

# Executive Board Consultation

Country Strategic  
Opportunities  
Programme  
(2026-2031) | Sri  
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# IFAD portfolio coverage in Sri Lanka

## COSOP at a glance

<b>Duration</b>	2026 to 2031 (6 years)
<b>Focus Areas</b>	Provinces and districts with relatively high poverty and climate vulnerability, the potential for diversified production systems and value chain development.
<b>Target groups</b>	Rural smallholder farmers and fisherfolk, multidimensional poor, landless, marginalised and climate vulnerable households.
<b>Goal</b>	Contribute to inclusive and accelerated rural poverty reduction, enhance climate resilience, and improve food security through pursuing sustainable agriculture modernisation and commercialisation.
<b>Financing*</b>	<i>Approx. \$137.45 million plus co-financing</i>
<b>Outreach</b>	<i>Approx. 150,000 rural households</i>






\* IFAD14 and IFAD15 financing amounts will be subject to the outcome of the respective replenishment process, internal procedures and subsequent Executive Board approval.



# COSOP Strategic Objectives






## Strategic Objective 1: Increased income and food security of small-scale producers

### Detailed Approach:

-  **Productivity & Diversification** - Introduce climate-smart irrigation and improved technologies to boost yields and diversify crops.
-  **Climate-Smart Agriculture** - Promote efficient water use, community capacity building, and awareness on climate risks.
-  **Post-Harvest & Nutrition** - Strengthen post-harvest technologies, value addition, and nutrition-sensitive farming.
-  **Sustainability & Natural Resource Management** - Scale up sustainable farming and NRM for climate adaptation.
-  **Risk Mitigation** - Explore climate and disaster-resilient insurance schemes for smallholders.

## Strategic Objective 2: Improved access to agricultural markets and services

### Detailed Approach:

-  **Market Integration** - Link smallholders to competitive value chains; create jobs for youth, women, and vulnerable groups.
-  **Innovation & Entrepreneurship** - Support business innovation, agripreneurship, and access to finance.
-  **Demand-Driven Agriculture** - Shift from supply-led to demand-responsive agricultural systems.
-  **Partnerships** - Engage private agribusinesses, input suppliers, and traders as co-investors and partners.
-  **Institutional Capacity** - Strengthen technical, organizational, and market capacities for inclusive growth.

# Key Priorities of the COSOP (2026–2031)



## *Private Sector Engagement*

### **Key Priorities:**

- **Enable private sector participation** in agri-services, value chains, and investment.
- **Improve policy and financing frameworks** for smallholders, women, and youth.
- **Strengthen partnerships** with government, financial institutions, and private sector to support evidence-based policy dialogue.



## *South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)*

### **Key Priorities:**

- **Facilitate knowledge exchange and technology transfer** for climate-smart, competitive, and resilient agriculture.
- **Promote joint ventures and investment linkages** between public and private sectors for local and export markets.
- **Leverage regional platforms** such as **SAARC, ASEAN**, and **trade fairs**



## *Strategic Partnerships*

### **Key Priorities:**

- **Deepen collaboration with GoSL** and ministries for policy reform, counterpart funding, and scaling up investments.
- **Strengthen co-financing and coordination** with partners (ADB, WB, OPEC, JICA, EU, Climate Funds)
- **Align with the UNSDCF and UN agencies** on climate-smart agriculture, nutrition, and resilience-building initiatives.



## *Sustainability and Scaling Up*

### **Key Priorities:**

- **Build capacity of small-scale producers and institutions.**
- **Promote sustainable natural resource management** through long-term **4P partnerships.**
- **Strengthen government capacities** in policy formulation and implementation.
- **Scale up IFAD innovations** across the sector.



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# Thank You

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