An overview of IFAD: Who, what, where, why and how

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Food insecurity on the rise, poverty is concentrated in rural areas...

- 79 percent of the extreme poor live in rural areas (WB 2018)

Estimated number and prevalence of undernourished people by country category 2005 – 2018

Agriculture remains key to the prosperity of rural people, but faces many challenges

- **Agricultural growth** is 2-3 times more effective at reducing poverty than other sectors.
- **Climate change** will push more than 100 million people into extreme poverty by 2030.
- **Stability of food supply** is projected to decrease as the magnitude and frequency of extreme weather events disrupt food chains. Vulnerable people will be most affected suggesting need to build resilience.
- **52 per cent** of agricultural land is affected by soil degradation.

778 million youth live in rural, semi-rural and peri-urban where agriculture is a key employer and growth driver.

- **Youth** are three times more likely than adults to be **unemployed** with limited opportunities and rural youth are likely to **migrate**.
- **Biodiversity loss and land degradation** are altering every part of nature.
- 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihood, including 70 million indigenous people.

- While **women** make up 43 percent (and +50 in SSA) of the agricultural labour force, their plots are **20 to 30 percent less productive** than men’s plots.
- If female farmers had the same access to productive resources as men, they could increase yields by 20-30 percent, and total agricultural output by 2.5 to 4 percent.
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IFAD’s vision and mission

VISION
To create vibrant, inclusive and sustainable rural economies, where people live free from extreme poverty and hunger.

MISSION
To transform rural economies and food systems by making them more inclusive, productive, resilient and sustainable.

TO ACHIEVE THIS VISION & MISSION
IFAD invests in the millions of people who are most at risk of being left behind: poor, small-scale producers, women, young people and other vulnerable groups and targets “the last mile”.

IFAD’s role in leaving no-one behind

General policies and investments

- Broad-based economic growth → Structural transformation
- Agricultural growth → Rural and food system transformation

IFAD Strategic objectives

Social protection and humanitarian assistance

Productive transformation

IFAD Strategic goal

- SDG 1.1: Eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere
- SDG 1.5: Build the resilience of the poor
- SDG 2.3: Double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers
- SDG 2.4: Implement resilient agricultural practices
IFAD’s approach to achieving its mission

- Targeting extreme poor and food insecure (direct or indirectly)
- Strong focus on inclusion of vulnerable populations (women, youth, indigenous people, persons with disabilities…)
- Promoting nutrition

- Programme of loans and grants
- People centred investments
- Investing in productive rural transformation (agriculture, value chains, infrastructure, nonfarm)
- Fostering growth of rural institutions
- Addressing environmental concerns and climate change
- Working with the private sector
## Integrated mainstreaming themes

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Critical steps currently needed

- Take a **country-specific approach** to continue to address rural poverty and food insecurity
- Use more **effectively and mobilize additional resources** for countries where rural poverty & hunger is stalling or getting worse
- Empower rural women, youth and marginalized groups to ensure no one is left behind
- Make **climate change** central to development efforts and work in **fragile situations**
- Expand **kinds of resources** and increase their **flow**
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