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Rural and small-scale agribusiness finance:

Improving the lives of the rural poor

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In keeping with its mandate to gather and share knowledge and expertise, FAO's rural finance activities focus on five key areas:

1. Developing sustainable financial and business linkages among banks, local financial and microfinance institutions, producer organizations, agro-enterprises and support service providers;
2. Improving small farmers' access to financial services throughout the value chain;
3. Improving the products, services and operational systems of financial service providers;
4. Sharing and using the lessons learned to improve services and policies in other countries.
5. Facilitating closer linkages between private and public sector to enhance their development impact.

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