

OVERVIEW: FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS FOR ACP

Title of facility or programme **FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS FOR AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN and PACIFIC COUNTRIES (FO4ACP)**

Implementing partners International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Budget **Total budget: approximately € 42.5 million**

- Total amount of 11th EDF/intra-ACP contribution € 40 million
- Contribution from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) US\$ 3 million (approximately € 2.5 million)

Duration 5 years from the date of signature of the financing agreement

Program description The **overall objective** is to increase income and to improve livelihood, food and nutrition security and safety of the ACP family farming in the target areas of the project through support to farmers' organizations (FOs).

The programme's **specific objectives (SO)** are:

- SO # 1: FOs and farmer-led enterprises improve technical and economic services along the value chains;
- SO # 2: FOs influence policies and business environments for the transformation of family farming and the development of sustainable, adaptive economic initiatives and farmer-led enterprises;
- SO # 3: FOs are accountable organisations able to effectively perform their institutional functions.

The **expected outcomes (O)** are:

- O1: Improved capacity of FOs to deliver technical and economic services and connect their members to markets;
- O2: Improved access of FOs to financial services;
- O3: Improved business environment and smallholder competitiveness;
- O4: Strengthened institutional capacities and professionalism of FOs;
- O5: Enhanced knowledge and dissemination among peers for replication and scaling-up.

Governance Programme Steering and Coordination. An **Overarching Programme Steering Committee** is composed of ACP Secretariat and EU as Members, and with IFAD, PAFO, RFOs, AgriCord and selected coordinators from the Caribbean and Pacific as observers and donors. The Steering committee is chaired by the ACP Secretariat.

The Committee is responsible for (i) Providing advice and strategic guidance on the execution and implementation Programme; (ii) Overseeing and monitoring programme implementation (iii) ensuring programme activities are in-line with stated objectives and (iv) approve the global allocation of EU/ACP financial resources to the ACP Regions.

Regional Steering Committees will be established at the regional levels and will be composed of relevant stakeholder's in the regions including PAFO, RFOs, AgriCord and donors. Taking into account the distinct modus operandi of AgriCord, PAFO and RFOs, these Committees will be responsible for: (i) overseeing and validating the overall strategic direction of the programme; (ii) establishing mechanisms for more in depth KM and lessons learning; (iii) approving the Programme of Work for each of the 2 phases, including the validation of the MTR findings. The Steering Committees will be open to a large number of FOs and agri-agencies as well as program donors and selected partners. In the case of Africa PAFO, RFOs and AgriCord will set-up knowledge and coordination committees at all levels to ensure coordination, synergies, complementarities and regular exchange of information among all stakeholders in the spirit of subsidiarity.

Geographic coverage and target beneficiaries

Geographic coverage: African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) region

Beneficiaries: In Africa: members of the national FOs affiliated to the RFOs member of the Pan-African Farmers' organization (PAFO) and other local/national FOs supported by Agri-agencies member of AgriCord; Pacific regions: members of national/local FOs member of the Pacific Farmers Organizations Network (PIFON); Caribbean: members of Farmers' Organisations and relevant institutions to be identified during the inception phase.

Access conditions

Be a representative local or national farmers' organization in the ACP region

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