

At A Glance

-  Implementation: [BMZ Partner Countries 2030](#)
-  Duration: 2020 – 2027
-  Project Volume: 165.5 million Euros, incl.:
19.4 million Euros from the COVID-19 funds
20.5 million Euros co-financed by the EU
17.3 million Euros of Food Crisis Emergency Aid
-  Funding categories:
Technology: Digitalisation, Mechanisation, Renewable Energy
Partners and processes: Agricultural research, extension, policy and trade, Cooperation with the private sector and international organisations

Funding Goals

- Gender-sensitive innovations for sustainable agriculture and food sciences will be supported.
- Innovation projects correspond to achieving at least two of the three sustainability sub-goals for No Hunger: nutritional security, employment and income promotion, climate resilience, and natural resources protection.

Our Approach

Innovations are identified through targeted networking and competitive formats. Potential innovation partners are advised during the application process on an individual basis. If there is a good prospect for success, the submitted projects will then, in cooperation with the partners, be conceived into sub-projects of the fund with a specific goal and a corresponding strategy. The business models and gender strategies developed are intended to make the innovations self-supporting; gender equality should be taken into account. Knowledge and learning experiences will be continuously processed and distributed.

Selection of Innovations Funded

- Resource-conserving and climate-adapted practices that make more efficient use of harvest cycles and increase yields, e.g. by growing potatoes on rice paddy residues.
- Satellite and drone imagery that uses artificial intelligence to enable soil analyses on quality and carbon content.
- Mobile apps that make modern technologies accessible to smallholder farmers. These include digital harvest forecasts or intelligent cold chain systems.
- Participatory, applied research on agroecological pest management, e.g. with beneficial insects or fungi.
- Networks for the rental and use of agricultural equipment and machinery and the development of training platforms.

Selection of Emergency Aid Activities

- Emergency aid and resilience building against the impacts of the crises in partner structures of the Fair Trade Association in more than 30 countries.
- Procurement and distribution of production (e.g. seeds, organic fertilisers) and goods for the further processing of food (e.g. for preservation).
- Organisation and implementation of training (e.g. use and conservation of production inputs, use of local crops, diversification of cultivation and agribusiness).
- Support local production in more than 30 partner countries.
- Covid-19 emergency aid for small- and medium-sized companies in Africa.

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