



## Transition Framework Status of Reimbursable Technical Assistance (RTA) and Way Forward

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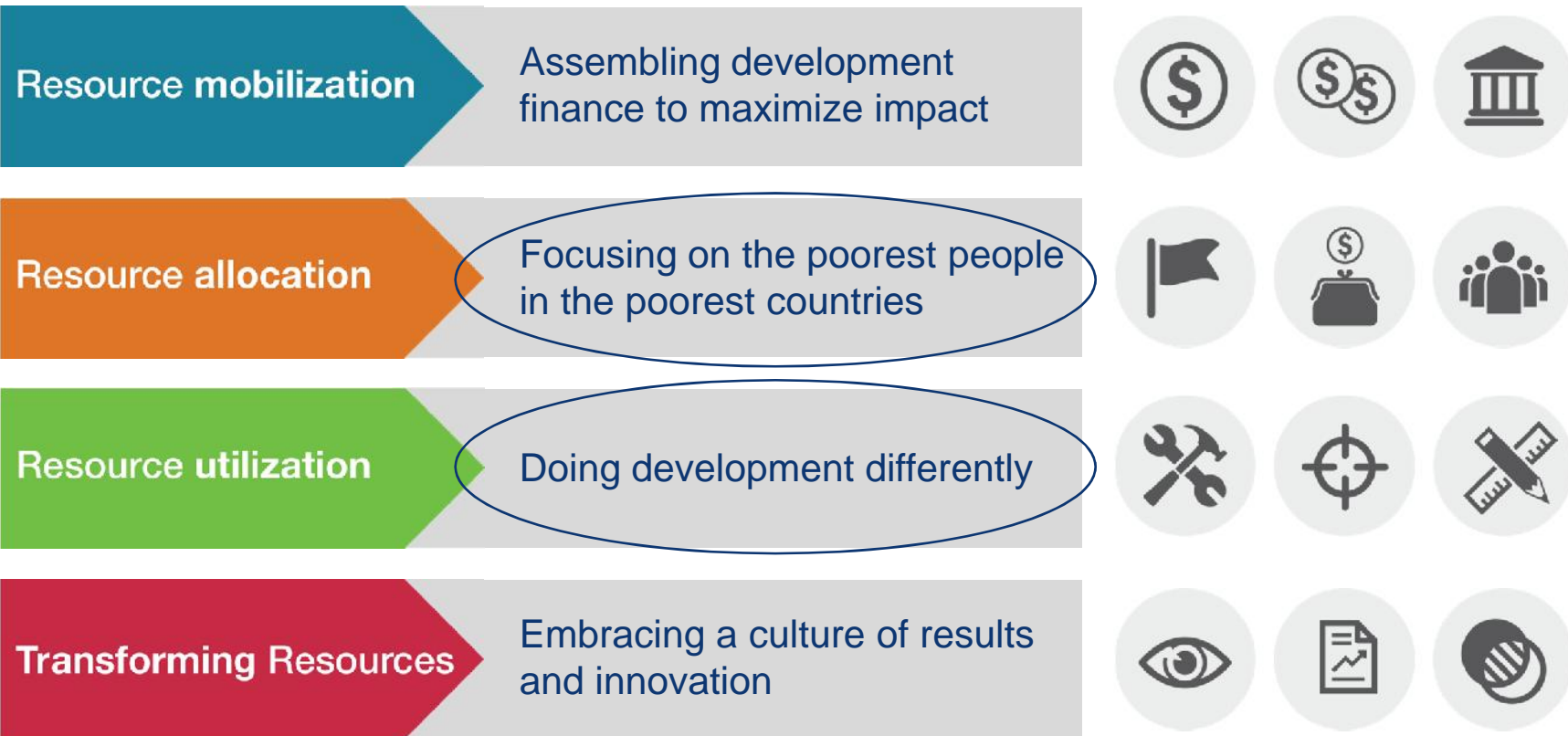
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# Relevance of the RTA in IFAD's business model... and transition framework

## Key dimensions

## IFAD11 focus



# The RTA instrument

## What is a RTA?

- ✓ Professional technical & policy advice provided by the Fund on a reimbursable basis



## Since when?

- ✓ Approved by the EB in September 2012
- ✓ Operational procedures approved by EMC in September 2016

## Relevance

- ✓ RTA as an additional, optional instrument in the transition framework to facilitate IFAD's tailored support for Member States

# RTA in numbers

## Current portfolio

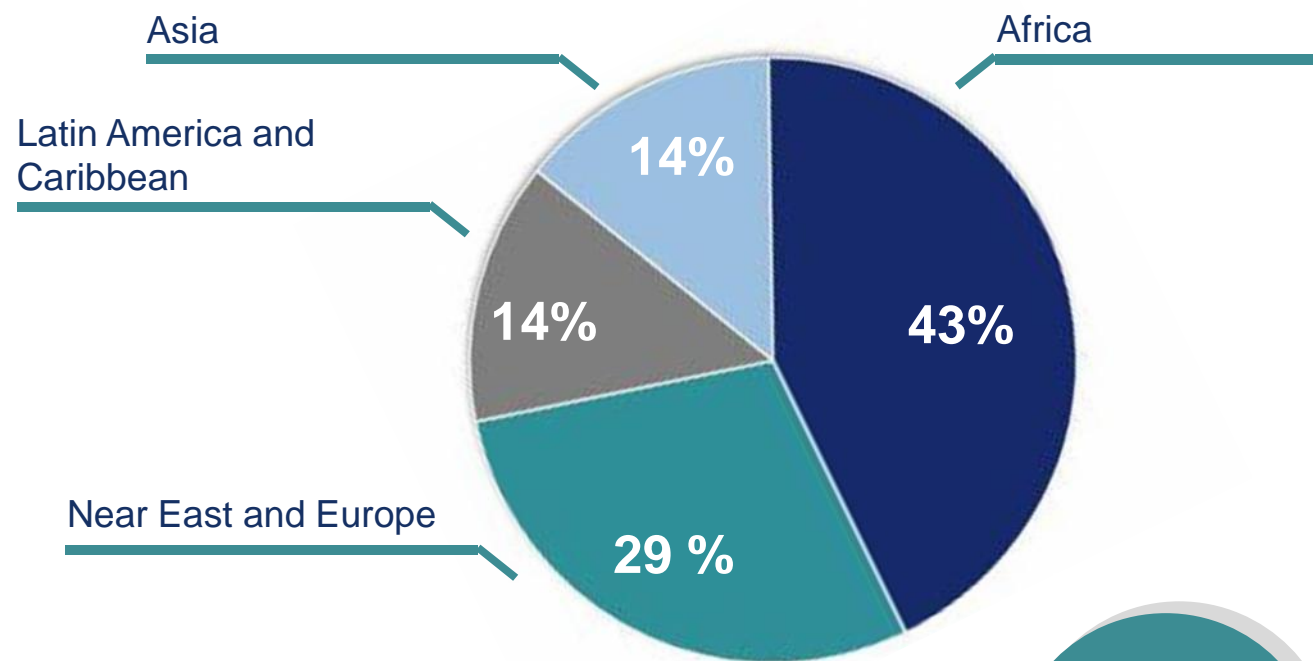
**2**  
Projects

**5**  
Pipeline

US\$  
**24.09** million



## Geographical distribution of RTAs



10-12 potential  
RTAs in IFAD11  
(see demand analysis)

# Benchmarking



All International Financial Institutions (IFIs) have some form of a RTA instrument; private consulting companies also offer similar services for a fee

- ✓ World Bank RAS portfolio of \$100 mil (2.5% agriculture)
- ✓ Operational, policy, and knowledge products
- ✓ FAOs SF also helps to scale technical assistance



Given competitive market, IFAD needs to position itself as a provider of solutions that target the poorest communities and households in the more remote and rural areas

# IFAD's comparative advantage

Comparative advantage

## FOCUSED



High-quality solutions focused on rural smallholder agricultural development

## UNIQUE TARGETING



Working with poorest households & communities in the most remote rural areas, to improve productivity & economic well-being

## EXPERIENCE WITH GOVERNMENTS



Substantial experience guiding design & supporting government programmes

## ECONOMIC OFFER



Works on a not-for-profit basis

# RTA lessons learned to date

## SUPPLY



- Menu of RTA bundles not well defined
- Lacked of promotional materials
- No centralized support team
- No training for CPMs / CDs on potential utility of instrument

## DEMAND



- RTAs not systematically identified as potential instruments in COSOPs or CSNs
- Expression of interest due to efforts of individual, innovative CPMs / CDs & teams

# Principles of engagement & supply

## Principles of Engagement



Tailored to countries specific needs, on request



Embedded in COSOPs / analysis of transition



Apply IFAD norms: targeting, empowerment, gender equity



Utilize innovation, partnerships, learning and scaling up

## Potential packages of support



Operational assessment tools



INDCs for smallholder agriculture



Policy support on other areas of thematic expertise



Knowledge and convening on areas of thematic expertise



# Estimating possible demand

IFAD considered three potential sources of demand



Uptake for  
supplementary  
resources beyond  
PBAS allocation




Uptake for policy  
work and analysis, in  
lieu of in-loan support  
for policy



Uptake of RTAs  
financed by third  
parties

# Demand estimates

	High estimated uptake	Moderate estimated uptake	Low estimated uptake
Category 1: PBAS Constraint	2	1	0
Category 2 : Policy	2	1	0
Category 3: Third-Party	1	0	0
More than one demand category: Highly Likely	8	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>

# Way forward



Reflect lessons learned in procedures and review costing and quality assurance

Review and update procedures

Outreach and communications

Clarity in what IFAD is offering to its potential clients

Help to define supply and where teams can turn for support

Define institutional roles and responsibilities

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Thank you