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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 2019, up to and including 31 December 2019. 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/unit</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)	Enabling Digital Transformation of Smallholder Agriculture	World Economic Forum (WEF)	97 000	Provide a phased roadmap towards developing a multi-stakeholder innovation ecosystem for digital technologies to support smallholder agriculture in the ASEAN region.
Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division (ECG)	Annual contribution to the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN) for 2019	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	130 000	Contribute to stronger nutrition governance, an enabling environment and policies, and programmes and projects that improve nutrition at the global and country level.
East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)	African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2018-2020 top-up	Alliance for a Green Revolution In Africa (AGRA)	300 000	Top-up contribution to the AGRF for the following outputs: (i) knowledge sharing on inclusive agribusiness models; (ii) formalization of multi-stakeholder networks; (iii) sensitization of key stakeholders; and (iv) networking among public and private stakeholders in the development of African agriculture.
Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization (GPR)	IFAD contribution to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 2019	FAO	500 000	The main functions of the CFS are to: (i) contribute to advancing coordination and partnerships; (ii) contribute to policy convergence on food security and nutrition; and (iii) strengthen national and regional action in support of food security and nutrition.
	IFAD's contribution to the United Nations International Decade of Family Farming for 2019-2020	FAO	500 000	Develop an enabling policy environment for family farmers; improve their socio-economic inclusion, resilience and well-being; promote sustainable agriculture; strengthen resilience and adaptation to climate change; and strengthen family farmers' organizations.
	Enhancing global advocacy for investment in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2	Global Poverty Project, Inc.	300 000	Mobilize citizens and stakeholders through a global campaign that will result in increased government investment to agricultural and rural development solutions to help eradicate global poverty and hunger by 2030.
Office of the General Counsel (LEG)	Micro-grant for UNIDROIT for finalization of the future Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts	International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)	70 000 <sup>1</sup>	Support the finalization of the future Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts, which aims to provide investors, governments, legitimate tenure right holders and local communities with private law guidance on contracts involving a transaction of tenure, in order to promote inclusive and sustainable investments in agriculture.
Strategy and Knowledge Department (SKD)	Assessing the Demand for Finance for Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Transformation	Overseas Development Institute (ODI)	500 000	Provide a qualitative assessment of the willingness of countries (low-income countries, lower-middle-income countries and upper-middle-income countries) to obtain finance for support of inclusive and sustainable rural transformation, and of the conditions under which this support will be acceptable.

<sup>1</sup> From the Office of the President and Vice-President (OPV) allocation for micro-grants, as per Strategic Guidance Note for IFAD Grants 2019-2021.

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Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division (PMI)	Dairy for Social Impact: Enhanced knowledge and sustainability	Global Dairy Platform Inc. (GDP)	500 000	Increase employment and income opportunities for youth and women in line with SDG goals and the IFAD Results Management Framework through sustainable dairy development driven by improved public and private sector strategic policy planning and higher levels of public and private sector investment in the sector.
	Farmers' Organizations for Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries (FO4ACP) umbrella programme	Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)	497 191	As part of the FO4ACP umbrella programme, the key outputs of these grants are: (i) improved capacity of farmers' organizations (FOs) to deliver technical and economic services and connect their members to markets; (ii) improved access of FOs to financial services; (iii) improved business environment and smallholder competitiveness; (iv) strengthened institutional capacities and professionalism of FOs; and (v) enhanced knowledge and dissemination among peers for replication and scaling up.
		Plateforme Régionale Des Organisations Paysannes D'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC)	497 191	
		Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)	497 191	
		ROPPA	112 360	
		Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)	497 191	
	Micro-grant Food Systems Action Platform (FSAP) Latin America Hub	International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)	50 000 <sup>2</sup>	Support the operationalization of the Latin America hub of the FSAP, based in CIAT. The objective of the FSAPs is to increase dialogue around food systems that are efficient, sustainable, inclusive, nutritious and healthy.

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<sup>2</sup> From the External Relations and Governance Department (ERG) and SKD allocations for micro-grants (50 per cent for each department), as per Strategic Guidance Note for IFAD Grants 2019-2021.