Grants under the Global/Regional and Country-specific Grant Windows Approved by the President in 2018

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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 2018, up to and including 31 December 2018. These grants are listed by relevant division and a description is provided of the activities supported. 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).
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<th>Lead originating department/division/unit¹</th>
<th>Grant title</th>
<th>Benefiting institution/country</th>
<th>Amount (United States dollars)</th>
<th>Scope of the grant</th>
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<td>Asia and the Pacific Division (APR)</td>
<td>Building Sustainable and Inclusive Supply Chains in the Asia Pacific Region</td>
<td>Tanager</td>
<td>500 000</td>
<td>Improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers through value chain development programmes, training on good agricultural practices and innovations in production and post-harvest management that enable farmers to access higher paying markets.</td>
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<td>Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG)</td>
<td>Inclusive Bottom-up Processes of Dialogue between Indigenous Peoples and IFAD</td>
<td>International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)</td>
<td>260 000</td>
<td>Empower indigenous peoples to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development strategies and policy engagement relevant to their needs in developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.</td>
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<td>International Symposium on Transitioning Shifting Cultivation to Climate-Resilient Farming Systems in South and South-East Asia</td>
<td>International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)</td>
<td>125 000</td>
<td>Strengthen the resilience of shifting cultivator communities to climate events and other shocks through an effective transition towards economically viable, inclusive, climate-resilient, and nutrition-secure farming systems.</td>
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<td>East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)</td>
<td>African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF 2018-2020)</td>
<td>Alliance for a Green Revolution In Africa (AGRA)</td>
<td>300 000</td>
<td>The goal of the AGRF is to provide a platform involving stakeholders from the entire agricultural value chain to discuss policy and practice and to promote initiatives and partnerships dedicated to ensuring food security, reducing poverty and spurring profitable, inclusive and sustainable agricultural growth that will improve the lives of smallholder farmers across Africa.</td>
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<td>Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division (GEM)</td>
<td>IFAD’s Contribution to the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 2018</td>
<td>Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</td>
<td>500 000</td>
<td>The main functions of the CFS are to: (a) contribute to advancing coordination and partnerships; (b) contribute to policy convergence on food security and nutrition; and (c) strengthen national and regional action in support of food security and nutrition.</td>
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<td>Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) 2018</td>
<td>FAO</td>
<td>500 000</td>
<td>GFAR’s goal is to make systems and processes related to agrifood research and innovation more effective, responsive and equitable in order to achieve sustainable development outcomes.</td>
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<td>Leveraging South-South and Triangular Cooperation to share rural development solutions for private sector engagement</td>
<td>AGRA</td>
<td>500 000</td>
<td>Promote uptake of private sector-related innovative rural development solutions in Africa and Asia and the Pacific to support smallholder farmers in increasing their agricultural production and productivity for food security, nutrition and income-generating activities.</td>
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<td>Supporting Civil Society Participation in the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS)</td>
<td>Terra Nuova – Centro per il Volontariato ONLUS</td>
<td>250 000</td>
<td>Improve food security and nutrition policies and actions at the national, regional and global levels through enhanced participation by civil society organizations in the CFS.</td>
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¹ Based on the hiring division of the grant sponsor as of 31 December 2018.
Contribute to the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)

Grant title: Contribution to the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)
Benefiting institution/country: FAO
Amount (United States dollars): 130,000
Scope of the grant: Contribute to stronger nutrition governance, an enabling environment and policies, and programmes and projects that improve nutrition at global and country levels.

Contribution to the Brazil-Africa Forum 2018-2020

Grant title: Contribution to the Brazil-Africa Forum 2018-2020
Benefiting institution/country: Brazil Africa Institute (IBRAF)
Amount (United States dollars): 50,000
Scope of the grant: The purpose of the forum is to facilitate open discussions between governments, academia and business entrepreneurs in Brazil and African countries on areas of common interest. The forum of 2018 will focus in particular on youth.

Latin America and the Caribbean Division (LAC)

Grant title: Learning Alliance to strengthen capacities for participatory evaluation and improvement in value chains and inclusive trade alliances with the IFAD PROINORTE project in Honduras
Benefiting institution/country: International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
Amount (United States dollars): 500,000
Scope of the grant: Strengthen the capacities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock and its partners in the use of participatory and territorial methods, applying a multidimensional lens to select, co-design and upgrade value chains and business models taking into account the horizontal integration of cross-cutting themes (nutrition, gender, climate, youth and indigenous peoples).

Linking family farming with the School Meal National Programme in Guatemala

Grant title: Linking family farming with the School Meal National Programme in Guatemala
Benefiting institution/country: World Food Programme Guatemala
Amount (United States dollars): 450,000
Scope of the grant: Contribute to the effective participation of family farming organizations in the national school meals programme in Guatemala as local providers of fresh, nutritious food for healthy and culturally sensitive school menus.

Operational Policy and Results Division (OPR)

Grant title: Support to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI-3)
Benefiting institution/country: United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Amount (United States dollars): 33,000
Scope of the grant: Provide support to the IATI and its transparency commitments as per the Accra Agenda for Action (2008), by making information about aid spending easier to access, use and understand.

Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office (PRM)

Grant title: Inclusive Global Agrifood Supply Chains: Going Behind the Brands - from commitments to uptake and impact
Benefiting institution/country: OXFAM America
Amount (United States dollars): 500,000
Scope of the grant: Shift core business practices in the agri-food supply chains towards socially, environmentally and economically responsible sourcing through progress on trackable commitments, in order to enhance the livelihoods of smallholder farmers.

Research and Impact Assessment Division (RIA)

Grant title: Bamboo for Livelihoods: IFAD support for the Global Bamboo and Rattan Congress 2018
Benefiting institution/country: International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)
Amount (United States dollars): 220,000
Scope of the grant: The congress seeks to create greater awareness of the potential of bamboo and rattan for sustainable development, through the exchange of knowledge and best practices for policy dialogue, the creation of partnerships, and the showcasing of scientific and technical innovations.

Research study to provide information on whether IFAD’s interventions have the potential to be a path out of poverty for people with disabilities

Benefiting institution/country: Skidmore College
Amount (United States dollars): 20,000
Scope of the grant: Examine IFAD’s current engagement with people with disabilities and analyse the potential of IFAD projects to support a productive pathway out of poverty for individuals with disabilities and households with a member who is disabled.

Country Consultative Meeting on Alignment of Research to Country Strategic Goals on Agriculture in Nigeria

Benefiting institution/country: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
Amount (United States dollars): 10,000
Scope of the grant: Organize the consultative meeting in order to strengthen alignment between the IITA research and delivery programmes and those of its partners, more specifically towards the realization of the strategic goals of the Federal Government of Nigeria for agriculture.

Strategy and Knowledge Department (SKD)

Grant title: Rural Poverty Clock and Rural Hunger Clock: using technologies to monitor and achieve SDG1 and SDG2
Benefiting institution/country: World Data Lab
Amount (United States dollars): 495,000
Scope of the grant: Improve the availability and accessibility of data related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 and 2 in rural areas by: (i) deepening the data models underpinning the World Poverty Clock to enable data disaggregation; (ii) designing robust and credible approaches to modelling/forecasting trends in hunger for every country in the world, and (iii) developing public goods to support advocacy efforts.