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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 2020, up to and including 31 December 2020. 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).

Lead originating department/ division/unit	Grant title	Benefiting institution/country	Amount (United States dollars)	Scope of the grant
Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division	Annual contribution to the UN Nutrition (UNN) functioning for 2020	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	200 000	Part of a commitment by five United Nations agencies (FAO, IFAD, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the World Food Programme, and the World Health Organization) to contribute to UNN. The recently created UNN – a merger of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition and the United Nations Network for the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement – is an inter-agency coordination mechanism for nutrition at the global and country level, bringing United Nations agencies together to accelerate progress on nutrition.
Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization	IFAD's contribution to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) for 2020	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.
	Global advocacy on financing for agriculture and rural development – IFAD's grant support to the Finance in Common Summit	Paris Peace Forum association	59 050 ¹	Support to the organization of the Finance in Common Summit and IFAD's hosting of the high-level event on agriculture and rural development. The Summit represents the first-ever gathering of public development banks and world leaders to promote the catalytic use of resources to support sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement.
Near East, North Africa and Europe Division	International Forum on Innovation in Agriculture and Food Systems for achieving SDGs	FAO	50 000	Contribute to the International Forum on Innovation in Agriculture and Food Systems for achieving SDGs – a dynamic, multi-stakeholder and multidisciplinary forum aimed at exchanging experiences on agricultural innovation, understanding the potential of different types of innovation, key drivers and processes, as well as impact pathways.
Operational Policy and Results Division	2020 contribution to support IFAD's membership to the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)	United Nations Office for Project Services	33 000 ²	Provide support to the IATI and its transparency commitments as per the 2008 Accra Agenda for Action by making information about aid spending easier to access, use and understand.
Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division	Contribution to support participation of Cuban farmers' organizations (FOs) in the FO4ACP Programme in the Caribbean	FAO	50 000 ³	Support Cuban FOs' participation in intra- and inter-regional learning processes under the FO4ACP Programme in the Caribbean. This will strengthen FOs' capacities and stimulate learning, synergies and South-South Triangular Cooperation in the region, including through the establishment of an inclusive Caribbean regional Farmers' Forum.

¹ From the External Relations and Governance Department and the Financial Operations Department allocations for micro-grants, as per Strategic Guidance Note for IFAD Grants 2019-2021. ² From the Programme Management Department allocation for micro-grants, as per Strategic Guidance Note for IFAD Grants 2019-2021. ³ From the Strategy and Knowledge Department allocation for micro-grants, as per Strategic Guidance Note for IFAD Grants 2019-2021.