

Executive Board Consultation

Country Strategic
Opportunities
Programme (2026-
2033) | India

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IFAD portfolio coverage in India

COSOP at a glance

Duration 2026 to 2033 (8 years)

Focus Areas 10 poorest states, climate-vulnerable Himalayan states and Government identified 112 aspirational districts will be priority areas

Target groups Smallholders, landless people, women-headed households, youth, persons with disabilities and socially marginalised groups.

Goal Building comprehensive rural prosperity and resilience within the framework of Viksit Bharat @ 2047

Financing* *Approx. \$ 160 million + co-financing*

Outreach *Approx. 3 million households (approx. 13.2 million persons)*

* 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 & Approach (2026–2033)

Strategic objectives

1. Social, economic and climatic resilience of rural communities is enhanced in line with India's commitment towards poverty-free villages.

2. Enhanced performance, visibility and scalability of interventions through strengthened knowledge systems.

Detailed approach

This will be achieved through: (i) building sustainable Community institutions; (ii) diversifying rural incomes and enhancing climate resilience; (iii) improving access to skills, technology, finance, infrastructure, and markets; (iv) promoting inclusive, climate-resilient value chains; and (v) deepening private sector engagement. IFAD will also explore cofinanced projects with IFIs and MDBs, combining infrastructure investments with IFAD's first-mile outreach using a lighthouse model.

This will be achieved through: (i) stronger partnerships with development, knowledge, and policy institutions; (ii) tools and platforms for knowledge exchange, including farmer-to-farmer learning; and (iii) SSTC to replicate and scale up successful practices beyond India. A key focus will be on improved M&E systems, evidence-based studies and partnership with other development agencies.

Key Priorities of the COSOP (2026–2033)

Private Sector Engagement

- Inclusive value chains using 4Ps model.
- Enterprise financing
- Improved inputs/ technologies for climate adaptation.
- Digital extension, marketing and technical assistance.
- Help innovations reach last mile

South South Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)

- Leverage India's rural development expertise in poverty reduction, financial inclusion, start-up incubation, dairy etc.
- Partnerships with Knowledge Institutions and other Development Organizations
- Centres of Excellence on gender-transformative approaches.

Strategic Partnerships

- Government- national and state
- Development partners- IFIs, Bi-laterals, Foundations, UN Agencies
- Technical and Policy bodies- NABARD, Niti Aayog, NDDB etc.
- Private sector

Sustainability and Scaling Up

- Ensure financial, technical and social viability of investments
- Capacity strengthening of communities to leverage investments from domestic sources/ Govt schemes
- Collaboration with private sector for market-led sustainable production.
- Advocacy with Govt (for scaling up)

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