

# Executive Board Consultation

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Strategic  
Opportunities  
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## COSOP at a glance

**Duration** 5 years (2025 to 2030)

**Focus Areas** Climate resilience and sustainable natural resource management, economic resilience through inclusive value chains and evidence-based policy engagement

**Target groups** Rural smallholders, particularly those involved in livestock remote rural areas and communities, characterized by higher poverty and food in-security levels, vulnerability to climate change and water scarcity.  
poor smallholders and small-scale rural entrepreneurs with a focus on empowering rural Women and youth

**Goal** To reduce rural poverty and enhance food and nutrition security by strengthening smallholder farmers and rural entrepreneurs' resilience to economic and climate shocks through efficient land and water management, inclusive access to finance and markets, and sustainable production, contributing to resilient and inclusive food systems.

**Financing** *Approx. US\$353 million + co-financing*

**Target group** 879,000 people / 390,000 households



# COSOP Strategic Objectives

Strategic objectives	Detailed approach
<b>1</b> Enhance climate resilience and sustainable natural resource management	Strengthen the resilience of rural farmers, women, and youth by encouraging sustainable resource use, efficient water management, community groups like Water User Associations (WUAs), climate-smart crops, nature-based solutions, biodiversity, soil conservation, and eco-friendly technologies for sustainable livelihoods.
<b>2</b> Improve economic resilience through inclusive value chains	Support rural farmers and entrepreneurs, especially women and youth, by promoting new agricultural technologies, better financing, improved facilities, strong farmer groups, and market partnerships to boost productivity and food security.
<b>3</b> Advance evidence-based policy engagement	Strengthen pro-poor policy engagement by leveraging field experiences and amplifying evidence via the Nexus of Water, Food and Energy (NWFE) and allied programmes, fostering stakeholder collaboration, and scaling climate-smart, market-driven, socially inclusive agricultural and rural finance models within national policies and programmes.

# Key Priorities of the COSOP



## Private Sector Engagement

- Enhancing market-focused value chains via private sector involvement, collaboration, digital tools, and incentives.
- Boosted private sector investment in value chains and partnerships with aggregators and food processors.



## South-South Triangular Cooperation

- Egypt plans to be a regional SSTC hub for Africa and MENA by utilizing Chinese expertise.
- The program includes Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), water-saving tech, Front Office support, inclusive value chains, agribusiness, export promotion, and incorporates digital learning and AI tools.



## Partnerships

Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders, including:

- UN agencies including RBAs
- Climate finance (GCF, AF, GEF)
- Development partners (GIZ, CIDCA, AECID,)



## Sustainability and Scaling

- Policy involvement
- Strengthening institutions and linking smallholder farmers to value chains
- Customized financial products and better infrastructure
- Utilizing IFAD's leadership in the NWFE Food Pillar to expand successful models and share knowledge



# Other Elements of the COSOP



## Loans and Grants

- The programme will be financed through a combination of loan instruments: **82% PBAS and 16% BRAM and 2% Climate Change Top-Up** under IFAD13
- Potential **co-financing** with GEF, GCF, AF and GIZ, AECID and CIDCA.



## Country-level Policy Engagement

- Support strengthening of **private veterinary services**, and governance of **Pasture User Unions (PUUs)**
- Technical assistance and analytical support to build institutional capacity for **policy development**, (with World Bank, ADB, and FAO)



## Capacity Building

- Strengthening Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Participating Financial Institutions' (PFIs) capacities including Agricultural Cooperatives, Marketing Associations, Water Users Associations and strengthening the voice of Women and youth.
- IFAD will be strengthening the capacities of the PMUs by embedding CC and KM specialists
- Ensure coordination between MALR and MWRI on the field level



## Knowledge Management

- Strengthening knowledge generation, sharing, and application to refine strategies in the food, water and climate pillars
- Training, workshops, and case studies focusing on CSA to enhance productivity and resilience
- KM products will inform policy dialogue.



# Lessons Learned to be applied by COSOP 2025-2030

Innovative and sustainable irrigation models	Explicit and actionable poverty targeting strategies	Fostering financial inclusion	Partnership-building
<p><i>Utilizing solar powered systems for drip irrigation demonstrate effective national-level practices using clean energy, reducing diesel costs.</i></p> <p><i>Sustainability of interventions addressing water use efficiency warrant a higher emphasis on operational and maintenance arrangements and cost recovery pathways.</i></p> <p><i>(CSPE recommendations)</i></p>	<p>To enhance the outreach to most vulnerable populations, maximise impact, optimise the use of scarce resources and support scalability.</p> <p><i>(CSPE Recommendation)</i></p>	<p>Promoting innovative financial products such as credit guarantees, digital banking and agent banking and cost-effectively expand services delivery</p> <p><i>(CSPE Recommendations)</i></p>	<p>Effective partnerships with national bodies, international development partners and grassroots organisations for advancing evidence based policies and better youth and women inclusion</p> <p><i>(CSPE Recommendation)</i></p>
			

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