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to overcome poverty

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Acronyms

AfDB	African Development Bank
AGRA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
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AIAB	Associazione Italiana per l'Agricoltura Biologica
APR	Asia and the Pacific Division
COM	Communications Division
CONTAG	Confederacao Nacional dos Trabalhadores na Agricultura
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESA	East and Southern Africa Division
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IASS	Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IICA	InterAmerican Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
INBAR	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan
InterAction	American Council for Voluntary International Action
IWGIA	International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs
JHCO	Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation
LAC	Latin America and Caribbean Division
MSU	Michigan State University
NEN	Near East, North Africa and Europe Division
NPCA	The New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency
OPV	Office of the President and the Vice-President
PCDF	Partners in Community Development Fiji
PENHA	Pastoral & Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa
PMD	Programme Management Department
PTA	Policy and Technical Advisory Division
SIWI	Stockholm International Water Institute
SKM	Strategy and Knowledge Management Department
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WCA	West and Central Africa Division

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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 2012, up to and including 31 December 2012. 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).

Department/ Division	Grant title	Benefitting institution	Amount (US\$)	Scope of the grant
APR	Strengthening capacity in the Department of Rural Development for preparation of an evidence-based rural development strategy for rural poverty reduction.	Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Border Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar	300 000	Support the Government's poverty alleviation and rural development strategy and promote food and income security for the rural poor.
	Bhutan+10: Gender and Sustainable Mountain Development in a Changing World	ICIMOD	150 000	Sustainable development for poverty reduction in mountain areas around the globe is pursued with increased attention to gender equality and women's empowerment.
	Collaborative research and capacity strengthening for monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment of IFAD projects in India and Bhutan	IFPRI	500 000	Improve the monitoring and evaluation performance of projects, in order to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact, along with clear data on progress of project implementation.
	Partnerships in High Value Agriculture	PCDF	500 000	200 participating farmer households will have increased returns by at least 20% from the production of high value products.
	Development and Pilot Implementation of Integrated Pacific Island Organic/Ethical Trade initiatives	Secretariat of the Pacific Community	500 000	Enhance smallholder Pacific farmers' access to high value markets by obtaining the appropriate and recognised organic certification and support.
APR/PTA	Sending Money Home to Asia and the Pacific	IBRD	300 000	Enhance the access of migrant workers and their families in rural areas of the Asia and Pacific region to efficient, reliable, timely and economical remittance transfers, and related financial services.
COM	Developing Country Journalists training	Thomson Reuters Foundation	379 310	Build the capacity of developing country journalists to better capture and tell the story of smallholder farmers' struggle and solutions to overcome climate change challenges.
ESA	Knowledge Management and Learning on Gender Empowerment of Producer Rural Groups in East and Southern Africa	AGRA	200 000	Contribute to the improvement of rural women's and producer groups' leadership capacities to participate in and influence decision making in agriculture and building critical agri-entrepreneurial skills for optimal market participation.

ESA/PTA	Capacity Development for Modernizing African Food Systems	Board of Trustees of the MSU	400 000	Reduce rural poverty in Africa by accelerating broad-based productivity growth in agriculture and remunerative employment in related agribusinesses.
LAC	Information management for public policies projects of rural and agricultural development and food security in Central America	ECLAC	400 000	Help to improve the design, implementation and evaluation of public policies and rural development, agricultural and food security projects with specific attention to sustainability, inclusion and poverty reduction in rural populations.
	Rural Development and Fiscal Policy	Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Fiscales	498 560	Promote, on the basis of technical inputs, an initiative for informed dialogue on the relationship between rural development and fiscal policy, which contributes to the formulation of effective public policies to fight rural poverty.
	Smallholder Rural Producers and Climate-Smart Agricultural Production and Marketing in English Caribbean	IICA	300 000	Contribute effectively to Caribbean States' efforts of increasing agriculture contribution to their respective economies and of improving the resilience of the agricultural sector to climate change effects, so as to reduce rural poverty.
NEN	Study of Remittances and Postal Financial Services in Kazakhstan	European Savings Banks Group - aisbl	199 890	Increase financial inclusion of the poor people and the unbanked in rural areas, in particular remittances receivers.
	Enhanced Food Security of Syrian refugees in Zaatari Camp (Jordan)	JHCO	500 000	The project will build the resilience of poor rural women and men living in the Zaatari refugee camp and poor rural Jordanian families living on the fringes of the camp.
	Alternative uses of Prosopis Juliflora for Animal Feed in Eastern Sudan and Somalia	PENHA	270 000	Improve the livelihoods of the pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities by providing them with opportunities and skills in making use of Prosopis as animal feed.
	Eurasian Symposium on Vegetables and Greens	Republic of Armenia	30 000	Contribute to improving the livelihoods of rural households, increase their incomes and food safety.
OPV	Strengthening NGO Roles and Capabilities to Scale-up Agricultural Development	InterAction	324 706	Support country-owned agricultural development and reduce rural poverty in developing countries by identifying NGO best practice pathways for local partner capacity building.
OPV	Enhanced Smallholder Engagement in Value Chains through Capacity Building and Organizational strengthening	IITA	495 000	Strengthen enterprise development capacity of smallholders for long term sustainability and draw lessons and experiences for scaling up.
	The Second Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development 2012	FAO	200 000	Transform and strengthen agricultural research for development systems around the world, increasing their relevance and impact in development.

PTA	The Migration and Development Initiative (MDF)	AfDB	200 000	Promote local development across the African continent by maximising the impact of remitted funds in terms of savings, investment, creation of small enterprises and jobs.
PMD/PTA	A Dynamic Framework for Preparation and Evaluation of Developing Countries' Poverty Reduction Strategies	Millennium Institute	300 000	Strengthen the analytical capacity of development practitioners to develop and deliver effective programmes to reduce rural poverty as envisioned by developing countries' poverty reduction strategies.
PTA	Promoting Indigenous Food Security and Agrobiodiversity	Bioversity International	50 000	Build effective partnerships to revitalize agro-biodiversity and its importance for food and nutrition security and sustaining diverse local food systems.
	An Innovative, Scalable and Pro-Poor Home Cooking-based Charcoal Production Value Chain for Women	INBAR	300 000	Develop home-based charcoal production from cooking with firewood into a new livelihood opportunity and sustainable value chain for the economic empowerment of poor rural women.
	Pro-poor Resource Governance under Changing Climates	IASS	400 000	Reduce the vulnerability of the rural poor to the adverse effects of climate change.
	Enabling representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations worldwide to articulate their strategies on effective participation in the decision-making processes on development initiatives that affect their lives and territories.	IWGIA	500 000	Enable representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations worldwide to articulate their strategies on effective participation in the decision-making processes on development initiatives that affect their lives and territories.
	Inspiring the underrepresented stakeholders on water and food security at the 2012 World Water Week in Stockholm	SIWI	500 000	The Week developed and promoted future-oriented and knowledge-integrated policies, towards sustainable use of the world's water resources, sustainable development and poverty eradication.
PTA/SKM	Supporting farmers and small holder food producers voice at Rio+20	AIAB	120 000	Generate among Rio+20 stakeholders awareness of and support to successful small and medium scale sustainable food production as a major contributor to global food security, building rural economies, and sustaining the earth's biodiversity and natural resources.
SKM	Defining Pathways for Pro-Poor Scaling up of Rice Value Chains in Sub-Saharan Africa	AGRA	100 000	Contribute to increase incomes and food security, with special reference to poor rural men and women involved in the rice value chain, from production to end use in Africa.

SKM	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa Forum (AGRF 2012)	AGRA	100 000	Encourage and facilitate high level policy dialogue to develop concrete plans for scaling up investments and innovation for sustainable agricultural growth and food security in Africa, driven by poor rural smallholder farmers.
	Improving smallholder farmers' livelihoods through sustainable utilization and valorization of agro-biodiversity	Bioversity International	500 000	Facilitate more effective and sustainable use, management and conservation of local agrobiodiversity by poor rural communities and stakeholders, particularly in the context of food security, nutrition, income-generation potential and adaptation to climate change.
	Supporting the Engagement of Family Farmers Organizations in RIO+20	CONTAG	68 750	Generate, among Rio+20 stakeholders, awareness of and support to successful small and medium scale sustainable food production as a major contributor to global food security, building rural economies, and sustaining the earth's biodiversity and natural resources.
	IFAD 1st grant to the 2012-2013 biennium of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Joint Secretariat-preparatory work for the 2012 annual session	FAO	200 000	Help to increase CFS focus on the needs and potential of the rural poor, as both consumers and producers, in improving world food security and nutrition.
	Strengthening knowledge on global food availability and utilization	FAO	200 000	Assess current patterns of feed consumption, possibly distinguishing among the various types of livestock, as well as to identify key drivers and trends of feed utilization at national level.
	Methodologies and pilots for an international World Agriculture Watch (WAW)	FAO	70 000	Develop, test and validate the core pillar of the WAW methodological framework, and to propose an international typology of agricultural holdings and their characterization in terms of assets and outcomes.
	Global Soil Week	IASS	30 000	Support rural poor women and men through a global policy agenda for sustainable management of soil and land resources that contributes to poverty reduction, food security and gender equity.
	Strengthening Partnership for Scaling up sustainable livelihood in small scale, family farming and indigenous communities	FAO	480 250	Identify and support poor smallholder farmers, family farming and indigenous communities by strengthening the international partnership on Globally important Agricultural Heritage Systems.
	IFAD support to the 5th Global South-South Development Expo	Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP)	30 000	Enhance the impact of IFAD operations at country level and the position of IFAD on the South-South & Triangular Cooperation international policy arena.

SKM	Scaling up frameworks and innovative energy interventions	The Energy and Resources Institute	20 000	Develop methodological approaches for a common understanding to assess which solutions to rural energy problems work, which ones do not and why, and to assess the scalability of proven or promising models
	African Rural Development Forum	NPCA	70 000	Promote a collaborative agenda focused on the key challenges and renewed opportunities in rural transformation in African countries and mobilise a strong political leadership and a pro-poor and integrated approach to rural development.
	International Seminar on old and new crops to meet the challenges of the 21st Century	Universidad de Córdoba	32 000	Raise public and political awareness on the current and future importance of underutilized crops for the alleviation of rural poverty and hunger.
WCA	Sharing Lessons, Sharing Skills – Building a Business Model for Knowledge Sharing	IED Afrique	250 000	Help projects systematize and take full advantage of the knowledge created as a result of their experiences in project implementation, and to help them learn from both successful and unsuccessful cases.
	Improving the Inclusiveness of Agricultural Value Chains in West Africa	Board of Trustees of the MSU	500 000	Increase the effectiveness of IFAD-financed support to value chain development in increasing the incomes of the rural populations, particularly smallholder farmers.
	Support to the design of a strategy and action plan for high impact commodity value chains in Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	500 000	Design a short-, medium-, and long-term strategy and action plan for the sustainable transformation and development of the Nigerian agricultural sector.
	Gender Equality and Productivity	The World Bank	329 292	Implement a two-year research programme on documenting gender differentials in agricultural productivity in sub-Saharan African agriculture.