



# Youth Agropastoral Entrepreneurship Promotion Programme – Phase II (AEP- YOUTH II) Cameroon

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# AEP-YOUTH AT A GLANCE



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<b>Duration</b>	8 years
<b>Programme Area</b>	33 production basins of the 10 regions of Cameroon with a phased approach
<b>Financing</b>	<p><b>Total Costs: US\$132.6 Million</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gov: US\$16.9 million</li> <li>• IFAD: US\$ 23.3 million</li> <li>• Rural Financial Institutions: US\$ 38.4 million</li> <li>• Beneficiaries' contribution: US\$10.5 million</li> <li>• Financing gap: US\$43.5 million</li> <li>• FIPS: US\$ 1.5 million</li> </ul>
<b>Co-financing Ratio</b>	International 1: 2.5 Domestic 1:2.8
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry of Livestock, animal husbandry and Fisheries
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	130 000 Youth direct(45% women) within 100 000 HH reaching 550,000 people in total

# PROGRAMME RATIONALE

## Problem Context

- Social inequalities, high poverty and unemployment (rural youth and women)
- Conflicts and fragility in some regions.
- Limited Youth entrepreneurial capacities
- Limited access to nutritious food and dietary diversity.
- Limited access to financial services.
- Inadequate infrastructure, weak market linkages.
- Vulnerability to weather and environmental risks

## Programme Logic

- Socio-economic targeting of youth ( C1, C2 and C3).
- Support agro-pastoral enterprises (MSMEs) generating viable jobs.
- Fragility response lens: tailored support in conflict situations.
- Enhancing youth entrepreneurial capacity with (Non-financial services).
- Socio-economic empowerment of women, nutrition education, and dietary diversification.
- Capacity development of financial service providers.
- Access to finance: targeting youth enterprises - Revolving Fund in FIs and Start-up grants.
- Invest in climate resilient production and market infrastructure
- COMPACT commitments: Value Chain development.

# PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

## COMPONENT 1:

Development of the young agro-pastoral capacities

- 27 Incubation centres capacitated to offer entrepreneurship trainings, skills and business coaching
- 20 000 youth have developed viable business plans with at least 30% sensitive to environmental, climate nutrition.

- 10 000 enterprises with access to Financial and non-financial services.
- Land development: market gardening, construction of 110 storage/conservation units and rehabilitation and maintenance of municipal roads.

- Policy frameworks for doing business with young entrepreneurs' network will be improved

## COMPONENT 2:

Access to finance and financial services

- Economic insertion of vulnerable groups within selected V.C. of their choices.
- 10 000 enterprises (MSMEs) will be financed and linked to FIs and IFRs.

- Increased number of IFRs and youth capacitated with financial inclusion skills.
- Credit volume to agro-pastoral SMEs increased( US\$ 36-38M).

- Conducive policy environment for Youth entrepreneurship and employment
- IFRS and MSMEs compliant with SFCAP measures

## COMPONENT 3:



Emergency response to fragile security situations and natural disasters

- Timely Emergency response to situations of extreme fragilities.


- Increased resilience of affected communities.

- Increased capacity of local institutions to respond to emergencies.

# SPECIAL FEATURES

Mainstreaming Themes	Building on Good Practices	Partnerships & Private Sector
<p>IFAD climate finance of US\$ 9.7 million and SECAP considerations</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Based on lessons learned from AEP Youth I</li><li>• Synergies with ongoing projects (PADFA II on rice and onion VC) and ACREGIR/CAFI on climate Adaptation/ Agro-ecological transition</li><li>• Exit strategy from onset for sustainability</li><li>• Providing feedback and grievance redress mechanisms for beneficiaries</li><li>• Building on fragility analysis and IFAD strategies to intervene in fragile contexts</li></ul>	<p><b>Contributing to UNCT, Domestic and international Financiers, Private Sector, Farmers' Organizations, Youth groups, Incubation centers</b></p>

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Mainstreaming Themes	Building on Good Practices	Strategic Alignment
<p><b>Nutritive-sensitive</b></p>	<p><b>Borrowing the PADFA II nutritional model</b> and its nutritional inclusion approaches.</p>	<p><b>Aligned to Government priorities and IFAD mandate &amp; cooperation framework</b></p>
<p><b>Women's empowerment &gt; 45% beneficiaries are women</b></p>	<p>Adopting <b>women empowerment approaches.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDSR/PNIA : 2020-2030</li> <li>• PIISAH : 2024-2026</li> <li>• Compact Cameroun (2022-2026)</li> <li>• Nationally Determined Contributions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Youth-sensitive:</b> 100% of targeted beneficiaries are young women and men</p> 	<p>Promoting <b>climate adaptation practices and sustainability</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COSOP 2019-2026</li> <li>• IFAD Strategic Framework (2016-2025)</li> </ul>

# Thank You

