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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).

<i>Lead originating department/division/unit¹</i>	<i>Grant title</i>	<i>Benefiting institution/country</i>	<i>Amount (United States dollars)</i>	<i>Scope of the grant</i>
Asia and the Pacific Division (APR)	Building Sustainable and Inclusive Supply Chains in the Asia Pacific Region	Tanager	500 000	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.
Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG)	Inclusive Bottom-up Processes of Dialogue between Indigenous Peoples and IFAD	International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)	260 000	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.
	International Symposium on Transitioning Shifting Cultivation to Climate-Resilient Farming Systems in South and South-East Asia	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	125 000	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.
East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)	African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF 2018-2020)	Alliance for a Green Revolution In Africa (AGRA)	300 000	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.
Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division (GEM)	IFAD's Contribution to the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 2018	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	500 000	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.
	Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) 2018	FAO	500 000	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.
	Leveraging South-South and Triangular Cooperation to share rural development solutions for private sector engagement	AGRA	500 000	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.
	Supporting Civil Society Participation in the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS)	Terra Nuova – Centro per il Volontariato ONLUS	250 000	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.

¹ Based on the hiring division of the grant sponsor as of 31 December 2018.

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	Contribution to the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)	FAO	130 000	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	Brazil Africa Institute (IBRAF)	50 000	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)	Learning Alliance to strengthen capacities for participatory evaluation and improvement in value chains and inclusive trade alliances with the IFAD PROINORTE project in Honduras	International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)	500 000	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	World Food Programme Guatemala	450 000	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)	Support to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI-3)	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	33 000	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)	Inclusive Global Agrifood Supply Chains: Going Behind the Brands - from commitments to uptake and impact	OXFAM America	500 000	Shift core business practices in the agrifood 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)	Bamboo for Livelihoods: IFAD support for the Global Bamboo and Rattan Congress 2018	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)	220 000	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	Skidmore College	20 000	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	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)	10 000	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)	Rural Poverty Clock and Rural Hunger Clock: using technologies to monitor and achieve SDG1 and SDG2	World Data Lab	495 000	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.