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## Abbreviations and acronyms

APR	Asia and the Pacific Division
CFS	Committee on World Food Security
COM	Communications Division
ECD	Environment and Climate Division
ESA	East and Southern Africa Division
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FSK	Front Office of the Strategy and Knowledge Department
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean Division
OPV	Office of the President and the Vice-President
PMD	Programme Management Department
PRM	Resource Mobilization and Partnership Office
PTA	Policy and Technical Advisory Division
SPD	Strategic Planning Division
SSD	Statistics and Studies for Development Division
WCA	West and Central Africa Division

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1. At its ninety-eighth session in December 2009, the Executive Board authorized 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 2014, up to and including 31 December 2014. 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).

Originating department/division	Grant title	Benefitting institution	Amount (US\$)	Scope of grant
APR	Gilgit-Baltistan Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	World Food Programme Pakistan	160,000	Improve the livelihoods, incomes and nutrition of poor rural people in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pakistan by providing a dynamic planning tool for improved and informed disaster risk recovery, preparedness and contingency planning.
APR	Developing Scalable Smallholder Livestock Models in Myanmar	Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development	500,000	Support the Ministry in identifying and piloting viable options for the provision of improved services in livestock production and breeding, providing scalable models for pro-poor investment in the sector.
APR	Sustainable Cocoa Production Programme in Central Sulawesi	Swiss Contact	500,000	Capitalize on results achieved by the IFAD-funded Rural Empowerment and Agricultural Development Programme in Central Sulawesi (READ) investment project by ensuring the sustainability of the groups formed. This will be achieved through strengthened technical support and market access with a view to sustainable livelihoods improvement for smallholder cocoa farmers in 150 READ target villages in Central Sulawesi.
APR/SSD	Evaluating the Impact of Microfinance in Pakistan	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development	340,000	Inform policymaking and programming in rural finance through the gathering of evidence, analysis of efficacy, and dissemination of lessons learned from IFAD-supported microfinance interventions.
COM	Her Farm Radio	Farm Radio International	199,913	Increase the extent to which farm radio programmes broadcast by 12 stations in Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania feature the voices, perspectives and concerns of women farmers and provide them increased access to information critical to improving their livelihoods.
COM	Developing-Country Journalists Capacity Development	Thomson Reuters Foundation	313,148	Build the awareness and capacity of developing-country journalists to capture and tell the stories of smallholder farmers and rural communities, helping these to reach policy- and decision-makers worldwide.

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ESA	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa Forum (AGRF 2014)	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa	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 smallholder farmers.
ESA	Mainstreaming Land Policy and Governance in the NEPAD Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP)	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa	325,000	Support the development and implementation of land policies in Africa in accordance with the African Union Declaration on Land Issues and Challenges in Africa and the Framework and Guidelines on Land Policy in Africa, with a view to enhancing food security and agricultural development.
ESA	Innovations in Smallholder Agriculture in South Africa for Climate Change Resilience	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	444,960	Build a comprehensive approach to enhancing the climate change resilience of small-scale and household farmers in the Amathole and Cacadu districts of the Eastern Cape Province – for national replication.
FSK	IFAD 1st Grant to the 2014-2015 Biennium of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Joint Secretariat	FAO	400,000	Help increase CFS focus on the needs and the potential of poor rural people in improving world food security and nutrition, and contribute IFAD’s learning, from its experience, about the value added of coordination among various actors.
LAC	Scaling Up Regional Research and Small-Scale Farmer Innovations within the Guinea-Pig Value Chain	Colombian Corporation for Agricultural Research	499,400	Increase knowledge of guinea pig husbandry and enhance the capacity of local guinea-pig producer associations to participate in guinea-pig value chains.

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LAC	Red Regional de Empresas Rurales Inclusivas	Federación de Cooperativas Agroindustriales de Nicaragua	499,600	Support associations of small rural enterprises at regional and international levels, and collaborate with key public and private partners to develop investment tools for poor rural people in the region.
LAC	Poverty and Rural Development Analytics	Grupo de Análisis para el Desarrollo	300,000	Improve strategies, policies, legal frameworks and national programmes in favour of poor rural people, particularly in the highlands and high rainforest areas of Peru.
LAC	Institutional Capacity-Building Programme for the Ministry of Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food of Guatemala	500,000	Strengthen the Ministry's capability for project management, work planning and budgeting, financial management, procurement, contracting, and monitoring and evaluation, with an emphasis on gaining efficiency and effectiveness in the overall execution of IFAD projects.
LAC	Building Equitable and Inclusive Public Policies for the Rural Poor in Colombia	Corporación PBA	500,000	Contribute to the development of public policies for Colombia's agriculture sector, with a specific focus on poor rural people and ethnic minorities, in line with the Misión para la Transformación del Campo promoted by the Government.
OPV	Building Resilience for Food and Nutrition Security	International Food Policy Research Institute	200,000	Inform, influence and catalyse action by key actors involved in rural poverty reduction in developing countries in order to build resilience for food and nutrition security by gathering information, identifying gaps, sharing lessons and brokering partnerships.
OPV/ECD	Support to Farmers' Participation in the Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP20), Lima, December 2014	World Farmers' Organization	200,000	Support the participation of 20 smallholder farmer representatives in the global policy dialogue on climate change at COP20 and strengthen their advocacy role in this dialogue through targeted communication and knowledge activities.

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PMD	Managing Aquatic Agricultural Systems to Improve Nutrition and Livelihoods	Worldfish	400,000	Improve the nutrition and livelihoods of poor rural households in aquatic agricultural systems in Myanmar through increased intake of micronutrient-rich small fish and vegetables from their own production, as well as through increased household income.
PMD	Food Resilience through Root and Tuber Crops in Upland and Coastal Communities in Asia-Pacific	International Potato Center	200,000	Enhance food resilience among poor households in upland and coastal communities of the Asia-Pacific region by introducing root and tuber crops innovations, primarily within the framework of IFAD investment projects.
PMD	Creating Opportunities to Develop Resilient Agriculture	International Center for Biosaline Agriculture	400,000	Identify agricultural areas most vulnerable to the impact of climate change in selected Middle Eastern and North and sub-Saharan African countries, and develop and disseminate alternative sustainable production systems to enhance the livelihoods, resilience and income of rural communities.
PMD	South-South Knowledge Transfer Strategies for Scaling up Pro-Poor Bamboo Livelihoods, Income Generation and Employment Creation, and Environmental Management in Africa	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)	500,000	Capitalize on lessons learned in previous INBAR initiatives in Africa and Asia and optimize benefits to participating communities and the environment through effective South-South knowledge transfer strategies for scaling up pro-poor bamboo-based livelihoods.
PMD	Improved Crop Management and Strengthened Seed Supply System for Drought-Prone	International Rice Research Institute	300,000	Enhance and stabilize rice productivity in the drought-prone rainfed lowlands of South Asia through a combination of drought-tolerant varieties, improved management technologies, and efficient seed supply and outscaling systems.

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	Rainfed Lowlands in South Asia			
PMD	Youth Agribusiness Development Initiative: A Private/Public Partnership to Advance Participation of Youth in Agriculture	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture	402,500	Engage youth in diverse productive roles in agriculture – with a view to creating jobs to improve their livelihoods – and support agriculture-based initiatives that increase the incomes of youth.
PMD	Improving the Quality of Cassava Flour, and of Nutrition and Health through its Inclusion in West African Bread	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture	458,745	Assess opportunities and constraints in the production of high-quality cassava flour and screen cassava varieties to enhance the production of high-quality bread for food and health security.
PRM	Grass-Roots Women's Groups Championing Transformative Rural Development Priorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda – Forging Blueprints for Holistic, Bottom-Up Ownership and Implementation	Huairou Commission	250,000	Working at global and national/local levels, the grant will facilitate a broad and diverse network of rural women's grass-roots organizations to appropriately frame their development priorities in relation to the post-2015 agenda, and to seek to influence decision- and policymaking processes accordingly.



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PTA	International Encounters on "Family Farming and Research" in the Framework of the International Year of Family Farming 2014	Agropolis	110,000	Enhance dialogue between concerned stakeholders (family farmers, civil society, the private sector, policymakers) and researchers in order to revisit and further develop the international agricultural research agenda for the development of family farming.
SPD	Rural/Urban Transformations and Food Systems: Reframing Food Security Narratives and Identifying Policy Options that Foster Sustainable Transitions	International Institute for Environment and Development	500,000	Convene and support a global network of researchers and practitioners to engage with and influence current policy narratives on the links between urbanization and rural poverty reduction, with a specific focus on food systems.
SSD	Rural Regional Transformation: Pathways, Policy Sequencing and Development Outcomes in China, Myanmar and Viet Nam	Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy	500,000	Identify policy implications of rural transformations through cross-country comparison, and provide policy recommendations for stronger and more-equitable growth in subnational regions of China, Myanmar and Viet Nam.

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SSD	Technical Support to the Ex-Post Impact Evaluations of the Rural Microenterprise Promotion Programme Using Mixed-Method Approaches	De La Salle University	240,000	Increase the use of evidence in policymaking (i.e. understand what worked in the Rural Microenterprise Promotion Programme, why it worked and under what conditions) through improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.
SSD	Consolidation and Extension of the World Agriculture Watch (WAW) Network	FAO	400,000	Consolidate, strengthen and expand the network of WAW observatories to effectively identify, monitor and report on rural transformations so as to inform policy dialogue at the national level.
SSD	Technical Support to Four Ex-Post Impact Evaluations Using Mixed-Method Approaches	University of East Anglia	500,000	Increase the use of evidence in policymaking (i.e. understand what works, where, why and under what conditions) through improving the evaluation capacity of projects to generate strong evidence of project outcomes and impact.
WCA	Implementation Readiness of Ghana Agriculture-Sector Investment Programme	Republic of Ghana	500,000	Support the start-up phase of the Ghana Agriculture-Sector Investment Programme – which seeks sustainable poverty reduction through improving agribusiness opportunities for smallholder farmers in rural areas – and strengthen the Ministry of Food and Agriculture’s capacity and leadership in planning and implementation procedures for agricultural development.