

IFAD IN HAITI (last updated in April 2024)

Since IFAD started its engagement with Haiti in the 1980s, the Fund has invested in 10 projects in the country with a total value of USD 276.51 million (USD 125.21 million from IFAD funds), benefitting 103,315 families.

Ongoing / recent / forthcoming portfolio

DATA HIGHLIGHTS

1. Geographical coverage: country-wide
2. Technical Areas of Engagement:
 - a. Climate resilience
 - b. Agricultural & livestock production & productivity
 - c. Small-scale irrigation
 - d. Value chain development
 - e. Market access
 - f. Social inclusion especially for women and youth
 - g. Agro-forestry
 - h. Blue Economy
 - i. Local organizations' strengthening
3. Total ongoing / perspective investment: USD 139 million
4. Total beneficiaries: 121,000 households or approx. 600,000 rural people

Inclusive Blue Economy in Haiti (Project IB-E)

This is a USD 26.6 million project funded by IFAD for USD 14 million and implemented by the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Haiti which aims to reduce poverty and strengthen the climate resilience of rural coastal communities in the North and Northeast of Haiti. The project targets 40,000 beneficiaries, of which 50% women and 40% youth. The following groups are at the heart of the project: i) families of artisanal fishermen or small-scale producers using ecologically unsustainable agricultural, livestock or fishing practices; ii) extremely poor and malnutrition-prone households that could benefit from improved access to assets and income-generating opportunities; iii) women and youth in rural areas. The objective is to diversify livelihoods and promote the conservation of coastal natural resources to provide sustainable income and improve nutrition for rural women, men, and youth in the communities of the Three Bays Protected Area (TBA) and its surrounding areas. The project will also contribute to three strategic objectives: ensure the inclusion of the rural poor in development processes; support community-based socio-economic planning and micro-project initiatives; and preserve natural resources and the environment, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda.

Agricultural and Agroforestry Technological Innovation Programme (PITAG)

This USD 76.7 million programme is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture of Haiti (MARNDR) and funded jointly by IFAD (USD 11 M), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) and the Haitian Government. The overall goal of the PITAG is to increase agricultural income and food security for smallholder farmers in selected targeted areas of Haiti, by increasing agricultural productivity and improving the use of natural capital through the adoption of sustainable technologies. The Programme targets more than 60,000 poor rural households in 30 municipalities distributed over five Departments: North, Northeast, Artibonite, South and Grande Anse. IFAD's financing will directly target more than 12,000 households in 8 municipalities of the South Department (in part characterized by hillside agriculture), while funding from the IDB and GASFP will cover the remaining ones. IFAD finances the Farmer Field Schools (CEP) in the South. It is a space for meeting and dialogue between



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producers and technicians and a training space for a small group of producers and/or operators (15 to 20 members, maximum 25), sharing the same interests and facing the same constraints. The CEP system will include specific gender and youth related activities, promoting sustainable and inclusive rural development in line with the SDGs agenda.

Emergency Project for Strengthening the Resilience of Small Farmers to the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic (PURRACO)

This is a USD 4.6 million project funded by IFAD (USD 3.8 million) and the Haitian Government (USD 0,5 million), with a beneficiaries' in-kind contribution (USD 0.3 million). The project is aimed to help Haitian farmers recover from the impact of Covid-19 and increase staple food production. It will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture of Haiti (MARNDR) and it will target three of the Haitian departments most affected by food insecurity due to structural fragilities, recently aggravated by COVID-19 impacts: the Northwest, the Centre and the West. It will kickstart rapid recovery of agricultural production and incomes by rehabilitating small-scale irrigation systems —a necessity in a country severely affected by climate change— provide essential agricultural inputs and help increase farmers' resilience, building food security with enhanced efficiency in agricultural production. It will benefit 3,250 poor rural households (around 13,000 people, half of whom will be women and 30 per cent youth). At the same time, short-cycle animal husbandry (hens, pigs, and goats) will increase the availability of animal protein in these remote rural areas, compensating for historic nutritional deficiencies.

Regional Programme Agriterra/ AGRI-digitalization in 5 countries including Haiti (2021-22)

Project targeting 8 municipalities from the South and the Grand Anse Department, which consists in an assessment of the readiness of rural producers to digitise their activity. This assessment will be conducted in the context of the ongoing IFAD-funded project, PITAG. Specifically, the focus will be on 12,000 households in eight municipalities of the South department, the area directly covered by IFAD funding. The assessment will include the level of connectivity in the target area, the level of digitalisation, digital literacy, financial vulnerability, identification of key potential partners, among others. Based on the results, the beneficiary will establish three pilot projects to test alternative means of e-commerce, e-catalogues and virtual technical assistance. If successful, these models will complement the rest of PITAG's already planned digitisation-related activities and eventually be extended in the context of PITAG's overall geographical coverage, all with PITAG's own resources.

Enhancing Food Security through Sustainable Agriculture, local economic development and healthy diets (EFOSE) [to be approved by IFAD Executive Board in July 2024]

This is a USD 31.9 million project, funded by IFAD for USD 23.7 million, to be implemented from 2025 to 2032. The project targets 18,044 households (72,176 people) in the Southeast Department of Haiti in a general context of political uncertainty, impoverishment of the population and general insecurity in the region. This project aims to foster local economies through production, irrigation and post-harvest infrastructure, as well as value chain development and market access in partnership with local and international development agents. Two complementary components are expected to support development of climate resilient and nutritious food systems that generate income and improve nutrition, as beneficiaries progressively engage, prepare, train and invest in sustainable and resilient food systems.