

Executive Board Consultation

Country Strategic
Opportunities
Programme
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Country Context: Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

- Upper Middle-Income Country (UMIC)
- Strong macroeconomic stability: GDP growth averaging 5%
- Agriculture contributes 4.5% to GDP, and generates 7.2% of national employment.
- Growing tourism industry: + 11M tourists / year

Challenges

- Small Island Development State (SIDS)
- Rural poverty (22%)
- Job informality (54%)
- Inequality (Gini 0.386)
- High vulnerability to climate change and extreme weather events
- The Dominican Republic has two agricultural systems:
 - Large export-oriented farms (19%)
 - Small family farms, with low productivity and competitiveness

COSOP 2026 – 2031: integrating lessons from previous COSOP & CSPE

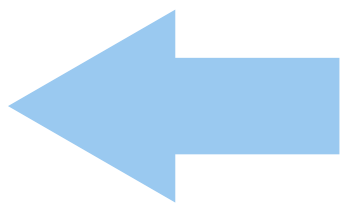
	2018–2025 COSOP	CSPE and CCR Recommendations	2026–2031 COSOP: Key features of the UMIC tailored approach
Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Productive inclusion Resilience to economic, social and environmental shocks Learning platforms for national policy dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shift the paradigm of the COSOP towards new rurality actors, leveraging local capacities and knowledge ✓ Prioritize sustainability: from isolated interventions to territorial development ✓ Pursue interventions on natural resource management and climate change adaptation ✓ Support public policies and institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation: financial inclusion, digitalization and value addition • Scalability: (i) Replicable territorial models; (ii) South-south and triangular cooperation • Global Public Goods: Climate-smart agriculture, efficient irrigation, mitigation co-benefits, ecosystem restoration • Strong institutions: strengthening rural institutions, policies and governance through evidence-based rural development policies
Delivery Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-private alliances Producer organization empowerment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Strong project management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships: with Public-Development Bank and private sector engagement • Assembler of finance: Leverage domestic and international co-financing




COSOP 2026-2031: Strategic Objectives

GOAL: Contribute to inclusive rural transformation by strengthening institutions, supporting climate-resilient and inclusive practices in priority value chains, and expanding access to inclusive finance.

IFAD UMIC Tailored Approach

- Innovation
- Public Goods
- Strong institutions
- Scalability
- Partnerships
- Assembler of finance



National Development Strategies 2030 & Strategic guidelines for planning 2025-2028	 SO1	Catalyze income growth and entrepreneurship among rural populations, with a focus on women and youth , promoting competitive, innovative and inclusive value chains through value addition, financial inclusion, digitalization, and technology
	 SO2	Improve the resilience of rural people and landscapes to climate change through sustainable natural resource management and climate change adaptation/mitigation , including the adoption of efficient irrigation technologies that will reduce GHG emissions, contributing to global public goods
	 SO3	Improve the effectiveness of agricultural and rural development policies by strengthening institutional capacities at the local, provincial and national levels, supporting an evidence-based approach in policy making, inter-institutional coordination, and SSTC



Financing resources and instruments for the new COSOP

Financing resources – Sovereign Operations

IFAD13
US\$10m



Cofinancing: Domestic (US\$ 20m)
& International (US\$ 50m)

Envelope IFAD14 US\$10m / (tbc) - BRAM

Ongoing portfolio:



- IFAD10: PRORURAL IR (until 2027): US\$10.38m
- IFAD11: PRORURAL Joven (until 2029): US\$13.85m

Other instruments

- Regional grants
- Supplementary Funds
- Private Sector (NSO)



Transitional assessment framework: Proxy indicators and targets

		COSOP Approval (2025)	COSOP Results Review (2028)	COSOP Completion Review (2031)
Criteria	Indicator	At Design	Mid-Term Benchmark	Completion Target
 Ability to access external capital for development				
	Credit rating (Moody's)	Ba3 (2024)	Ba3	Ba2
 Institutions/policies for sustainable rural development				
Rural Sector Performance Assessment	Overall RSPA Rating	4.3 (2024)	4.6	4.9
	Policies/Frameworks (1.1)	4.8 (2024)	4.89	4.98
	National Climate Change Policies (3.2)	4.8 (2024)	4.89	4.98
	Access/Use rural financial services (4.1)	4.6 (2024)	4.9	5.2
Progress toward SDG				
SDG 1 Poverty	Poverty headcount ratio	19% (2024)	15%	13%
	Monetary poverty (rural)	22.8^% (2024)	18.3%	16.7%
	Multidimensional poverty (rural)	17.46% (2024)	13.21%	11.35%
SDG 2 Zero Huner	Prevalence of undernourishment	4.6% (2021-2023)	3.8%	3%
	Food self-sufficiency	89.6% (2024)	92.9%	94.8%
SDG 5 Gender Equality	Gender employment gap	25.9% (2023)	23.7%	32.54%
	Gender income gap (monthly) in the agricultural sector	35.68% (2024)	33.61%	32.54%
SDG 10 Inequality	Gini coefficient	0.386 (2024)	0.343	0.32
	Income share of lowest 20%	6.6% (2022)	7.3%	7.7%





Conclusions and way forward

- Focus our **investments and policy efforts on key areas where IFAD can add value** in order to maximise impact
- Diversify and establish new partnerships
- Strengthen SSTC
- Leveraging cofinancing
- Monitor progress on COSOP targets and projections: Annual, mid-term and at completion

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