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ECONOMIC INCLUSION

# Forest and Farm Facility

Collective action towards improved livelihoods and climate-resilient landscapes

## The issue

Forest and farm landscapes provide a wide range of livelihood options for smallholder families, indigenous peoples and local communities. Forest and farm producers grow, manage, harvest and process a wide range of natural resource-based goods and services for subsistence purposes or for market. Together, they account for 1.5 billion people globally, manage 90 percent of the world's farms and supply 80 percent of food in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. They make up a significant proportion of the small-scale private sector in these regions. Many are part of forest-and-farm producer organizations (FFPOs), formal or informal associations that critically support members in knowledge sharing, policy engagement and advocacy, tenure and access rights, small enterprise management practices and expanding markets. Forest and farm producers, therefore, play a central role in determining their own and broader local-development pathways out of poverty. They also play a significant role in combatting climate change, given their role in managing and sustaining forested landscapes.

## The action

The Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) supports FFPOs in improving livelihoods, while safeguarding the environment and responding to climate change. Building on phase I of the programme, FFF provides resources directly to FFPOs and offers a range of capacity-development services, including advocacy, information sharing, business incubation, access to financing and links to social services.

Phase II of the FFF aims to scale up previous work with 10 partner countries and their FFPOs to 25 countries. FFF has a robust monitoring and learning framework that measures and improves delivery, ensuring that the programme builds the independence of member-based organizations, gains key support from government institutions, fosters strong market linkages and increases climate resilience for the sustainability of forest and farm enterprises.

## The issue in numbers



**1.5 billion**  
forest and farm producers worldwide



**80%**  
of food in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa is provided by forest and farm producers



**33%**  
of forests are managed by indigenous peoples and local communities

## Programme targets



**20**  
FFPO enterprises, 10 of them led by women, have improved business plans



**2**  
national policy changes established per country in favour of FFPOs



**5**  
investment processes catalysed per country for value-chain development

## The budget



**USD 96.5 million**



**4.5 years**



**25 countries**

## Expected results

- More inclusive governance and cross-sectoral processes lead to enabling policies and legal environments for forest and farm producer organizations (FFPOs);
- Increased entrepreneurship, access to markets and finance through equitable value chains and business-development services within FFPOs, while respecting sustainable food and agriculture principles;
- Improved delivery of landscape-scale mitigation, adaptation and resilience for climate change through the direct engagement of FFPOs and integration with inclusive approaches;
- Improved access to social and cultural services to empower women and marginalized communities.

## Geographic focus

Phase II will expand the programme to 25 countries, beginning with nine core countries of Bolivia, Ecuador, Ghana, Kenya, Nepal, Viet Nam, Zambia, Togo and Madagascar and seven 'network' countries of Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Liberia, Myanmar, Nicaragua and the United Republic of Tanzania. It also provides support to regional and global FFPOs for capacity sharing and advocacy.

## In partnership with

Forest and Farm Facility is a partnership between FAO, the International Institute for Environment and Development, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and AgriCord. Members of its gender-balanced Steering Committee are affiliated with forest producers, community forestry, indigenous peoples' organizations, the international research community, business development service providers, the private sector and government.

Forest and Farm Facility is also an integral component of three major external institutional partnerships between FAO and AgriCord, We Effect and the Self Employed Women's Association. Further partnerships include the Asia Farmers Association, the Mesoamerican Alliance for People and Forests, the International Family Forest Alliance, the Global Alliance for Community Forestry; the International Alliance for Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests; IKEA.



## Agroforestry cooperative boosts production

The Binh Minh Agroforestry Cooperative, comprising 18 households in Lem Village in the Yen Binh district of Viet Nam, is thriving thanks to Forest and Farm Facility support. The cooperative now owns and sustainably manages 60 hectares of plantation forest and has a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified sawmill, producing 700 cubic meters a month. In 2014, FFF provided Lem Village Acacia growers and cooperative members, training in market analysis and development, proposal writing and wood processing, in addition to exchange visits to learn about FSC-certified wood. Now, almost 500 households in the wider Yen Binh district have received FSC sawmill certificates and their incomes have increased by 10 to 15 percent.



## Why invest?

FFF has already reached more than 947 FFPOs in 10 partner countries (Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Gambia, Kenya, Liberia, Zambia, Myanmar, Nepal and Viet Nam) since 2012. A further 30 regional and global organizations, with a combined membership of more than 40 million people, have also benefitted. Further investment in this programme will accelerate gains for forest and farm producers and FFPOs worldwide, boosting their policy influence, increasing tenure-rights security, improving product prices and local small-enterprise business development. Additional resources will help expand FFF's reach to support 25 countries and their FFPOs, ultimately supporting local and national sustainable development targets, particularly in terms of reducing poverty, addressing food insecurity and tackling the effects of climate change.

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