

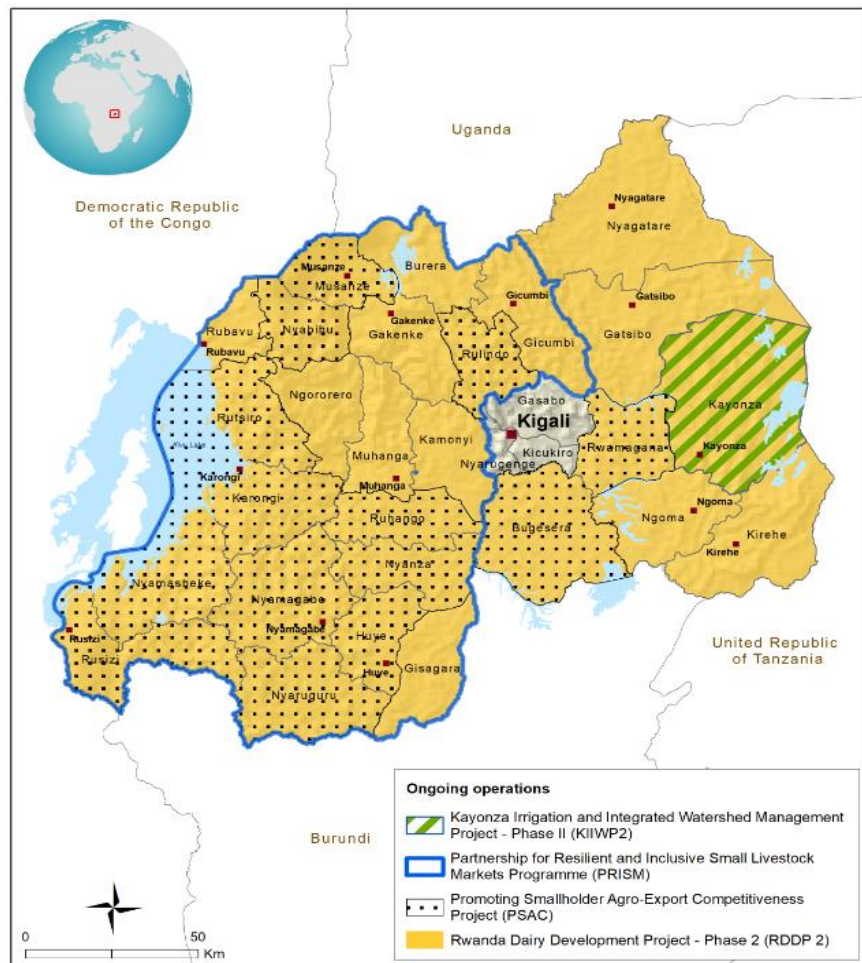


## Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (2025-2030) | Rwanda

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# IFAD portfolio coverage in the Republic of Rwanda

## Map of Rwanda showing IFAD coverage



## COSOP at a glance

**Duration** 6 years (2025 to 2030)

### Focus Areas

Climate-smart production and market access; increased efficiency and investment across agri-food systems through innovation, digital technologies, and incl. financing.

### Target groups

- Smallholder farmers with potential to graduate to more market-oriented systems
- MSMEs in agri-food systems
- Women, youth, and vulnerable groups (e.g., persons with disabilities)

### Goal

To reduce poverty and strengthen sustainable food security and nutrition in vulnerable rural households

### Financing

PBAS and BRAM funds from IFAD13 and 14 cycles, plus potential Private Sector Financing Programme, and co-financing from Government and Development Partners

### Beneficiaries

Approximately 450,000 people

# COSOP Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives	Detailed approach
<b>1</b> <b>Enhanced production, climate resilience, market access and nutritional practices</b> for smallholder households within agri-food systems, with a particular focus on the empowerment of women, youth and vulnerable groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By supporting enhanced climate-smart crop and livestock productivity, promoting market access and connections to MSMEs and other private sector actors, and</li><li>• By promoting nutritional behavior change and nutrition-sensitive value chains.</li></ul>
<b>2</b> <b>Increased efficiency and investment across agri-food systems</b> through frontier innovation, digital technologies and financing mechanisms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• By promoting more vibrant and advanced agri-food systems with support to various actors to increase their adoption of efficiency-enhancing digital technologies, and</li><li>• By promoting innovative financing mechanisms such as blended finance.</li></ul>



# Key Priorities of the COSOP



## Private Sector Engagement

- Leverage private sector(PS) investment in agri-food systems (NSO).
- Strengthen market linkages between producers and commercial buyers.
- De-risk operations in key value chains to encourage direct investment.



## SSTC

- Promote knowledge sharing and technology transfer through regional & national learning routes.
- Focus on irrigation, climate-smart agriculture, livestock, export value chains, and PPPs.
- Role as a provider country for SSTC.



## Partnerships

- Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, including:
- Government (MINAGRI, RAB, NAEB)
  - UN Agencies
  - Development partners (World Bank, AfDB, etc.)
  - Civil Society (CSOs)
  - Private Sector



## Sustainability and Scaling

- Local ownership of assets and project investments.
- Enabling environment for market-driven PS participation.
- Harmonize and scale up proven project innovations (incl. rural finance).
- Use Knowledge Management and CLPE to promote scaling-up by the Government.

# Lessons Learned to be applied by COSOP 2025-2030

## IFAD relevance

- Leverage IFAD's proven strategic advantage and results in key areas where it has a strong track record, such as climate resilience, livestock, and export promotion.

## Rural Finance

- Move away from a reliance on unsustainable matching grants and increase the focus on private sector investment, innovative financing, and digital finance to improve sustainability and outreach.

## Value chain approach

- Intensify focus on the inclusion of youth and women within value chains
- Using proven tools like GALS, and further integrate ICT4D for agro-advisory, financial services, and market access.

## Institutional Capacity

- Address implementation bottlenecks by working directly with Project Agencies and National Institutions to ensure smooth alignment with IFAD and country systems and procedures

**Thank you!**