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APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT**

1. At its eightieth session held on 17-18 December 2003, the Executive Board authorized the President to approve, on behalf of the Board, grants not exceeding the equivalent of USD 200 000 for each proposal, and to report annually to the Executive Board on the use of such authority.
2. A description is attached of 33 grants approved under this arrangement in 2005, up to and including 31 December 2005. The grant criteria and approval process used were those of the IFAD Policy for Grant Financing approved in December 2003 (EB 2003/80/R.5/Rev.1 and EB 2003/80/C.R.P.1).

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PA	Support to the Government of Cameroon (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development) – Update of Country’s Rural Development Strategy and of its Operational Framework	Ministry of Agriculture of Cameroon	170 000	The purpose of this grant is to assist the Government of Cameroon, in particular the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, in updating its rural sector development strategy and the related operational framework. The strategy reflects the Government’s deep commitment to reducing rural poverty and provides a new perspective for agricultural growth and rural development. In both documents, the Government has set out development goals, policies and strategic orientations and objectives aimed at reducing poverty in rural areas while addressing the specific concerns of the rural poor. The reformulation of the operational framework aims to ensure timely and effective implementation of the country’s poverty reduction strategy. The grant will support the development of a five-year programme of action, a related medium-term financing plan and procedures for implementing, monitoring and evaluating progress.
PF	Building a Knowledge Management Strategy for Effective Rural Development in East Africa	International Support Group	200 000	The programme’s objective is to enable groups of farmers and service providers in East Africa to exchange ideas and experiences on how to improve access to services and markets. To this end, the programme will mentor existing farmer groups in Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda; conduct field visits to learning groups; train new learning groups; develop training resources; prepare and make presentations to senior government and donor staff in the country; regularly convene other institutions involved; and prepare regular briefs on policies for public support emerging from the local experiences.
PF	Conservation Agriculture Practices, Challenges and Lessons	International Institute of Rural Reconstruction	66 000	The programme will consolidate and document innovative practices and lessons learned during the research and dissemination of conservation agriculture (CA) in Africa. It will collaborate with a number of partners to realize its expected objectives and outputs, namely: enhance understanding and knowledge among CA practitioners; produce a table of contents for the CA manual/kit produced during preparatory workshop; create a CA network; gather and document experiences of individuals, communities and organizations along with lessons learned; print and widely disseminate a CA manual; and launch the CA manual during the global CA conference.
PF	Support to Enhance Targeting under Uganda’s Plan for Modernization of Agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture of Uganda	200 000	The overall goal of this grant is to enhance implementation of the Government’s plan for modernization of agriculture (PMA), which is a holistic strategic and policy framework that seeks to reduce poverty through agricultural transformation and thus contribute to the country’s overall framework for poverty reduction. The specific objectives include: (i) developing clear differentiated targeting strategies with a focus on approaches and mechanisms to effectively reach the poor (particularly women) in planning and implementing the PMA’s activities; and (ii) enhancing the capacity of the PMA secretariat and field-level implementing partners to effectively guide, implement and monitor the targeting approaches/mechanisms under PMA pillars and activities.

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PF	Competence Development Programme for IFAD-financed Programmes in the United Republic of Tanzania	Capacity Building International (InWEnt)	110 000	Primary target groups of IFAD-financed projects and programmes in the country are poor smallholders in rural areas. Each operation has specific targeting to reach women, young people and other vulnerable groups (including HIV/AIDS-affected households). The activities of this grant focus on building capacity at various levels, from village-level self-help groups/organizations to local government. Representation from local groups means that women and other vulnerable groups will have targeted access to participate in the programmes. Each pilot district (Babati, Hai, Mbeya Rural, Mpwapwa, Rombo) has a learning group of 25 members drawn from facilitation teams based in the five wards in which activities are focused. In addition, local government staff will receive training.
PF	Project for Technical Assistance to the United Republic of Tanzania's Rural Financial Services Programme	Mennonite Economic Development Associates	100 000	The project will collaborate with the Government's Rural Financial Services Programme (RFSP), which has selected 100 rural microfinance institutions (MFIs) in three zones (Northern, Southern and Central) in which to target its operations. The project will work with 52 of these MFIs scattered randomly throughout the three zones. Its monitoring activities are expected to provide valuable information to the RFSP coordination office and, in particular, to groups involved in training the MFIs. This information should provide a foundation for stronger rural MFIs with improved financial and managerial performance. This will in turn lead to MFIs' improving their services to the rural community they serve.
PI	Enhancing Innovative and Pro-poor Upland Policies in Afghanistan	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development	200 000	The programme's goal is to contribute to pro-poor policy and programme formulation in Afghanistan, with full consideration of the specific situation of the most vulnerable people, through the provision of appropriate, innovative options, best practices and approaches. This goal will be achieved by enhancing and supporting pro-poor innovations that contribute to sustainable improvements in the livelihoods of poor and disadvantaged people in the uplands of Afghanistan. Another goal is to foster improved policy dialogue in order to develop an enabling environment for sustainable pro-poor development.
PI	Building Capacities for Certification of Organic Agriculture in the Pacific	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements	200 000	The goal of this grant is to promote the adoption of organic agriculture in the Pacific region and to contribute to the reduction of rural poverty. To reach its objectives, the programme will: enable producers of organic agriculture to obtain certification for their products at a reduced and affordable cost; institutionalize certification capacity either through private or governmental sources; develop a set of regional standards for organic agricultural products; and analyse existing organic agricultural and Fairtrade production in the Pacific Island countries.
PI	Tu Vakai Koya Community (Self-Reliance)	World Council of Churches, Office in the Pacific	200 000	The overall goal of the proposed capacity-building programme is to develop self-reliant and sustainable institutions that are inclusive of the rural poor and marginalized in rural areas and outer islands of the Pacific and contribute to the reduction of rural poverty. Its main objectives are to: build the capacities of existing village-based rural institutions; strengthen sustainable livelihood and income-generating opportunities; develop alternative, sustainable rural financial mechanisms; serve excluded groups; and advocate for a healthy and sustainable development of human and natural resources.
PL	Learning Knowledge Management and Communication for Impact in Poverty Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean	Latin American Center for Rural Development (RIMISP)	189 400	The goal of this grant is to contribute to poverty reduction and rural development in Latin America and the Caribbean by strengthening the capacity of IFAD stakeholders in the region to learn, manage knowledge and disseminate the strategies implemented by IFAD projects and programmes. The grant will strengthen the capacities of IFAD stakeholders in the region to: (i) mainstream key innovations occurring in IFAD operations; (ii) participate in public dialogue on rural development and poverty reduction policies; and (iii) contribute to the interregional learning and sharing process.

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PL	Microcredit Summit Campaign – Scholarship Programme in Chile	RESULTS Educational Fund	20 000	The programme's goal is to support the Microcredit Summit Campaign by enabling microfinance practitioners and institutions from developing countries to participate in the Microcredit Summit. Summit meetings are dedicated to the promotion of best practices and to realizing four core objectives: (i) reaching the poorest; (ii) reaching and empowering women; (iii) building financially self-sufficient institutions; and (iv) ensuring a positive measurable impact on the lives of clients and their families. The Microcredit Summit Campaign is helping achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially the goal of halving absolute poverty by 2015.
PL	Linking the Virtual Information and Communication Centre Serving Mexico	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	120 000	This grant aims to develop and consolidate a platform of exchange and learning to support research and development efforts in improving the livelihoods of resource-poor small ruminant producers. This will also provide technological support to IFAD's development programmes and projects in the dry areas of Latin America, in particular IFAD's development projects in Mexico (such as the Strengthening Project for the National Micro-Watershed Programme).
PL	Improving Development Effectiveness in Costa Rica	Ministry of Finance, Government of Costa Rica	190 000	The main objective of this grant is to assist the Government of Costa Rica in improving its effectiveness in fostering development. Specifically, it will assess the performance of public-sector agencies in rural poverty reduction and in service provision, and facilitate a process through which civil society can analyse and comment on development activities relevant to the rural poor and their organizations. The proposed grant is consistent with three areas of focus of IFAD's small country grants: (i) improving public policy frameworks; (ii) strengthening institutional frameworks; and (iii) establishing networks for knowledge gathering and dissemination.
PN	Social Capital Assessment Survey in the Area of the Southern Region Development Project (Tunisia)	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	50 000	The grant aims to: (i) make an inventory of all types of community-level organizations and informal institutions; (ii) assess their respective roles in community decision-making, with particular reference to natural resource management and local development concerns; (iii) develop a community capability measurement tool to assess empowerment and the devolution of natural resources management; and (iv) validate, and amend where required, the PRODESUD methodology for development of agropastoral livelihoods and community-based rangeland organizations.
PN	Development of an MDG- and Rural Poverty-oriented Monitoring and Evaluation System in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in the Sudan	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Sudan	100 000	The objective of the grant is to develop an effective system for monitoring the performance of the rural and agricultural sector in the Sudan, both the northern and southern regions, drawing lessons from the Performance-based Allocation System and the Results and Impact Management System introduced by IFAD.
PN	Women Traditional Cheese Packaging Centre in Srebrenica Bosnia and Herzegovina	United Nations Development Programme	200 000	The objective of the grant is to join other United Nations agencies involved in the Srebrenica Regional Recovery Programme in providing poverty reduction support to the people of Srebrenica, an area of Bosnia and Herzegovina that suffered severely during the war of 1992-1995. The grant specifically seeks to improve women's technical, managerial and financial skills related to the production, processing and marketing of traditional cheeses in order to boost their income-earning potential.

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PN	Community Information and Business Development Centre in Davechi Rayon Azerbaijan	MADAD	100 000	The objective of the grant is to increase employment and stimulate private-sector development in Davachi district by establishing a community information business development centre that will empower farmers and entrepreneurs through education, communication and increased access to credit and marketing services.
PN	Capacity-Building for Microfinance in Somalia	United Nations Development Programme	100 000	The grant seeks to: (i) facilitate partnerships between remittance companies and Amah Kalkal (the only microfinance institution operating in north-western Somalia), securing investment and support of local remittance companies in the development of a sustainable microfinance mechanism; (ii) develop the institutional capacity of Amah Kalkal to meet requirements of Somalia migrants and business investors while addressing the needs of the rural poor; and (iii) assist in developing suitable Amah Kalkal microfinance products that meet customer needs.
PN	Engaging Commercial Banks in Rural Finance in the Near East and North Africa Region	ACCION International	175 000	This grant programme aims to extend the outreach of financial services to the rural poor in parts of the Near East and North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan and Morocco). To this end, it will support commercial banks in these countries in their transition to rural microfinance in order to meet the financial needs of the rural poor more effectively. In line with IFAD's private-sector development and partnership strategy, this programme will seek to develop the outreach of commercial banks, using their comparative advantage in the banking business and extensive branch networks.
PT	Developing Approaches, Tools, Methods and Institutional Arrangements to Increase Scalability and Adaptive Replication of Bamboo and Rattan Options in Investment Projects	International Network for Bamboo and Rattan	190 000	The goal of this programme is to help address rural poverty by adapting/replicating bamboo- and rattan-based investments, and maximizing their impact to improve rural livelihoods. The programme will develop ways of establishing links with ongoing loan projects and with new projects as a means of adaptive replication in other countries. In addition, it will document technology and enterprise options; prepare enterprise training courses; document bamboo enterprise market linkage systems; and input technical and financial information into IFAD's electronic knowledge networking systems in Asia and the Pacific (ENRAP), Latin America and the Caribbean (FIDAMERICA) and Africa (FIDAFRIQUE).
PT	Capacity-Building in Developing Pro-poor, Farmer-centred Innovation through Participatory Learning and Research	International Potato Center	150 000	The overall goal of this programme is to contribute to increasing the development and outreach of pro-poor, farmer-centred, participatory innovation, particularly in the area of managing natural resources for sustainable agriculture and rural livelihoods. Specifically, the programme aims to build a critical body of research professionals globally capable of applying participatory learning and research approaches to support the development of pro-poor, farmer-centred innovation. This will be achieved by developing a sourcebook of participatory approaches, specific training courses and regional assessment, and follow-up planning activities.
PT	Proof-of-Concept Study of Green Water Credit	International Soil Reference and Information Centre	200 000	The objective of this grant is to reduce extreme poverty and hunger through environmental sustainability. Operationally, the long-term programme goal is to enable rural people to adapt to climatic and related environmental changes through better management of land and water resources. This process will also allow the rural poor to improve food and water security, and public health. To attain these goals, the programme will engage national and international policy-makers, international research entities, national agricultural research systems, land and water management programmes, network partners and other regional stakeholders. The programme's focus will be to demonstrate the viability and feasibility of the green water concept.

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PT	Combat Hunger and Rural Poverty Through Increasing Access to Knowledge	CAB International	175 000	The programme's goal is to combat hunger and rural poverty in developing countries through the development, dissemination and use of novel electronic knowledge management tools relating to livestock, including agriculture. The objectives will be to: (i) increase knowledge and access to knowledge through an animal health and production compendium, an encyclopaedic tool to support animal husbandry; and (ii) continue developing an aquaculture compendium, a new electronic knowledge base for aquaculture worldwide.
ER	Supporting the G77's Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF): a pilot grant to South-South capacity-building and technical cooperation	Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund	200 000	The grant's objective is to provide additional resources to the Group of 77's Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund. This fund finances programmes and projects aimed at enhancing economic and technical cooperation among developing countries in the areas of food, agriculture, research, training, trade facilitation, and promoting information exchange and dissemination. This pilot grant, in terms of outputs, will increase pro-poor capacity-building; improve South-South cooperation; implement cross-border fertilization of knowledge and research; strengthen research institutions; increase innovation in agriculture and natural resource management; improve regional information and knowledge networks; and strengthen collaboration within the Group of 77.
EAD	Identity, Power and Rights: The State, International Institutions and Indigenous Peoples	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development	199 500	This programme will trace, theoretically and empirically, the structure and interlocking nature of state and international organizations, and analyse how these links impact on the identity, rights and livelihoods of indigenous communities. It has the following objectives: provide seed funding for commencing a worldwide research programme on identity, power and rights; foster mutual understanding among states, multinational companies and indigenous peoples about development; raise awareness of the rights and capacities of indigenous peoples to determine their own development paths; use research results to aid the work of the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; use research results to aid discussions on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples; and publish and disseminate articles, papers and at least one edited volume of research.
EAD	Supporting a Community-led State Alliance against Hunger in Meghalaya, India	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	127 730	This programme will provide an opportunity to the International Alliance Against Hunger to test a community-driven alliance against hunger and poverty reduction in the Indian tribal state of Meghalaya. It will seek to generate the political will and practical and coordinated action to bring about a rapid reduction in the incidence of hunger in this area. It will do so by promoting dialogue, cooperation and accountability among the government, civil society entities and local communities. Its specific objectives are to: establish a pilot, community-led alliance against hunger; develop the capacity of civil society and local faith-based organizations; and establish a broad framework for starting advocacy on a state poverty reduction campaign.
EO	Support to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for Organizing Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	200 000	The grant's goal to help International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD) create a platform for dialogue on agrarian reform with the aim of providing access to resources. The intent is that this will contribute to: (i) reducing extreme hunger and poverty; (ii) promoting gender equality and empowering women; (iii) ensuring environmental sustainability; (iv) developing global partnerships for development to reach these ends; and (v) promoting an integrated approach to rural development. These goals will be accomplished through experience-sharing on agrarian reform, building on a range of best practices and consolidating information on agrarian reform and rural development.

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EC	Advocacy for the Poor in the Year of Deserts and Desertification	Permanent Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	70 000	The goal of this programme is to raise awareness of the role of rural women, especially pastoralist women, in combating desertification and environmental degradation. The programme will give rural women a voice by creating opportunities to share experiences, knowledge and information. It will conduct a workshop, providing specific professional training on environmental and gender issues and inviting developing-country journalists with a special interest in these topics to attend. The programme will collect and disseminate information on desertification and land degradation to stakeholders and supply this information to the Desert Desk at United Nations headquarters in New York.
EAD	G15: Rural and Agricultural Development and the Management of Water Resources	Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, Geneva	75 350	The goal of this programme is to improve the management of water resources in order to reduce poverty and hunger and achieve the other MDGs. Its specific objective is to assist the Group of Fifteen with the preparation of the theme for its Thirteenth Summit. This will include a pre-Summit seminar that will address two sub-themes directly related to the main theme of the Summit: (i) management of the demand for water in urban areas and for agriculture to address all aspects of the economy of water; and (ii) protection of agricultural land against erosion and desertification. It will also include input into the final communiqué from the heads of state and government at Summit completion.
EAD	Indigenous Peoples and Indicators of Poverty and Well-being. Support to the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.	Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	150 000	The programme has the stated goal of helping indigenous groups and communities assess their own well-being according to their principles, concepts and practices of development. This will be accomplished by undertaking regional consultations and workshops with stakeholders to determine appropriate indicators, and disseminating agreed indicators at country, regional and global levels.
EC	Microcredit Summit Campaign - Scholarship Programme in Jordan	RESULTS Educational Fund	20 000	This programme's goal is to support the Microcredit Summit Campaign by enabling microfinance practitioners and institutions from developing countries to participate in the Microcredit Summit Meetings of Councils. Such participation will build their capacity in areas of microcredit and further their understanding of microfinance as an instrument of economic development for the rural poor. Microcredit Summit meetings are of global significance and are also of high relevance for IFAD.
EO	Co learning between Civil society and Inter-governmental Organizations on Linking Successful Local Development Practices and Enabling Policies	Associazione Italiana per l'Agricoltura Biologica	130 000	The programme's specific objective is to enhance the potential of stakeholders and implement successfully run local development strategies (practices and policies) for sustainable development in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The goals are to stimulate learning on poverty reduction practices and facilitate their scaling up by communities, civil society partners, intergovernmental organizations, IFAD and other donors. This will improve the targeting of investment policy advice and accelerate the achievement of the MDGs.

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EO	IFAD's More and Better Campaign: Regional Workshops	Terra Nuova	30 000	This grant will help provide financial support to the More and Better Campaign's activities during 2005-2007. It will be used specifically to cofinance a regional workshop in Central Africa whose objectives are to: support civil society involvement in the policy formulation process; analyse the content of national poverty reduction strategy papers on agriculture, fisheries and rural development in the region; enhance the involvement of civil society, especially farmers' organizations and other organizations of poor people.

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