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1. At its ninety-eighth session in December 2009, the Executive Board authorised the President of IFAD to approve, on behalf of the Board, grants not exceeding the equivalent of US\$500,000, with the exception of grant financing to the for-profit private sector, and to report annually to the Executive Board on the use of such authority.
2. A description is attached of the grants approved under this agreement in 2011, up to and including 31 December 2011. These grants are listed and described by relevant division. The grants were subject to the criteria and approval process presented in the Revised IFAD Policy for Grant Financing, which was approved in December 2009 (EB 2009/98/R.9/Rev.1).

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APR	Building Capacity for Women's Leadership in Farmer Producer Organizations in the Asia and the Pacific Region	Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)	500 000	The goal is to create a culture of women's leadership and advocacy of change in countries where performance on gender issues has been weak and rural sector performance in women's representation at Government level is low. The overall objective of the project is to: (i) strengthen the capacities and competencies of rural women leaders in a sustainable way; (ii) build support from their male colleagues and counterparts for gender equality and women's leadership; and (iii) strengthen the competencies of key members of project stakeholders and representatives of beneficiaries in IFAD project areas to allow them to express themselves, choose their leaders appropriately and hold them accountable, and manage their own organizations effectively.
APR	Rural-Urban Migration Study and Institutional Development & Capacity Building for Policy & Planning Division (RUMS & IDCB)	Kingdom of Bhutan	200 000	The aim is to accomplish the major policy objectives of the renewable natural resources (RNR) sector to enhance sustainable rural livelihoods, promote sustainable utilization of arable agriculture and pasture land resources, conserve and promote sustainable utilization of forest and water resources and enhance food security. The objectives are to: (a) conduct a Rural-Urban Migration (RUM) Study; (b) institutional development; and (c) development of Supply & Utilization Accounts and a Food Balance Sheet.
COM	Empowering Developing Country Journalists	Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF)	289 140	The main goal is to build the capacity of developing country journalists and editors to report effectively on stories involving rural poverty, with the overall objective of bringing the voices of poor rural women and men to the attention of policy and decision makers worldwide. This is being accomplished by conducting a series of skills development and issue awareness workshops – each of them focused on rural poverty and the linkages between the concerns of smallholder farmers and efforts to meet global food security challenges. Workshops were conducted coinciding with the 2011 meeting of the IFAD Governing Council in Rome, Italy in February; at the African launch of IFAD's Rural Poverty Report in Cape Town, South Africa in May; in Dhaka, Bangladesh in November and in Barrichara, Colombia in December. The final workshop is planned for April 2012 in Alexandria, Egypt.

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	"Feeding the Future" global television series	TVE	499 932	The goal is to raise awareness among key audiences of unfolding global food trends, their impact on smallholder farmers in developing countries and the decisions that need to be made today in order to feed a growing world population of 9.5 billion people by 2050. Objectives include: a) capture and disseminate knowledge globally on the contribution of small holder agricultural to global food security; b) raise questions, present new viewpoints, promote discussion and policy dialogue based on agricultural output required to feed future generations; c) demonstrate to policymakers and commercial and non-commercial sector that small-scale agriculture can respond to growing demand for food and other agricultural goods and services, generating income and a range of other benefits for poor rural people; and e) convey to global audiences the role that IFAD plays in supporting small holder agriculture.
ESA	Development of a viable Cash-on-the-Bag transaction model for small farmers in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda	PRIDE AFRICA	440 000	The goal is to contribute to the establishment of a secure and trustworthy environment for agricultural marketing in East Africa. The objective of the grant is to develop a commercially viable financing system for cash-on-the-bag payments within a secure transaction service to small farmers in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. There are three target groups for this project: (a) Vulnerable small farmers who are the clients of the rural business communication networks; (b) Rural entrepreneurs in the local market linkage networks who gain income and employment from the business opportunity; and (c) IFAD-supported projects and partners providing improved market access to smallholder farmers in East and Southern Africa.
ESA	Land and Natural Resource Tenure Security Learning Initiative for East and Southern Africa (TSLI – ESA)	United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT/Global Land Tool Network	200 000	The goal is to contribute to the development and integration of pro-poor tools and approaches for securing land and natural resource rights into development programmes. This goal will be achieved through the following objectives: (a) Improve research and analysis by the Fund, IFAD-supported programmes and projects and other stakeholders on issues and measures for strengthening land and natural resource tenure security of poor women and men; (b) Strengthen the capacity of the Fund, IFAD-supported programmes and other stakeholders in country strategy development, project/programme design and implementation support; and (c) Strengthen the role of the Fund, IFAD-supported programmes and other stakeholders in lesson sharing and policy

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				dialogue, on land and natural resource tenure security issues.
ESA	Strengthen capacity of Eastern African farmers' organizations through knowledge management and institutional development	Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)	150 000	The goal is to strengthen the capacity of Eastern Africa national farmer organizations and the regional umbrella organization (EAFF) to mobilize and represent poor smallholder farmers, and to provide services to their members. The purpose of the grant will be to support the initial development of a knowledge management and learning system within national farmer organizations and the Recipient that enables: continuous learning and improvement of their organizational capacity; fulfilment of their core functions; and provision to IFAD-funded and other development projects of support in farmer-based learning and knowledge management. The target countries are Kenya and Tanzania, with a focus on linking with IFAD-supported and other rural development projects in those countries.
ESA	Documentation training for IFAD supported projects	Stichting ILEIA Foundation	150 000	The goal is to strengthen the East and Southern Africa (ESA) regional knowledge management process by facilitating the development of documentation skills of staff in IFAD-supported projects and in Government departments. The objective is to build hands-on skills and capacities of project and government staff, in 3 countries, in the documentation of their own practical experience.
ESA	Development of an innovative Baobab mobile unit technology for replication across Southern Africa to improve the processing of Baobab fruit powder	PhytoTrade Africa	70 000	The goal is to enable poor rural communities in southern Africa to generate supplementary incomes through the socially and environmentally sustainable trade of natural products (NPs) by PhytoTrade Africa Member businesses. This project will focus on innovation for the processing of <i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab). The objective is to develop a mobile technology to become more efficient, reach more remote areas and rural producers in Southern Africa, expand the supply base and enable rapid scaling up and replication across the region.

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LAC	LAC-Brazil Agricultural Innovation Marketplace	Fundação Arthur Bernardes (FUNARBE)	500 000	The project will support the development of a mutually agreed framework for sustainable collaborations between Brazil and other Latin American and Caribbean countries. The Marketplace will open a new source of expertise to identify and target pro-poor, smallholder-based projects utilizing Brazilian innovation and research. It will develop efforts to contribute to close the gaps between countries with different levels of relative development. The goals of this project are to develop partnerships between agricultural researchers and experts in Latin American countries and Brazil, to strengthen pro-poor agricultural development, and to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. This initiative is expected to lead to the generation of concrete and productive partnerships between agricultural research and development organizations supporting poor smallholders in LAC.
LAC	Building and Scaling-Up Knowledge on High Andean Livestock	Fundación Biodiversidad (Argentina)	497 000	The goal is to strengthen the productive sector of South American camelids for the benefit of the poorest breeders and small artisans by facilitating the relationship between stakeholders; and making information, knowledge, skills and contacts available, in order to improve decision making of these stakeholders and their links to most promising markets. The objectives are to: (a) identify, strengthen and scale up innovative initiatives of the camelid sector providing financial and managerial support to innovative activities, facilitating access to new resources for those business ventures that prove to be successful, adaptable, replicable relevant for poverty alleviation and scalable inside and outside the community, and at the same time are valuable for the development of the sector; (b) improve knowledge management, utilizing tools relevant to the sustainable development of Andean livestock; (c) promote policy dialogue, based on formulation and submission of national, regional and local strategies, policies, plans and programs to promote integrated development of Andean camelid livestock.

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LAC	Peru as a Learning Territory: Scaling up successful methodologies for empowerment in rural development	Fundación Capital	250 000	<p>The goal is to contribute to the understanding and scaling-up of best practices in rural poverty reduction, based on the successful methodologies implemented in IFAD projects in the Southern Highlands of Peru. The development objective is to increase the capacity of rural development practitioners for scaling up innovations developed and validated by IFAD Projects in the Southern Highlands of Peru, regarding mainly three strategic areas: civic and financial inclusion; territorial development based on the valorization of cultural identity; and local knowledge management.</p> <p>Specific objectives include: (i) Identify the most successful elements and processes to obtain sustainable results in empowerment, local knowledge management, and social, civic and financial inclusion of rural poor; (ii) Disseminate best practices through a "Learning Territory" in which rural development practitioners can learn from the local talents about successful methodologies; and (iii) Local talents and rural development practitioners form a network to share knowledge and replicate best practices.</p>
LAC	Productive Capacity Building, Business and Export Market Access for Women Producers of Vegetables 275 of the Cooperative "MUJERES 4 PINOS"	Cooperativa Agrícola Integral "Mujeres 4 Pinos", R. L.	250 000	<p>The goal is that 275 women cooperative members / producers in rural Guatemala improve their access to markets and income. The objectives are to: (a) facilitate the construction of infrastructure to support post-harvest production; (b) reduce post-harvest losses in production; (c) generate local employment in production, sorting and packaging processes; (d) strengthen the capacity of the 275 women business and vegetable producers; (e) create a sustainable rural organization that promotes the generation of additional income for the families of women members of the cooperative, incorporating their work in the production and marketing of vegetables; and (f) promote the sustainable management of natural resources and access to technology.</p>
LAC	Legal Preparedness for Climate Change and Rural Development in Latin America	International Development Law Organization (IDLO)	248 865	<p>The goal is to reinforce legal preparedness for climate change in Latin America, while at the same time helping to secure access to the benefits of climate finance and carbon markets, as a contribution to sustainable rural development. The two objectives are to: (a) support assessment and implementation of local climate law reform supported in Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia and Guatemala; and (b) activate pro-poor legal and institutional reform on climate change across Latin America and the</p>

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LAC/ PMD	Lessons from Mesoamerica's Indigenous Peoples and Forest Communities About the Global Transition to a Green Economy, for IFAD and Rio +20	Asociación Coordinadora Indígena y Campesina de Agroforestería Comunitaria de Centroamérica (ACICAFOC)	31 250	This project would implement activities targeted largely at the participants of the 2012 IFAD Governing Council events, with a view on linking with the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro (planned for mid-June 2012). The goal is to develop and promote new approaches for a Green Economy and climate change adaptation and mitigation and new institutional frameworks for sustainable development based on the experiences and lessons from Indigenous and community forest management in Mexico and Central America. The objectives are to: (1) share lessons and recommendations about community alternatives for promoting sustainable rural development in Mesoamerica that can help IFAD and other development organizations design more efficient interventions; and (2) establish a dialogue with Mesoamerican civil society actors about main concerns and innovative approaches that can help IFAD and other development organizations scale up sustainable rural development in the region.
NALO	Transforming agricultural development and production in Africa: Closing gender gaps and empowering rural women in policy and practice.	Salzburg Global Seminar	75 000	The goal of the Salzburg seminar, a high-level stakeholder dialogue that took place in November 2011, was to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment within agriculture and rural development. The objectives were to: (a) bring together high-level officials from developing country governments, farmer organizations and rural women groups, and the private sector for a dialogue on agriculture and rural development and examine shared goals and strategic entry points for collaboration; (b) discuss best practices, innovative ideas and operational experiences that can be scaled up; (c) identify strategic interventions and actions in the areas of policy, practice, donor activity, capacity-building, and resource allocation; and (d) facilitate the building of collaborative partnerships and shared commitment to joint actions.



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NALO / SKM	IFAD-InterAction Best Practices and Innovations (BPI) Initiative	American Council for Voluntary International Action - InterAction	200 000	The goal is to strengthen the capacity of InterAction's member organizations to address key agricultural development challenges in developing countries, broaden awareness of the comparative advantages of NGOs in building rural livelihoods, and establish a basis for expanded collaboration between the NGO sector and important institutional actors in smallholder agricultural development. The objectives are: (1) Key challenge areas for agriculture and food security are incorporated into a revised framework for the Best Practices and Innovations Initiative and the mapping platform; (2) An expanded and more powerful food security map enables information sharing on NGO field programs and BPI awards, as well as stakeholder dialogue, networking and coordination; and (3) BPI findings and the mapping platform inform dialogue with the U.S. government, donors and other stakeholders on ways to increase the impacts of NGOs and scale up agricultural development.
NALO/ OPV/ PTA	National Alliance Partnership Program	Alliance to End Hunger	165 000	The goal is to improve pro-poor policies by strengthening the capacity of civil society to participate, in a coordinated and sustainable way, in the development, implementation, and monitoring of country-led agricultural development, food security, and nutrition activities. The four objectives are to: (i) strengthen the organizational and financial capacity of the National Alliance (NA); (ii) diversify the coalition of groups who are active in the NA, with special attention to engaging farmers' organizations and groups representing rural constituencies; (iii) increase the advocacy and policy analysis capacity of the NA so it can effectively improve pro-poor policies by engaging the planning and implementation of country-led agriculture, food security, and nutrition activities in their country; and (iv) through case studies and best practices, make the case for additional investment, by governments, foundations, and multilateral institutions in civil society coalitions and mechanisms engaged in agriculture, food security and nutrition.

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NEN	Support for the 2nd Arab Water Forum, Regional Report and Session of the 6th World Water Forum	Arab Water Council (AWC)	310 000	Through improved water management policy, dialogue and networking, this programme contributed to empowering poor rural women and men to achieve higher incomes and improved food security in the AWC region, which is highly water stressed and water insecure. The objectives were to: 1) Contribute to the development of a coherent and effective Pan-Arab Water Security Strategy that places smallholder agriculture high on the agenda; 2) Contribute to the development and dissemination of advanced rural water management practices, capacities and technologies; 3) Capture, package and share lessons learned in water management in the AWC region; and 4) Strengthen partnerships and Knowledge Networks for enhanced water security in agricultural development across the region.
NEN	Adaptation to a Changing Climate in the Arab Countries	Association Nationale du Développement Durable et de la Conservation de la Vie Sauvage (ANDDCVS)	130 000	The main aim of the project is to support the efforts of the World Bank in producing a Flagship Report on Adaptation in the Arab Countries. The goal is to enhance the resilience of the different sectors in the Arab Countries to climate change. The objectives are to (1) facilitate consultations and compile scientific knowledge relevant to the impact of climate change on different sectors in the Arab countries; and (2) provide practical guidance and inform policy processes relevant to adaptation to climate change in the region.
NEN	A Learning Route on Innovative Livestock Marketing from Northern to Eastern Africa	Corporacion Regional PROCASUR	120 000	The project will train IFAD-funded project representatives and partners from Sudan and other NEN countries in order to improve project performance and effectiveness in the area of livestock marketing. Through the knowledge management and capacity building "Learning Routes" methodology, the participants will be exposed to the best practices and innovations specific to their needs and demands, and will also be provided ex post follow-up support and coaching. The main objectives are to: (1) identify, systematize and build into a pedagogical curriculum at least five of the best and innovative experiences on livestock marketing in Kenya, in order to capitalize learning with high exchange value and scaling-up potential for IFAD supported projects in NEN; and (2) establish a community of practice that supports the participants through face-to-face and at distance assistance in order to reinforce the learning acquired during the Route and follow the adaptation and adoption of innovation processes.

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NEN	Regional Capacity Building in Effective Communication Workshop	Conférence Permanente de l'Audiovisuel Méditerranéen (COPEAM)	100 000	The goal of this workshop, which will be held in Beirut (Lebanon) in April 2012, is to enhance the capacity of IFAD supported and other development projects and programmes in the selected NENA countries to contribute to better achieve and widen outreach to rural poverty beneficiaries, through the enhanced communication skills of development stakeholders, decision-makers and local authorities. Their enhanced communication skills will strengthen the impact of the development interventions as well as improve the ability to deliver better results to the benefit of the rural poor, including women and youth.
NEN	Assessment of Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) and Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) interventions in the NEN region	International Water Management Institute (IWMI)	70 000	The goal is to inform the larger audience of the Arab Water Council at major international and regional events on the performance of Water Users Association (WUAs), as a cornerstone of water governance in the region towards rural poverty reduction. The main instrument will be to undertake a review of Irrigation Management Transfer (IMT) and Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) projects in NEN documented since 2000, start of the MDGs. It would contribute to better understand and identify the potentials of programmes and projects that strengthen WUAs in the NEN region.
NEN/PTA	Assessment and Improving Camel Milk Production and Marketing in Some Arab Countries	The Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), Syria	300 000	The overall goal is to increase incomes, reduce poverty and improve food security of pastoral communities, including women and youth in target countries through the utilization of camel milk. The objectives of the project are to: (a) consolidate existing knowledge and deepen understanding of camel milk marketing potentials and constraints to increasing incomes of the poor; (b) implement interventions to improve milk production, processing and marketing; and (c) raise awareness of stakeholders and initiate dialogue with governments and private sector on policies which support camel milk production and exports. The target group is pastoralists in Algeria, Morocco and Sudan
PMD	Coordinated responses to food and nutrition insecurity – the HLTF Coordination Secretariat	Secretariat of High Level Task Force on Global Food Security Crises (HLTF)	400 000	The goal of the HLTF is to ensure that people are able to feed themselves now and in the future. The overarching strategy for the work of the HLTF is the Updated Comprehensive Framework for Action (UCFA) with its twin track approach. The HLTF Coordination team works for: (1) Encouraged coherence and synergy at country and regional level of HLTF members' contributions to country and regional policies, strategies and actions geared to sustainable improvement in food and nutrition security; (2)

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				Concerted advocacy by HLTF members so as to improve coherence of national policies for food and nutrition security, mobilize resources for country and region action and ensure that results are demonstrated; (3) Improved engagement and coordination of multiple stakeholders, increased convergence of their actions and joint efforts to demonstrate the scaling-up of effective actions; and (4) Consistent and continuous accountability of the international system with regard to food and nutrition security, and enhanced impact assessment of the HLTF.
PMD	From Islands of Success to Seas of Change: Scaling Inclusive Agri-food Market Development	Stichting DLO / Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University and Research Centre	75 000	The aim of the international learning initiative is to take a big picture look at promising efforts emerging from the last decade's experience in establishing sustainable and equitable agri-food value chains. High-potential options for scalable innovations into the future will be identified. The expected outcome will be a joint innovation learning agenda including 'state of the art' perspective on directions for scaling up inclusive market development. The objectives are to (a) collate and synthesize positive and negative experience over the past decade in implementing at scale sustainable, inclusive market development in particular for smallholder farmers; and (b) formulate an innovation agenda for essential topics that need to be addressed collectively, as part of a joint learning initiative that engages the private sector, civil society, knowledge institutions and government.
PMD/PTA	Building Capacity and Growing Shared Networks for Global Sustainable Food System Development and Indigenous Terra Madre 2011	Slow Food International	250 000	The goal was to improve livelihood conditions of smallholder farmers' communities and of indigenous peoples in a selected number of countries. The objectives were to: (i) improve the capacity of smallholder farmer organizations and rural communities to promote and apply a sustainable food systems approach; (ii) increase the knowledge exchange between Slow Food's networks and IFAD country programmes on food security and local market development of local indigenous products; and (iii) organize Indigenous Terra Madre, aiming to strengthen indigenous peoples' cooperation, through knowledge and experience sharing of their struggle to preserve their rights and access to ancestral lands and territories and their traditional knowledge and culture. The target groups were indigenous peoples' organizations from approximately 20 countries worldwide.

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PTA	Building up Mature Partnership for Scaling up Agricultural Water Management in Africa (AgWA)	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	350 000	The project aims to assist in the establishment and the first two-year start-up operations of AgWA at the pan-African level, as these relate to the following AgWA's five priority business components: (a) Advocacy; (b) Knowledge sharing; (c) Capacity development; (d) Resource mobilization; and (e) Donor harmonization. The strategic objective of the project is to enable AgWA to transform successfully to a mature, widely accepted and effective entity owned by African institutions, with clear delivery of its objectives and business lines in Agricultural Water Management.
PTA	African Risk Capacity (ARC): Establishing a Pan-African Disaster Risk Pool for Food Security	United Nations World Food Programme	220 420	The goal is to provide participating governments in Africa with financial tools and funds to contribute to effective financial preparedness in the event of extreme weather shocks. More specifically the aim is to design an African-owned risk-pooling entity for extreme weather risk called African Risk Capacity (ARC). ARC will enable African countries to secure contingency funds for extreme weather events in the most cost effective manner by capitalizing on the natural diversification of weather risk across the continent. The ultimate target group for the project is the most vulnerable, food insecure populations in countries participating in the project, who will be indirect beneficiaries of more reliable and effective responses in times of a weather-related disaster.
PTA	Inter-regional Learning on Animal Fine Fibre Processing and Niche Markets	League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP)	200 000	The goal is to increase the incomes of rural poor producers of valuable animal fibres in Africa, Asia and Latin America, by inter-regional exchanges between livestock producer groups and other key players, to gain information and best practices on processing and marketing of high-value animal fibres. The objectives are to: (a) provide information and practical assistance for livestock producer groups in diverse world regions to increase the value of their animal fibre products; (b) allow those at the lowest end of the marketing chain to gain access to useful marketing information; and (c) support livestock keepers to capture the increased value from an expanding international demand for some animal fibre products.

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PTA	International Conference: Extension and Rural Advisory Services for Sustainable Livelihoods	Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS), hosted by Agridea (Association for the Development of Agriculture and Rural Areas)	200 000	The goal of the conference, which took place in Nairobi on 15-18 November 2011, was to bring people together to share experiences and strengthen capacity, and to jointly formulate recommendations for policy makers, education, research, and other actors in rural development as to the future and role of rural advisory services within agricultural innovation systems. The objectives were to: (a) improve interaction between extension and research, farmers, agro-entrepreneurs, policy makers, donors, and financial entities; (b) share lessons and gaps in knowledge from past experiences in RAS approaches; (c) explore the role of ICTs and potential for scaling up of successful pilots in providing extension services across the value chain; (d) raise awareness about the importance of RAS institutions, using evidence-based arguments to gain buy-in and attract public and private investment, with the GFRAS evaluation guidance kit as a centrepiece; (e) raise awareness about the importance of establishing supportive institutional environments to create opportunities for smallholder farmers ; and (f) develop clear policy messages on extension.
PTA	Scaling-up Successful Practices on Sustainable Pro-poor Small Ruminant Development	International Goat Association (IGA)	150 000	The primary goal is to demonstrate that small ruminant production is an effective tool for poverty reduction in resource-poor regions. The focus is directed to the following specific objectives: (1) Undertaking a Global Knowledge Harvesting on resource-poor small ruminant farming systems that were effective in reducing poverty according to MDG criteria so that others can apply this know-how; and (2) Based on the harvested knowledge, developing a business-like approach to prioritize processes/strategies and sensitise national policy, decision makers and donors about the effectiveness of small ruminants' development to reduce poverty.
PTA	Family Farming World Conference: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth	Asociación para el Desarrollo Foro Rural Mundial-World Rural Forum	150 000	The aim of the conference is to contribute to the sustainable improvement of the livelihood of family farmers in the developing world, by providing a global platform to discuss technical and institutional issues, as well as to advocate on behalf of smallholder farmers and their families the importance of addressing their specific development constraints and opportunities, both, globally and on a region-specific basis. The overall objective is to contribute to the promotion of active national policies in favour of a sustainable development of family based

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				agricultural systems in all countries.
SKM	Learning knowledge and skills for agriculture and rural livelihoods	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	350 000	The overall goal is to analyse types of knowledge and skills which are transmitted to rural youth and the dynamics of how they are communicated through different modes of teaching and learning in formal, non-formal and informal settings as well as perceptions of youth about agriculture and rural work. The grant will be used for two main components of the research proposal, each designed to realize one major objective: (a) Research component 1: to explore what kinds of knowledge and skills, notably basic literacy skills and those specific to agriculture, are transmitted to rising generation in rural areas with a particular focus on non-formal and informal settings and with gender-equality perspective as well as the effective use of ICTs; and (b) Research component 2: to analyse and understand the skills development programmes so as to suggest measures to improve the conditions of employment of the youth, especially for females.
SKM	IFAD 2nd grant to the 2010-2011 biennium costs of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Joint Secretariat-preparatory work for the 37th session	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	200 000	The goal was to help increase CFS focus on the needs and potential of the rural poor, as both consumers and producers, in improving world food security and nutrition. The objectives helped achieve a substantive and successful 37th Session of the CFS, and included the following: (a) focus CFS plenary discussions on the basis of substantive background documentation that highlights issues IFAD would like to bring to the table, related to food security and smallholder agriculture; and (b) inform and coordinate the three policy round table debates. IFAD took the lead in the round table on "Smallholder sensitive investments in agriculture."

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SKM	KM4Dev	Helvetas, Swiss Association for International Cooperation	155 000	KM4Dev aims to: (a) experiment on how to both deepen and broaden knowledge sharing and capacity building, (b) find ways to expand who KM4Dev connects and learns with, with attention to those who have been less engaged due to geographic, power or access reasons, and (c) identify and explore different ways in which the community can do that in a sustainable way that fosters the development of leadership and continues to provide concrete benefits to individuals and organisations.
SKM	FAO State of Food and Agriculture 2012	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	100 000	The goal is to strengthen the evidence base for improved and innovative public policies and public and private investments in smallholder agriculture to achieve food security. The grant will support the preparation of the 2012 edition of The State of Food and Agriculture 2012, which will have a thematic focus on investments in agriculture. The more specific objectives of the grant are to: (a) support the generation of knowledge about smallholder investment in agriculture; (b) support the generation of knowledge about what enabling policies and complementary public investments are most needed and effective to facilitate smallholder investment in agriculture to achieve greater food security; and (c) stimulate greater public awareness of the importance of, and enabling conditions for, smallholder investment in agriculture for food security in developing countries.
SKM	Leveraging Agriculture for Improving Nutrition and Health	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	50 000	The overall goal of the consultation is to inform, influence, and catalyze action by key actors—including policymakers, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, educators, and researchers—to realign current policies, design and implement new strategies, and better use investments in agriculture to achieve nutrition security and good health for the world's poorest people. The objectives are to: (1) better understand the linkages among agriculture, nutrition, and health; (2) increase awareness of the ways in which agriculture can be leveraged for the nutrition and health of poor rural people; and (3) create a network for cross-sectorial dialogue and information sharing at all levels.



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SKM / OPV	Price transmission reality and challenges - AMIS	FAO	200 000	<p>The goal is to strengthen the knowledge base available to policymakers, farmers organizations, and other actors concerning the transmission of sudden food and oil price surges from global to developing country markets, so they can better design and implement policies and programmes to enable smallholder farmers to benefit from longer-term changes in global food and oil prices, and/or mitigate the negative impact of sudden global price surges on smallholder farmers and other poor people.</p> <p>Specifically, this proposal has four key objectives, namely to: (a) better understand the relationship between food and oil prices and identifying indicators related to the transmission of sudden price surges/shocks from the energy to the food market; (b) better understand the mechanisms and determinants of transmission of international food price surges within countries, with a focus on rural areas where smallholders operate; (c) identify a set of indicators related to level of transmission of sudden food price surges from international to local and rural markets, which can assist in assessing the vulnerability of smallholders during international price surges and in identifying policy options at country level to mitigate their impact, including the effects on incentives and risks faced by smallholder farmers in the short and longer term.</p>
WCA	Promotion of sustainable employment for the benefit of young farmers of the community of Ogo (Senegal)	Jeunesse et Développement (JED), ONG des Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de Sénégal	500 000	<p>The overall objective is to enhance sustainable food security, income and create sustainable jobs for rural youth (female and male). This will help to effectively fight against food insecurity and illegal migration of rural youth in the area. The specific objectives are to: (a) improve access of rural youth to services and infrastructure and efficient production of appropriate technologies and the market; (b) increase production by improving productivity; and (c) enhance income of rural youth in the area covered by the project.</p>
WCA	Youth Innovation Platform/Network: Youth Entrepreneurs— Agents of Change	Phelps Stokes Fund	295 000	<p>The goal is to contribute to the reduction of poverty among poor rural youth in Western and Central Africa through exposure to opportunities and business prospects, innovation and knowledge on replicable youth successful models in small scale agri-business to enable them to create and engage in sustainable small scale agri-businesses. The general objective is to create and support an enabling environment under which young people can act on their own behalf and on their own terms and to</p>

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				facilitate exchange of experiences, learning and networking for young entrepreneurs.
WCA	Amplifying the Voices of WCA Young Farmers	IPS - International News Agency società cooperativa consortile a r.l.	198 000	The goal was to highlight the current innovations in agriculture which have the potential to transform the continent's rural development with a focus on smallholder farmers – particularly women and the youth – and their contribution towards changing the perceptions of the continent on the global arena through knowledge sharing of innovative practices in the region. In doing so, it amplified the voices of Western and Central Africa (WCA) farmers in global debates on rising food prices, climate change and global food security. This grant also gave developing country journalists and editors from these regions the opportunity to participate in a regional skills-building workshop in Western and Central Africa.
WCA	Network of Community-based Radios to Exchange and Organize Local Experiences (Net-CREOLE)	Ministry of Employment, Family and Social Solidarity, Cape Verde	150 000	The project promotes effective communication in the service of the poorest rural communities in Lusophone countries especially in West Africa but open to other parts of Africa and Asia, based on concrete experiences of direct and active participation of the rural communities in social communication. The target groups are the rural poor and marginal - especially women and young people - living in areas of rural and community radio in Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde, Sao Tome and Principe.
WCA	Support to micro finance activities in Chad and Togo	Centre International de Développement et de Recherche (CIDR)	150 000	In Chad, the goal is to support the sustainability of the achievements of the PSANG II IFAD-funded loan project in rural finance and ensure the transition with the PADER-G IFAD-funded loan project. In Togo, the goal is to strengthen the organizational capacities of three partner MFIs to enable them to increase their range of products and financial services targeting different customer segments in areas covered by the PADATA, especially small farmers involved in agricultural food chains.

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COM	Communications Division
ESA	East and Southern Africa Division
LAC	Latin America and Caribbean Division
NALO	North America Liaison Office
NEN	Near East, North Africa and Europe Division
OPV	Office of the President and the Vice-President
PMD	Programme Management Department
PTA	Policy and Technical Advisory Division
SKM	Office of Strategy and Knowledge Management
WCA	West and Central Africa Division