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Public Development Banks as Catalysts for Food Systems Transformation: *Opportunities under the FSIP*

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FSIP: Mobilizing investment for sustainable and resilient food systems

Food Systems Integrated Program

Angola	FAO
Argentina	FAO
Benin	FAO
Bhutan	FAO
Burkina Faso	IUCN
Chad	UNDP
Chile	FAO
China	FAO
Costa Rica	UNDP
Ecuador	FAO
Eswatini	FAO
Ethiopia	IFAD
Ghana	WB
Grenada	IFAD
India	FAO
Indonesia	FAO
Kazakhstan	FAO
Kenya	IFAD
Malaysia	IFAD
Mexico	FAO
Namibia	UNDP/FAO
Nauru	UNDP
Nigeria	FAO
Pakistan	FAO
Peru	FAO
Philippines	FAO
Solomon Islands	FAO
Sri Lanka	FAO
South Africa	FAO
Tanzania	FAO
Turkiye	FAO
Uganda	IFAD

A GEF-funded global program supporting country-level food system transformation by mobilizing finance, strengthening value chains, and scaling innovation

Commodities:

Crops (cocoa, maize, palm oil, rice, soy, wheat)

Livestock (beef, dairy, poultry, small ruminants)

Aquaculture

Projects & Funding

- 32 Country projects
- GEF Funding: $ 282m
- Co-Financing: $ 1.8Bn

4 Components

- Policy & Governance - *FAO*
- Finance & Private sector - *IFAD*
- Landscape level interventions
- Knowledge Learning & Capacity Dev.

Key Partners:

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FSIP Governance Structure

Food Systems Integrated Program

GCP Coordination: FAO and IFAD

HUB 1: LEAD FAO

Policy, Legislation and Governance

Advisory Group
Co-chairs: FAO/UNDP

HUB 2: LEAD IFAD

Private Sector Engagement and Investments

Advisory Group
Chair: IFAD

HUB 3: CO-LEADS (IFAD/FAO)

Support for Country-Level Interventions

Advisory Group
Co-Chairs: FAO/IFAD/UNDP

HUB 4: CO-LEADS (FAO/IFAD)

Country Management Support, Knowledge Management and Learning & MNE

Advisory Group
Co-chairs: FAO/IFAD

Partners (UNDP, TNC, WBCSD, AGRI-PDB and World Bank) and service providers

FAO/IFAD Support Resources and Inputs from Technical Divisions (IT, GIS, M&E)

FSIP GCP IFAD Team

PDBs as Catalysts for Food Systems Transformation: *Opportunities under the FSIP*

The opportunity for PDBs is universal, but the nature of the opportunity differs by region

Country Project Demand	Activities	Countries	Africa	Asia	Latin America	Potential PDB Role
Fin. Mechanisms & Investment Facilities	32	22	11	7	4	Structure / capitalise financing facilities
Fin. Sector Strategy & Enabling Frameworks	14	12	2	7	3	Translate policy priorities into financing frameworks
Tailored Ag. & Climate Finance Products	11	10	5	1	4	Develop fit-for-purpose agricultural/climate products
Management & Agricultural Insurance	10	9	2	3	4	De-risk investment / support risk-sharing solutions
Fin. Partnerships & Capital Mobilisation	9	9	5	4	0	Partner with FSPs / mobilise additional capital
Climate Finance Mechanism Design	6	6	1	2	3	Mobilise climate/blended finance

FSIP can help build and de-risk the investment pipeline; PDBs can help finance and scale it

1 | BUILD AN INVESTABLE PIPELINE

Country demand: Financial literacy • business management • sustainable production • access-to-finance BDS

PDB opportunity: Help define bankability requirements; connect technical assistance to prospective financing; identify investable enterprises/value chains.

2 | DESIGN FIT-FOR-PURPOSE FINANCING

Country demand:

- **32 activities** on financing mechanisms & investment facilities
- **11 activities** on tailored agricultural/climate finance products
- **6 activities** on climate & green finance mechanisms

PDB opportunity:

Develop or support: Credit lines • concessional facilities • blended finance • ag./climate products

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3 | DE-RISK & MOBILISE CAPITAL

Country demand:

- Insurance/risk management: 10 activities / 9 countries
- FSP partnership & capital mobilisation: 9 activities / 9 countrie
- + specific demand for de-risking mechanisms/tools

PDB opportunity: Guarantees • Risk-sharing • insurance partnerships • co-financing • wholesale finance • partnerships with local FSPs • crowding-in private capital

4 | FINANCE & SCALE

Country opportunity: FSIP-supported enterprises, value chains, investment models and financing mechanisms can create a pipeline extending beyond individual GEF-funded interventions.

PDB opportunity: Finance viable investments • mobilise additional capital • replicate successful models • embed them within national financial systems

8 FSIP countries already have activities mapped to potential Agri-PDB support

Africa	Asia-Pacific	Latin America
Ethiopia — De-risking tools to expand farmer finance	**Philippines** — Business cases and engagement with FSPs to stimulate climate-resilient investment	**Ecuador** — Funding through public banks for differentiated producer credit lines
Ghana — Financing mechanisms and instruments tailored to food-system producers and SMEs		**Mexico** — Development banking, guarantees, tailored ag. products, FSP capacity and risk mgmt
Benin — Access to existing public/private financial services, including FNDA		**Peru** — Improved fin. products & blended-finance mechanisms for regenerative livestock
South Africa — Engagement with financial institutions around aquaculture profitability and risk		

Which FSIP country opportunities align with your institution's mandate & what is required to engage?

Communicating IFAD expertise for FSIP impact

FSIP's **Visibility and Outreach** objectives are strategic functions within IFAD's FSIP role focusing on its Hub 2 lead role (access to finance, market, and private sector engagement) - they ensure coordinated linkages between:

- FSIP country projects;
- IFAD technical expertise;
- FAO, GEF and development partners;
- PDBs, private-sector actors and investors;
- Networks, events, media, external target audiences.

Objective: Knowledge and Data as de-risking mechanisms. Leverage IFAD expertise on finance, markets and private sector engagement to generate knowledge and learnings,

FSIP Events and Webinars as connectivity platforms

WEBINARS: Connect IFAD expertise and practical tools with country priorities, peer learning, strategic partners andlessons for investment and scale.
-> FSIP–Agri-PDB webinar: PDBs' role in financing sustainable, resilient and inclusive food systems. Further Learning Series on insurance, gender/youth, de-risking and more are forthcoming;

GLOBAL EVENTS: AFSF 2026, Kigali: Connecting country priorities with, investors, governments and private-sector partners; GEF Integrated Programmes Forum, Kenya: Sharing FSIP experience within the GEF agenda; ADB Food Systems Forum: Regional exchange on food systems, finance and markets.

CoPs / COMMODITY: Aquaculture in Fuzhou, livestock in Brasília and rice in Bali—advancing sectoral learning, peer exchange and Communities of Practice.

Up next: World Food Forum in Rome: FSIP Event on **Youth forward investment in sustainable food systems** (October 15)