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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 2015, up to and including 31 December 2015. These grants are listed and described by relevant division. The grants were subject to the criteria and approval process presented in the IFAD Policy for Grant Financing, which was approved in April 2015 (EB 2015/114/R.2/Rev.1).

Originating department/division	Grant title	Benefiting institution	Amount (United States dollars)	Scope of grant
Asia and the Pacific Division (APR)	• Post-Cyclone Rapid Recovery in Agricultural Production	Republic of Vanuatu	500 000	Enable Vanuatu to recover from natural disaster and improve the long-term resilience of agricultural and fishing communities hit by Cyclone Pam.
	• Haze-Free Sustainable Livelihoods Project	Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)	495 000	Enhance the livelihoods of communities through sustainable peatland management in the Sungai Kampar Indragiri Peatland Hydrological Unit, Indonesia.
	• Enhancing Knowledge Management & Cooperation and Policy Dialogue	People's Republic of China, Ministry of Finance	300 000	Better inform policymaking processes in the area of sustainable rural development; and enhance South-South knowledge cooperation on rural development and poverty reduction, relevance and effectiveness of IFAD operations in China, and partnerships with in-country stakeholders.
East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)	• Implementation of the Legal Guide on Contract Farming	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	475 000	Expand the impact and benefit of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming by disseminating its core messages and recommendations and enabling its accessibility, leading to the engagement of poor rural women and men in profitable and sustainable linkages to markets through contractual relationships with farm product buyers.
	• Implementation Readiness of the Bagamoyo Sugar Infrastructure and Sustainable Community Development Programme	United Republic of Tanzania	450 000	Support the Government in achieving implementation readiness for start-up of the programme, including carrying out field sensitization jointly with the district government, initiating participatory land-use planning activities and preparing detailed implementation guidelines for the programme.
	• African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF 2015)	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)	300 000	The 2015 conference was held in Lusaka, Zambia, 29 September - 2 October 2015 and co-hosted by the Government of Zambia and the Common Market of East and Southern Africa under the theme "Walking the Talk on Youth and Women – Bringing Inclusive Agricultural Markets to Life".
	• Development of Baseline for Long-Term Environmental Monitoring of the Bagamoyo Sugar Infrastructure and Sustainable Community Development Programme	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)	200 000	Establishing the value of baseline indicators in key areas for monitoring livelihood impact, water quality and volumes, natural resource and ecosystem services, prior to development of the private-sector nucleus estate and outgrower programme for the production of sugar in Bagamoyo district. SEI will subsequently develop the full environmental monitoring programme.

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Front Office, Programme Management Department (FPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGIAR Technical Support for the Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A) 	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	500 000	Support S3A implementation by: developing tools to promote sharing of information on science and technology and disseminating existing tools at national and regional levels; building capacity for the existing technology base; and contributing evidence-based research from CGIAR partners to strengthen the next phase of Science Agenda work in Africa, so that research has a direct impact on rural poverty and food and nutrition security.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing Productive Engagement in Agribusiness through the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Youth Agripreneur programme in Nigeria, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo 	IITA	499 600	Expand opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness for youth as a means of advancing rural livelihoods and economic development in the three African countries, and as a model for youth-led rural transformation elsewhere across sub-Saharan Africa.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underpinning the Resiliency of Agricultural Heritage Systems, Smallholders, Family Farmers and Indigenous Communities 	Bioversity International	496 400	Promote recognition and empowerment of smallholder family farmers – notably women, youth and indigenous peoples – through dynamic conservation, sustainable management and scaling up of their agricultural heritage systems in China, the Philippines and Tunisia.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFAD Contribution to the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) 	World Health Organization (WHO)	30 000	Provide support for the United Nations system's coordinated engagement in nutrition, including through its role as co-chair of the United Nations System Network for Scaling Up Nutrition; promote nutrition activities within United Nations agencies and support policy harmonization on nutrition across the system; provide support for coordinated global advocacy in nutrition; and serve as a repository and platform for knowledge exchange on nutrition across the system.
Global Engagement and Research Division (GER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFAD second grant to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) for the 2014-2015 Biennium 	FAO	400 000	Enhance the discussions and products of CFS as a key multi-stakeholder platform by helping focus consultations and working group and plenary discussions on key issues related to smallholder agriculture and its role in food systems, as well as issues specific to rural communities with regard to food security and nutrition.

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Latin America and the Caribbean Division (LAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadening Usage of ICTs to Mitigate Risks in Production and Commercialization in the Coffee Value Chain 	Asociación Nacional del Café (ANACAFÉ)	500 000	Improve smallholders' access to and use of the services provided by ANACAFÉ, thus boosting their capacity to make good production decisions and expanding their access to markets.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territorios Productivos: Promoting Synergies between Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes and Productive Development 	Corporación de Derecho Privado RIMISP Centro Latinoamericano para el Desarrollo Rural	300 000	Contribute to improving the effectiveness of rural economic and social development policies in Mexico by enabling poor rural beneficiaries of conditional cash transfers to access productive programmes and increase household income.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the Productive and Organizational Model of Cooperativa Integral Agrícola Mujeres 4Pinos 	Cooperativa Agrícola Integral Unión de Cuatro Pinos	250 000	Strengthen the productive and organizational capacities of rural women's producer organizations through knowledge-sharing and peer-to-peer learning.
Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office (PRM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Civil Society Support to Farmers' Organizations for Improved Agricultural Development 	American Council for Voluntary International Action (InterAction)	500 000	Participating farmers' organizations engage more strategically and effectively in national agricultural development policy debates, advocacy and partnerships.
Policy and Technical Advisory Division (PTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach Project: Expanding and Scaling up Innovative Financial Inclusion and Graduation Strategies and Tools in Africa 	Fundación Capital (FundaK)	500 000	Replicating and scaling up innovative solutions for financial inclusion and livelihoods enhancement strategies in Africa, as well as supporting government efforts to improve social protection programmes, thus opening ways for transformative and large-scale interventions.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Consultation with Pastoralist and Livestock Breeder Civil Society Organizations: Towards Better Policies in Support of Pastoralism 	Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF) Germany	500 000	Strengthen pastoral civil society capacity to contribute to the design of policies and programmes at regional and international levels.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Technical Training in Agroecology for Smallholder Producers' Organizations in South America 	Associação Pachamama	449 280	Promote sustainable smallholder agriculture in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Paraguay through capacity-building services and technical training in agroecology.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-Building for Implementation of the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries 	Centro Internazionale Crocevia (CIC)	350 000	Ensure ownership and control of implementation of the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF Guidelines) by fishing communities and their organizations, positioning them as key stakeholders in the implementation of the guidelines at national and subregional levels.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Involvement of Farmers' Organizations in Public Programmes 	AgriCord	250 000	Public agricultural development programmes respond better to the needs and capacities of women and men smallholder farmers through the genuine involvement of their representative organizations in the design and implementation of such programmes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Farmers' Engagement in Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP21), Paris, 30 November - 12 December 2015 	World Farmers' Organisation (WFO)	200 000	Supporting the participation of small-scale farmers in COP21 in Paris; facilitating dialogue between farmers and the Parties on the importance of agriculture as an important aspect of climate change negotiations; and raising the Parties' awareness of global agriculture and its central role in solutions to climate change challenges.
West and Central Africa Division (WCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-Building for the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Republic of the Congo 	Ministry of Economy, Finance, Budget and Public Portfolio, Government of the Republic of the Congo	500 000	Strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture for results-oriented planning and implementation of activities, in order to support the Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Project (PD-PAC) and all Ministry fisheries investment projects, and to attract more investment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening Knowledge-Sharing and Scaling Up of Best Practices in Senegal 	National Agro-sylvo-pastoral Development Fund (FNDASP)	500 000	Widely disseminate successful innovations and best practices in reducing rural poverty.