



Assessing the data 'quantum' leap in agriculture and food systems:

# CONSULTATIONS FOR NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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# — WHO WE ARE —

## INSTITUTIONAL ROLE

- ❖ Within the Strategy & Knowledge Department, RIA is premier research, data, knowledge and evidence use arm of IFAD
- ❖ Core mandate to measure corporate impact through Impact Assessments (IA): income, production capacities, market access, resilience, nutrition & food security
- ❖ Leverage Supplementary Funds (SF) to produce and promote data, knowledge and innovation for informed and evidence-based decision making

## MAIN STAKEHOLDERS/TARGET AUDIENCE

- ❖ Within IFAD: Staff, Members States, IFAD Beneficiaries
- ❖ Outside IFAD: Policy Makers, Development Practitioners, Research Institutions and Universities

# — WHAT WE DO —

## PRODUCE PUBLIC GOODS

- ❖ Data & impact for accountability/transparency vis-à-vis donors
- ❖ IFAD: first & only IFI doing rigorous IAs for corporate reporting
- ❖ Accountability for SF Initiatives: RIA leads the Rapid Assessments of the RPSF (COVID-19 response) & CRI (Ukraine war response)

## GENERATE KNOWLEDGE & EVIDENCE (K&E)

- ❖ From IAs to inform and improve the design of new projects, country programmes, and strategies
- ❖ From AR4D grants to support science and innovation for food system transformation
- ❖ From 50x2030 data & activities to bridge the Research-to-Policy Gap

## STRENGTHEN & SCALE-UP CAPACITY FOR K&E USE THROUGH:

- ❖ The generation and use of data for internal purposes
- ❖ The creation of knowledge products to replicate our approach

## — ACHIEVEMENTS —

### Data & Impact

- 41 Project-level IAs since 2018
- Harmonized datasets and supporting material publicly available
- Data dashboards
- Improved and standardized methods & tools: Data collection toolkit

### Knowledge & Evidence

- IA products: 41 IA reports + policy briefs & infographics
- Lessons learned to improve design of new projects, country strategies and to support new IFAD13 replenishment of core resources
- 2 corporate level IAs
- Descriptive analysis: impacts of COVID19, MPI and SWL on IFAD beneficiaries.
- Descriptive Evidence on Persons with Disabilities (PwD): using Short Set of Disability Questions (SSDQ)
- [IFAD11 Impact Assessment Microsite](#)
- Selected Systematic Reviews

### Innovation, Learning & Capacity Development

- E-learning Platform: interactive course on IAs.
- IA Manual: step-by-step guidelines and instruments using IFAD's approach.
- Summer schools to local universities on conducting impact assessments
- Project Management Unit (PMU) and country-level trainings in IA
- Innovations
- [GIS Monitoring & Evaluation Tools](#)
- Adoption of Artificial Intelligence Approaches
- 50x2030 Activities and capacity development to strengthen data use for evidence-based decision-making

# RESEARCH AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT DIVISION — CHALLENGES/OPPORTUNITIES —

1. Country capacity to use evidence remains low
2. Focused stakeholder groups
3. Limited engagement with governments

## ⇒ **Use partnerships for knowledge generation to expand a culture of data and evidence use**

- ⇒ C4D2 @ WB uses common data processes for training days to be scaled up at regional/international conferences and during missions
- ⇒ Collaborate with RBAs (particularly GFAR) to create networks and facilitate dialogue with CSOs, FOs, regional economic communities, national research institutes, private sector and policy makers

Thank you!

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