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Latest Figures on Approved Financing for the Rural Poor Stimulus Facility and Update on Second Allocation Round

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1. Since the main report on the progress of the Rural Poor Stimulus Facility (RPSF) was finalized, nine new proposals have been approved through the Facility. In addition, with the US\$40 million in seed funding now almost fully committed, the second round of allocations for the Facility, and a corresponding second call for proposals, have both been launched. This addendum presents the latest figures on approved RPSF financing, taking these new approvals into account. It also provides details of the second allocation round.

I. Financing approved so far

2. To date, 50 proposals, covering 51 countries, have been approved through the RPSF. They amount to US\$35.2 million in RPSF financing, and US\$8.7 million from other sources. Four additional proposals, amounting to US\$2.5 million in RPSF financing and US\$0.9 million in cofinancing, have now been reviewed and recommended for final approval (see the annex for an updated table summarizing all proposals approved or in the pipeline).
3. Once the pipeline proposals are approved, there will be US\$2.3 million remaining from the initial US\$40 million used to seed the Facility. This consists of unused single-country allocations for four countries, and a small unallocated amount from the multi-country pool. For one of the four remaining countries, a proposal is currently being finalized, and for the three others, a proposal will be submitted during the second allocation round, allowing them to combine their country allocations from both rounds in order to design larger projects. Two of the remaining countries are expected to combine their allocations as part of a regional initiative. The small amount remaining in the multi-country pool will be rolled over to the second allocation round for this pool.

II. Launch of the second allocation round

4. Donor commitments to the RPSF now total approximately US\$50 million, consisting of finalized agreements with the governments of Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden, and a soon-to-be-finalized agreement with Switzerland. Of this amount, approximately US\$7 million will be allocated to the pool for global or regional proposals. For this pool, a call for proposals has now been issued for the second allocation round, the submission deadline for which is 27 November 2020. This call was issued first in order to give teams time to prepare the proposals. A further US\$43 million will be allocated to single-country initiatives, based on the same allocation mechanism as was employed for the first round, and a call for proposals will be issued by 20 November 2020.¹ Country teams will now begin submitting applications for this additional financing, with the aim of having the full US\$50 million in supplementary funds committed by the end of January 2021.

¹ The remaining US\$3 million – 7 per cent – will be retained as management fee.

Overview of approved RPSF proposals

<i>Multi-country</i>		
Asia and the Pacific (20 countries)	Pillar 1: Provide agricultural inputs and support marketing through public-private-producer partnerships brokered or implemented by farmers' organizations.	US\$2.0 million
East and Southern Africa, and West and Central Africa (22 countries)	Pillars 1-4: Work through farmers' organizations to adapt and restore food production by supporting access to inputs, information, markets and liquidity and disseminating information on food availability and safety.	US\$1.5 million (plus US\$2.2 million in cofinancing)
Plurinational State of Bolivia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Peru (stand-alone project implemented by Agriterra, an NGO)	Pillar 4: Establish wide-ranging digital services, with activities including provision of related equipment and training, connecting producers' organizations with private sector buyers and increasing their e-commerce capacity, helping groups to establish certified procedures and protocols on biosafety and risk management, and equipping local financial service providers with digital technologies to ensure business continuity.	US\$2.3 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Kenya, Nigeria and Pakistan	Pillar 4: Deliver personalized agricultural advice through a mobile phone application, establishing a two-way information channel for farmers to receive low-cost advice to improve on-farm practices and access to markets.	US\$2.0 million (plus US\$0.9 million in cofinancing)
<i>Country-level</i>		
Afghanistan (a stand-alone project implemented by the project management unit of the IFAD-funded Community Livestock and Agriculture Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs and basic assets for production and additional support through veterinary field units, fodder banks and ongoing IFAD investments in dairy value chains.	US\$0.9 million (plus US\$0.3 million in cofinancing)
Bangladesh (implemented through the Smallholder Agricultural Competitiveness Project)	Pillar 1: Quick-impact provision of inputs and capacity-building support for high-value and nutrient-rich home vegetable gardening in coastal areas.	US\$0.9 million
Benin (implemented through the Agricultural Development and Market Access Support Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Support rice value chains by providing inputs and machinery for production, tricycles for transporting goods to markets and machinery for post-harvest processing.	US\$0.4 million
Burkina Faso (implemented through the Agricultural Value Chains Promotion Project)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide subsidized inputs (including climate-resilient seeds), equipment, training and extension for digital information services for market gardens during the dry season. Establish a digital marketing platform and market information call centre and promote partnerships along vegetable value chains.	US\$0.7 million
Burundi (implemented through the Value Chain Development Programme, Phase II)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide input kits containing hybrid seeds, fertilizer and plant protection products across the next two seasons, as well as training on production practices and weather and market information.	US\$0.7 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Cambodia (implemented through the Agricultural Services Programme for Innovation, Resilience and Extension)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide inputs and e-training and accelerate the ongoing roll-out of a multi-purpose mobile phone application for small-scale producers.	US\$0.5 million (plus US\$0.2 million in cofinancing, and US\$0.5 million from regular grants)
Cameroon (implemented through the Youth Agropastoral Entrepreneurship Promotion Programme)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Deliver inputs, machinery and technical assistance for crop and livestock production. Support market access by setting up temporary markets, assisting with storage, and connecting with buyers through digital platforms.	US\$0.5 million
Central African Republic (implemented through the Project to Revitalize Crop and Livestock Production in the Savannah)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide input kits for crop producers and animal kits (consisting of small ruminants) for agropastoralists, and assist in hiring tractors. Also support farmer groups to engage in collective production and provide e-training on adapted production practices.	US\$0.6 million (plus US\$0.2 million in cofinancing)

Chad (implemented through the Strengthening Productivity and Resilience of Agropastoral Family Farms Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs, training and equipment for crop producers, seed farmers, livestock producers and young rural entrepreneurs along selected value chains. Also, offer logistical support for the transportation of agricultural products to grouping centres and markets, support for the organization of group sales and provide technical information and training to improve storage, packaging and marketing capacities.	US\$0.8 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Comoros (implemented through the Family Farming Productivity and Resilience Support Project)*	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs and training, in partnership with local research institutions, for crop rotation and use of improved varieties. Also upgrade selected market infrastructure for storage, sales and transport in rural and peri-urban areas.	US\$0.3 million
Congo (implemented through the Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Project)	Pillar 1: Work through producers' organizations to support crop, livestock and aquaculture sectors by providing inputs (including climate-resilient vegetable seeds, fingerlings, chicks, feed and veterinary products), climate-smart weather readers and training in adapted production practices.	US\$0.4million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Democratic Republic of the Congo (implemented through the North Kivu Agriculture Sector Support Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Work through farmers' organizations to provide inputs and training on adapted production practices. Will also support market access by providing means of transportation and improving price and market information systems.	US\$1.2 million (plus US\$0.2 million in cofinancing)
Côte d'Ivoire (implemented through the Agricultural Value Chains Development Support Programme)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide production and post-harvest equipment including mini tractors, and support transportation for farmers' organizations of rice producers. Also provide livestock inputs including a large vaccination campaign.	US\$0.6 million
Djibouti (implemented through the Soil and Water Management Programme)	Pillar 1: Provide various inputs for crop, livestock and fish producers, including seeds (forage seeds for plant cover regeneration and vegetable seeds for backyard farming), fertilizers and crop protection products, licking stones for livestock, veterinary products and fishing nets.	US\$0.2 million
Eritrea (implemented through the National Agriculture Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Distribute seeds and equipment, including water pumps for irrigation, along with livestock inputs and training in adapted production practices. Support marketing by providing storage sacks, milk churners and transport assistance.	US\$0.4 million
Ethiopia (implemented through the Participatory Small-scale Irrigation Development Programme, Phase II)	Pillars 1, 2 and 3: Provide a range of support, including input vouchers, cash-for-work schemes, support for storage and transport of goods, and provision of protective equipment and awareness training.	US\$1.0 million
Gabon (implemented through the Agricultural and Rural Development Project, Phase II)	Pillar 1: Support chicken cooperatives and pig and sheep farmers with inputs (including feed, housing and other equipment) and training in adapted production practices and financial management.	US\$0.2 million (plus US\$49,000 in cofinancing)
The Gambia (implemented through the Resilient Organizations for Transformative Smallholder Agriculture Programme)	Pillars 1-4: Focusing on women and youth working in vegetable gardens, provide crop and livestock inputs and digital cash transfers; support safe and hygienic transportation to markets and provide equipment to ensure that all market actors can continue to operate. Establish a multi-purpose mobile phone application for market information, training and other uses.	US\$0.3 million
Guinea (implemented through the Family Farming, Resilience and Markets Project in Upper and Middle Guinea)	Pillars 1-3: Working through farmers' organizations, provide production kits in partnership with private suppliers, along with production and protective equipment, technical assistance and training in adapted production practices, and marketing, and market information. Provide transport equipment and inject money into local financial service providers.	US\$0.5 million
Guinea-Bissau (implemented through the Economic Development Project for the Southern Regions)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs, technical assistance, training, and protective equipment and hygiene kits, and establish national radio broadcasts to provide information on market prices and supply and demand for specific value chains.	US\$0.4 million

Kenya (stand-alone project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives)*	Pillars 1, 2, and 4: Focusing on potato farmers, provide e-vouchers for inputs, training on adapted practices, and digital information on weather and production-enhancing techniques. Also facilitate group marketing, provide storage support and connect farmers to digital market platforms.	US\$0.8 million (plus US\$0.7 million in cofinancing)
Lebanon (stand-alone project implemented through the Climate Smart Agriculture: Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of the Rural Communities in Lebanon project, funded by the Adaptation Fund and supervised by IFAD)	Pillar 1: Provide inputs for greenhouse producers, including plastic sheeting covers for rainwater harvesting.	US\$0.2 million
Liberia (implemented through the Tree Crops Extension Project)	Pillar 1: Provide inputs, equipment and training for rice, cassava and vegetable production.	US\$0.5 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Madagascar (stand-alone project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)	Pillars 2 and 4: Enhance post-harvest warehouses and marketing facilities, and establish a revolving fund for farmers' organizations to enable them to make collective sales to urban and peri-urban areas, as well as set up a digital platform for information on prices and market opportunities.	US\$0.8 million (plus US\$0.6 million in cofinancing)
Malawi (implemented through the Sustainable Agricultural Production Programme)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide agricultural inputs in collaboration with a private supplier, e-extension services and support to the Government for the certification of seeds produced by farmers' organizations involved in seed multiplication using a digital system to increase efficiency. Provide market information, assist in identifying markets for crops and transporting products to market and for aggregation. Implement a livestock pass-on programme.	US\$0.6 million (plus US\$69,000 in cofinancing)
Mali (implemented through the Rural Youth Vocational Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship Support Project)	Pillars 1-4: Provide support to young people working at small and medium-sized enterprises, including subsidizing costs for rescheduling interest on loans provided by microfinance institutions and providing three months worth of inputs. Will also provide market information by promoting communities of practice and sharing information on marketing opportunities and technical advice through WhatsApp.	US\$0.4 million
Mozambique (implemented through the Inclusive Agrifood Value Chain Development Programme)*	Pillars 1-4: Provide a range of support including: nutrition-rich inputs, education on nutrition, sanitary kits for marketing, weather and market information, storage equipment, new aggregation points, technical assistance to farmers' organizations to develop business plans and access capital. Support access to digital information services.	US\$0.8 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Niger (implemented through the Family Farming Development Programme in Maradi, Tahoua and Zinder Regions)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs including seeds and water-pumping equipment, along with processing and conservation equipment for agricultural products.	US\$0.7 million
Nigeria (implemented through the Climate Change Adaptation and Agribusiness Support Programme)	Pillar 1: Deliver packages through farmers' organizations containing tailored inputs and products, including climate-resilient, high-yielding, short-duration and high-nutrition seeds.	US\$0.9 million (plus US\$1.3 million in repurposed funds from the Climate Change Adaptation and Agribusiness Support Programme)
Nepal (stand-alone project, implemented by the Agriculture Development Bank Limited)	Pillars 3 and 4: Support local banks to expand their digital services, implementing a new credit card and mobile phone application for money and information transfers and automated loan processing.	US\$0.5 million (plus US\$0.3 million in cofinancing)
Pakistan (stand-alone project implemented by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research)	Pillars 1, 3 and 4: Provide cash transfers for inputs through e-wallets that are programmed so that they can be used only for inputs from selected suppliers.	US\$1.1 million
Palestine (implemented through the Resilient Land and Resource Management Project)	Pillars 1 and 2: Distribute seed and fertilizer to small-scale producers, and support clustering of crops and connecting farmers with buyers.	US\$0.3 million (plus US\$27 000 in cofinancing)
Papua New Guinea (stand-alone project implemented by the Fresh Produce Development Agency and	Pillars 1, 3 and 4: Provide free inputs at the farm gate, cover the 10 per cent contribution required to access a loan from the ongoing Market for Village Farmers Project, provide working capital to local transport operators to	US\$0.4 million

Department of Agriculture and Livestock)	maintain their service and facilitate access to a digital market-price platform.	
Rwanda (stand-alone project implemented by the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide seeds for maize, beans and potatoes along with fertilizer, and support market access by providing guaranteed purchase for grains plus storage facilities.	US\$0.6 million
Sao Tome and Principe (implemented through the Commercialization, Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition Project)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide production and post-harvest inputs and training for crop, livestock and fish production, and support for e-marketing and e-commerce.	US\$0.2 million (plus US\$0.3 million in cofinancing)
Senegal (implemented through the Rural Youth Agripreneur Support Project [Agrijeunes Tekki Ndawñi])	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide subsidized inputs and small equipment for potato and watermelon producers, and provide capacity-building and advisory support for producers' groups on adapted horticultural production practices and how to access digital services for market information and input suppliers.	US\$0.5 million (plus US\$0.5 million in cofinancing)
Sierra Leone (implemented through the Agricultural Value Chain Development Project)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide inputs (including fast-germinating and high-yielding seeds) and land preparation machinery, support the improvement of collection centres and establish a digital platform to serve as a repository for extension and market information.	US\$0.5 million
Somalia (stand-alone project implemented by the Somalia Development and Resilience Institute)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide inputs and minor equipment for crop, livestock and fish production, and equipment and training to minimize post-harvest losses and add value. Organize local purchases from smallholder farmers' groups.	US\$0.6 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)
Sudan (stand-alone project implemented by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources)	Pillars 1-3: Provide production inputs to smallholders, including vegetable seeds for women to be used for home gardens, plus training on adapted production and post-harvest practices and financial management. Provide hermetic storage bags and support for collection centres, and distribute production and market information via SMS and radio. Inject money into local financial service providers to increase credit access and ability to send and receive money.	US\$0.7 million (plus US\$32,000 in cofinancing)
Syrian Arab Republic (implemented through the Integrated Livestock Development Project)*	Pillar 1: Provide pregnant ewes and animal feed, along with seeds and other essential inputs and farm tools.	US\$0.6 million (plus US\$40,000 in cofinancing)
United Republic of Tanzania (stand-alone project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Support pre-season planning meetings of smallholder farmer organizations to establish input requirements and seasonal marketing objectives. Also, support the purchase of maize grains from smallholders by the Government, link farmers' organizations with buyers, and establish a mobile phone application for market information for inputs, sales and training.	US\$0.9 million
Togo (implemented through the Shared-risk Agricultural Financing Incentive Mechanism Support Project)	Pillar 1: Support vegetable gardeners with inputs (including irrigation kits) and training.	US\$0.5 million
Uganda (stand-alone project implemented by the management unit of the Project for Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas)	Pillars 3 and 4: Support local credit and savings groups by providing cash grants combined with capacity-building support on management, and extension on digital technologies (plus Internet costs).	US\$1.0 million (plus US\$53,000 in cofinancing)
Yemen (stand-alone project implemented by the Social Fund for Development)	Pillar 1: Depending on need, provide free inputs and assets for horticulture and livestock production combined with training in adapted production practices.	US\$0.8 million
Zambia (implemented through the Enhanced Smallholder Livestock Investment Programme)	Pillars 1, 2 and 4: Provide remote veterinary training and COVID-19 messaging, along with other veterinary services. Also establish a web-based surveillance and information-sharing platform for livestock disease prevention, along with livestock packages of rabbits, chickens and goats, solar-equipped boreholes for hand washing and rabbit cages. Will also support the development of a livestock index insurance scheme.	US\$0.6 million (plus US\$0.3 million in cofinancing)
Zimbabwe (implemented through the Smallholder Irrigation Revitalization Programme)	Pillars 1 and 2: Provide a nutrition-dense input package, along with basic personal protective equipment. Also, establish farmers' linkages to reliable markets and off-takers and promote adoption of post-harvest technologies.	US\$0.7 million (plus US\$0.1 million in cofinancing)

* These projects have been reviewed and recommended for final approval.