



## Executive Board Consultation

Climate Resilience, Food Security and Nutrition in the Northeast  
Semiarid of Brazil Project – Dom Helder Camara III (PDHC III) | Brazil

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# I. Rationale: Building on PDHC I & II Successful Experiences



**PDHC III** is the third phase of IFAD's **successful partnership** with the federal government, building on past achievements and **25 years of experience** in Northeast Brazil's semiarid region.

- ✓ **Top-Ranked Project:** PDHC II ranked among **IFAD's top five projects globally**, showing high impact and continuity despite challenging conditions\*
- ✓ **Established Impact:** PDHC phases I & II are widely recognised in Northeast Brazil as a successful and impactful programme, **now viewed as a valued federal policy**.
- ✓ **Policy Alignment and Influence:** PDHC connected with IFAD's broader project portfolio, enhancing policy influence and raising the international visibility of MDA's policies.
- ✓ **Strong Stakeholder Demand:** Substantial demand for the continuation of PDHC from MDA, state governments, and civil society due to its proven effectiveness and reputation.
- ✓ **Top Priority for MDA\*\*:** PDHC ranks among the **MDA's top 10 priorities**, highlighting its importance at the federal level.



# II.1. Dom Helder Camara III at a Glance



**Duration** 6 years

**Project Area** Federal (Semiarid 10 states)

**Total cost: US\$ 155 million**

## Financing

- **IFAD:** US\$ 35 million (BRAM)
- **Federal Government:** US\$ 100 million
- **Beneficiaries:** US\$ 20 million (in-kind)  
*(IFAD finances 22.5% of total cost)*

**Co-financing ratio** 1:3.5

## Implementing Agencies

Ministry of Agrarian Development and Family Farming (MDA)

## Beneficiaries

**90 000 households (315 000 people)**

50% women, 30% youth,  
7% traditional peoples and communities

## II.2. Objectives and Project's Features

**GOAL:** To contribute to reducing rural poverty, and food and nutrition insecurity in smallholder farmers.

### Components

**C1:** Promoting Food and Nutrition Security from an Agroecological Perspective  
(91.2% of total project cost)

**C2:** Capacity Building, Innovation, and Dissemination

**C3:** Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- ✔ **Innovative Approaches:** Territorial approach to enhance project targeting, Virtual Technical Assistance (VTA), and Rural Schools for rural youth.
- ✔ **Agroecology and Climate Resilience** through **sustainable practices** such as sustainable water management and basic drinking water supply.
- ✔ **Policy Influence and Scale:** Strengthening IFAD's role as a strategic partner for Brazil's government for **achieving effective rural policies using KM, SSTC\***
- ✔ **Inter-ministerial partnership**, involving the Social Development (MDS); Agriculture; Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI); and the Environment and Climate Change (MMA) sectors.

Thank you

