening G7 private sector engagement with small-scale producers in developing countries.

At the same time, the G20 Leaders’ Summit showed strong support for IFAD and its mission. It endorsed the IFAD13 replenishment and called for ambitious resource mobilization to combat food insecurity generally. The G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration called for strong support for IFAD13 from Member

States. Moreover, both France’s President Emmanuel Macron and the United States Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen expressed strong support for IFAD and its mission at the summit’s closing press conference.

Another important forum for IFAD’s global engagement is the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). In 2023, IFAD provided strategic, technical and financial support to the CFS. This included contributing to the development of the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women’s and Girls’ Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition. Another important process we contributed to was the development of policy recommendations on strengthening data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition. Both of these documents were endorsed at the CFS fifty-first plenary session in October 2023.

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Advocating and sharing knowledge on key themes

One of the areas in which IFAD was particularly active on the global stage during 2023 was remittances and diaspora investment for rural development, building on the work of its Financing Facility for Remittances.

In June, IFAD – in partnership with the United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the World Bank – organized the eighth edition of the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development. Discussions at the global forum contributed to the advancement of the international agenda on remittances and diaspora investment, with a major focus on the African landscape. The 2023 global forum facilitated partnerships across sectors, especially through networking among sectors. Its Remittance Marketplace exhibited best practices from IFAD and others and encouraged future joint initiatives.

The Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development Summit 2023 Outcomes Report contained actionable outcomes for both remittances and diaspora impact investments. It was subsequently fed into discussions at the High-level Week of the United Nations General Assembly, particularly during the SDG Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.

Also in June, IFAD led commemorations of the International Day of Family Remittances 2023 around the theme Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.

Strengthening partnerships

IFAD's most important partnerships are with the rural people we serve. We work closely with farmers' organizations, Indigenous Peoples' groups and youth representatives to help us deliver on our mission. In 2023, we met the Steering Committee of the Farmers' Forum, the Global Steering Committee of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD and members of IFAD's Grassroots Youth Alliance to discuss the priorities of IFAD13.

Representatives of these groups shared their experiences of working with IFAD and made recommendations to further strengthen their partnerships with the Fund. A common priority was the need for predictable and increased support from IFAD to strengthen their participation in policy and related decision-making processes, and in the design and implementation of IFAD-supported projects. These priorities are reflected in the main IFAD13 report and will be carried forward in partnership with the representatives as IFAD13 moves to implementation.

One of IFAD's most important partnerships is with our Rome-based sister United Nations agencies – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme.

In 2023, the Rome-based agencies (RBAs) signed an updated memorandum of understanding during a mission to South Sudan. The memorandum reinforces our joint commitment to addressing global food crises, hunger and malnutrition. It aligns with United Nations reforms, emphasizing cooperation at the country level, clarifying mandates, reducing overlap and identifying opportunities for collective impact. The memorandum supports the Decade of Action, the 2030 Agenda and holistic, multi-stakeholder partnerships to address food security and nutrition challenges. It reflects the dedication of the RBAs to collaboration and shared goals in a world struggling with these issues.

South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) remains a strategic priority. As of 2023, more than 90 per cent of approved country programmes now contain a section dedicated to SSTC. Multiple knowledge-sharing initiatives took place in 2023, including study tours between the regions of East and Southern Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, policy dialogues between governments and exchange visits among projects.

The China-IFAD SSTC Facility has contributed to more than 100 business partnerships and supported the mobilization of over 200 experts and 200 solutions from the Global South. IFAD has also strengthened its SSTC collaboration with other partners including the RBAs, the China International Development Cooperation Agency, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Islamic Development Bank.

Looking ahead, IFAD's priorities on SSTC will closely align with IFAD13 priorities, especially on mobilizing and sharing solutions for climate adaptation. In addition, increased engagement with the private sector will support the building of market, business and knowledge linkages among rural communities.