IFAD and Fragile States
How IFAD intervenes – The case of Sierra Leone

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Post Conflict and Fragile State

Yesterday

• Civil war for 12 years (1991 – 2002)
• 120 000 dead
• 2,5 million refugees (half population)

Today

• Population 2013 = 6.1 million
• 70 % below poverty line
• 70 % population live in rural area
• GNI per capita (US$) 2012 = 580
• Agriculture = 44 % GDP
• Adult literacy rate= 43.3 %
What is the meaning of “Fragile States” for IFAD interventions in Sierra Leone?

- Weak policy framework
- Weak institutions
- Weak infrastructures
- Weak capacities
- Weak governance
13 000 ha of cacao plantation rehabilitated
IFAD results since 2009
Example 1

- 13,000 ha out of 19,000 ha of cocoa / coffee rehabilitated
- 2,300 mt of cocoa exported this year
- 5 cooperatives and 1 private partner
- 75,000 people lifted out of poverty
- 780,000 USD in local economy through temporary job creation (260,000 man days)
3 000 ha of in-land valley swamps rehabilitated with double crops production

Before

After
IFAD results since 2009
Example 2

- 3 000 ha of 7 000 ha (target) of IVS rehabilitated
- 12 000 households lifted out of poverty
- 840 000 USD injected in local economy
- 2 crops / year and yield x 2.5
- Resilience increased by irrigation
- Sustainable employment (32 service providers created)
- Temporary job for equivalent 210 000 man days
- IFAD approach today adopted as National Policy
1 000 km of farm to market roads rehabilitated

Before

After
IFAD results since 2009
Example 3

- 1000 km out of 1 500 km of feeder roads rehabilitated
- Maintenance system established
- Creation / support to 40 local road contractors
- Temporary job creation 100 000 man days
- 400 000 USD injected local economy
- National Policy on roads maintenance
- Major economic and social impact
IFAD results since 2009
Example 4

Rural Finance

• 68/87 rural financial institutions and their APEX established
• 135 000 shareholders
• 15 % of rural population reached
• Full banking services
• National Policy
• Average PAR = 5 %
What is different between the approach in Sierra Leone and the classical approach?

- Simple design
- Strong capacity building plan and create the competencies where needed
- Close IFAD direct supervision and monitoring
- Competent staffing (recruitment – protection)
- Adapted procurement – procedures
- Good communication
- Flexible programme - reactivity