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Acronyms

3ie	International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, Inc
AAAID	Arab Authority for Agricultural Investment and Development
AGRA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
AIAB	Associazione Italiana per l'Agricoltura Biologica
APR	Asia and the Pacific Division
CFS	Controller's and Financial Services Division
ESA	East and Southern Africa Division
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
FPD	Front Office of the Programme Management Department
FSK	Front Office of the Strategy and Knowledge Department
GDPRD	Global Donor Platform For Rural Development
IASS	Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IFOAM	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
IIED	International Institute for Environment and Development
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
INBAR	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan
IPAR	Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale
LAC	Latin America and Caribbean Division
LEG	Office of the General Counsel
NEN	Near East, North Africa and Europe Division
OPV	Office of the President and the Vice-President
PRM	Resource Mobilization and Partnership Office
PROCASUR	Corporación Regional de Capacitación En Desarrollo Rural
PTA	Policy and Technical Advisory Division
QAG	Quality Assurance and Grants Unit
RIMISP	International Farming Systems Research Methodology Network
SPD	Strategic Planning Division
SSD	Statistics and Studies for Development Division
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
VGs	Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests
WFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WRF	World Rural Forum

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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 2013, up to and including 31 December 2013. 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).

<i>Originating Department/ Division</i>	<i>Grant title</i>	<i>Benefitting institution</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>	<i>Scope of the grant</i>
APR	Tools for Strategy Development on Food Security, Poverty Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation	WFP	477 000	Improve project design by the Government of Bangladesh and other development partners through a better understanding of the causal links between food security, poverty reduction and climate change adaptation.
APR	Sustainable economic development through south-south and triangular cooperation in Indonesia	Ministry of National Development Planning	500 000	Improve access to knowledge about public and private partnerships to inform policy and scale up innovative practices to enable poor farmers to achieve sustainable economic development.
APR	Project Management Capability of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation	UNOPS	500 000	Develop the capacity of three key departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar to manage and implement agricultural modernisation projects in compliance with international standards and best practices
CFS	Capacity Building of Supreme Audit Institutions	Stiftelsen INTOSAI Development Initiative	300 000	Support IFAD's commitment to using country auditing systems and enhancing the quality of audit work in selected WCA countries. Introduce international best practices, develop and test auditing tools and methodologies in these countries.
ESA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa Forum (AGRF 2013)	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.

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ESA/PTA	Understanding changing land issues for poor rural people in sub-Saharan Africa	IIED	325 000	Improve understanding of changing land access and use by poor rural people in sub-Saharan Africa, and use that understanding for improved design, implementation and impact of development policies, programmes and projects.
LAC	Support and assistance for the inclusion of youth in rural development initiatives	PROCASUR	250 000	Increase inclusion of rural youth in rural development projects, in both public and private institutions and in associations of youth themselves in LAC
LAC	Technical Assistance to the Government of Mexico	RIMISP	250 800	Provide technical assistance to the Government of Mexico in the context of the National Development Plan and the National Crusade Against Hunger, seeking to increase production, productivity and income of poor smallholders.
LAC	The black crab, bastion of Raizal culture - Colombia	Fundación Activos Culturales Afro, ACUA	300 000	Increase the equitable sharing of economic benefits from the sustainable use of natural resources (especially the black crab) by strengthening economic, entrepreneurial and cooperative initiatives of racially marginalised populations of the Raizal culture in Providencia and Santa Catalina.
NEN	Support for the preparation of the implementation of the future rural development programme in mountain areas	Ministry of Finance	500 000	Support and implement activities for organizational and institutional capacity building and strengthening, to prepare for the implementation of the new rural development programme targeting poor rural communities in mountain areas.

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NEN	Project for the development of agro-pastoral and associated value chains in the Governorate of Medenine - Tunisia	Ministère du Développement et de la Coopération Internationale	500 000	Contribute to improving the living conditions of vulnerable rural populations and the creation of new employment opportunities by strengthening the resilience of agro-pastoral production systems and developing the associated value chains.
NEN	Capacity Building for Enhancing Agricultural Resilience and Competitiveness - Georgia	Ministry of Finance	500 000	Support the Ministry of Agriculture in enhancing the capacity and the knowledge of smallholder farmers, enabling them to overcome poverty through improving their productivity and access to market.
LEG	Preparation of a Legal Guide on Contract Farming	FAO	177 749	The Legal Guide will analyse the legal aspects and implications of contract terms, helping parties build sustainable relationships in the long term, with a particular attention to small holder farmers in developing countries.
PTA	Farmers' organizations supporting family farming business: Two cases for learning from Morocco	PROCASUR	110 000	Contribute to enhanced capacities of farmers' organizations, and to the learning and understanding of the development model behind successful support of farmers' organizations to family farming in Morocco.
PTA	Engagement and Artisanal Fishers "International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries"	Centro Internazionale Crocevia	240 000	Develop consensus amongst civil society stakeholders in artisanal fisheries on a common vision and position and on key issues to be included in the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries and promote the involvement of civil society stakeholders in relevant decision making processes.

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PTA	Supporting small-scale food producers' organizations in the promotion and implementation of the VGs	AIAB	350 000	Improved and secure access to land, fisheries and forests by small-scale food producers through the effective implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGs).
PTA	Capacity building for the Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers Organizations	IFOAM	400 000	Empowerment of smallholder organic farmers in Africa, Latin America and Asia and the strengthening of their international network that can define and promote their strategic priorities.
PTA	Promoting Improved Policies in favour of Family Farming in Developing Countries	WRF	500 000	Support the engagement of Farmers Organisations in the International Year of Family Farming to improve the living conditions, incomes and food security of rural women and men family farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America , and in particular in 11 selected countries.
PTA	Dissemination and implementation of the VGs in selected West African countries	IPAR	500 000	Strengthen access and security of tenure of smallholders in Gambia, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal by promoting and mainstreaming the principles of the VGs at the appropriate levels
FPD	IFAD Membership of Global Donor Platform For Rural Development	GIZ	135 000	Improved cooperation and collaboration between international development partners and coordinated dialogue with partner countries.

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FPD	Support to the International Aid Transparency Initiative	UNOPS	165 000	Support the International Aid Transparency Initiative to make information about aid spending easier to access, use and understand, thus contributing to the principles of ownership, alignment, harmonisation, management for results and mutual accountability.
FPD/PTA	The role of Public Private Partnerships in agricultural value chains: enabling factors and impact on the rural poor	IDS	470 000	Identify the key factors driving the effectiveness of PPPs at bringing sustained increases in income for smallholder farmers at scale and delivering positive development outcomes across rural communities
FPD/PTA	A global partnership to promote local sustainable food systems that include small farmers and indigenous organizations	Slow Food International	500 000	Improve livelihood conditions of rural communities, adding value to local food chains and promoting the role of family farming, including indigenous peoples.
OPV	Inclusion of Cassava Flour in Bread Formulation in West Africa	IITA	458 745	Optimize the production of high quality, nutritious, low glycemic cassava varieties as wheat replacer by studying factors that influence overall quality of composite cassava-wheat bread
OPV	Youth Agribusiness Development Initiative	IITA	402 500	Directly engage youth in diverse and productive roles in agriculture with a view to create jobs to improve their livelihoods by supporting agriculture-based initiatives that increase their incomes.

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PRM	Needs Assessment of Smallholder Agricultural Development in the Gulf Region and Investment Opportunities with the Private Sector	AAAID	400 000	Conduct a needs assessment study in the Gulf Region in order to contribute to the national and regional strategies and programmes of food security challenges in the Arab States of the Gulf through, among others, increased private investment flows and improved rural livelihoods
OPV	East African Community Partner States@50: International Symposium on Agriculture: lessons from the past and prospects for the next 50 years	Kilimo Trust	95 000	Support agriculture sector stakeholders to articulate a regional vision to discuss and debate practical actions required to modernise agriculture sector for wealth creation, hunger elimination and employment generation
FSK/FPD	Support to the facilitation and monitoring of the International Year of Family Farming 2014	FAO	150 000	Support FAO to follow national policy debates, identify lessons learned from family farmers on successful policies to support family farming, note key policy changes that occur during the IYFF in 2014, and support the establishment of an open, accessible knowledge sharing mechanism.
FSK	IFAD 2nd grant to the 2012-2013 biennium of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Joint Secretariat	FAO	200 000	Help increase CFS focus on the needs and potential of the rural poor in improving world food security and nutrition and to contribute what IFAD is learning through its own experience about how coordination among the various actors can add value.
QAG	Development of a Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa: Consultations and Commissioned studies	FARA	498 143	Identify a suite of issues and options for increasing and deepening the contributions of science to agriculture in Africa in order to utilise agricultural science outputs and outcomes to contribute to the food security and reduce rural poverty for the poor.

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SSD	Country Level Support External Validity of Project Impact Evaluations	3ie	500 000	Increase the use of evidence in policy making and to understand what works, where, why and under what conditions by improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.
SSD	Technical Support to 4 Ex-post Impact evaluations	IFPRI	500 000	Increase the use of evidence in policy making and to understand what works, where, why and under what conditions by improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.
SSD	Project Monitoring & Policy Scenarios	IIASA	500 000	Take advantage of most up-to-date Earth Observation technologies to provide governments and programme management units in 24 selected countries an advanced monitoring platform
SSD	Technical Support to 6 Ex-post Impact evaluations	Royal Tropical Institute	500 000	Increase the use of evidence in policy making and to understand what works, where, why and under what conditions by improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.
SSD	Technical Support to 6 Ex-post Impact evaluations: using mixed methods approaches	IDS	500 000	Increase the use of evidence in policy making and to understand what works, where, why and under what conditions by improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.

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