



Agroecology through action – research and lobbying for enabling environment!

AgriCord's Farmer-led Research and Innovation (FORI) initiative

Farmers' organisations (FO's) transition to agroecology in collaboration with research centres and agri-agencies through the FORI : a programme where farmers' organisations lead action-research and innovation on agroecology for sustainable food systems.

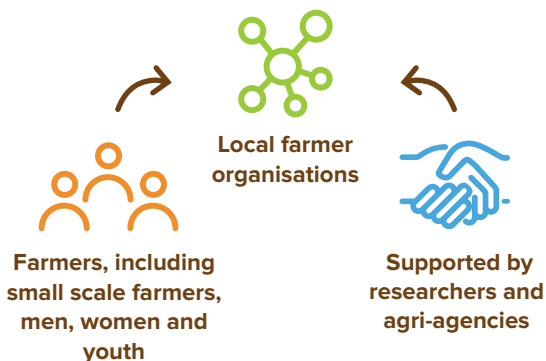
Research institutes Collaboration
Agroecology Farmer organisations Advocacy
 Multi-stakeholder platform **Action-research**
 Agri-agencies **Innovation** Partnership
 Sustainable food systems



13 FORI initiatives in 17 countries

in Africa, the Pacific, Latin America, Asia, and the Caribbean: Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, Cameroun, Burundi, DRC, Madagascar, Tanzania, Philippines, Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay.

Empowering farmers: training and support





FORI action

Inclusive action-research for an agroecological transition in **different value chains** (e.g. fruits and vegetables crop, sunflower, onion, nutritious rice, poultry, etc), for a better productivity and profitability, without depleting our environment. This happens through **farmer organisation-led co-development** of agroecological innovations with **multi-stakeholder platforms** for better resilience of the production and facilitating organic products' access to markets. **Innovation through local experiments** is a key!

The context specific action research efforts are supported by a lobby and advocacy work for enabling policy environment. These activities are led by COPROFAM, PIFON, AFA, PAFO and its regional farmers' organisation members EAFF, PROPAC, ROPPA and SACAUI.

Objectives

Valorisation and strengthening of local know-how



Methodological and programmatic support

Lobbying and advocacy for farmer-led research on agroecology

Explore the 13 action research projects here:



www.agricord.org/en/factsheets-fori

Tackled challenges



★ More social and economic stability for the farmers

★ Reduced use of chemicals

★ Employment of women and youth

★ Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change

★ Secured livelihoods in contexts of political crises

★ Better capacities in livestock management and access to market

★ Biodiversity conservation

★ Reduction of poverty in the agricultural sector (80% of the workforce)

★ Higher researchers buy-in to the approach and higher political support to agroecology



Key Outcomes

1. Farmer organisation cooperation

Within the action research projects, **43 farmer organisations** have signed formal cooperation agreements with research institutions. These agreements relate to support to FOs in the areas such as conducting experiments, training in **seed production, variety testing and data collection and analysis**.

2. Farmer capacity boost

A total of **444 farmers** in 8 projects reported already an increase in their capacity to carry out action research initiatives on **agroecology**.

3. Innovation adoption

After two years of implementation, **hundreds of farmers** have already adopted the innovations developed through the experiments. These innovations include ie. **composting, biological control** using **biopesticide** plants (wormwood, tansy and comfrey), **intercropping, indigenous varieties and diversification of horticultural crops**.

4. Inclusive decision-making

In all the 13 action research projects, **569 women and young farmers** are part of **decision-making bodies** with **active participation in the meetings**.



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www.ffd.fi/climate-tool-1





How partners work together

FORI is an unique multi-actor collaboration between AgriCord, as a global alliance of 13 agri-agencies, its global coordination unit, farmers' organisations and research institutes, who draw their strength from their joined capacity and experiences!

AgriCord's agri-agencies

- › Support farmers' organisations' initiatives;
- › Local advisory services;
- › Mobilise relevant expertise, including researchers to support FO;
- › Accompany FO to develop concrete and efficient services;
- › Craft farmer training content, capitalisation documents, advocacy campaigns and gender-related trainings;
- › Amplify farmers voices to be heard.

Farmer's organisations

- › Operational implementation of initiatives by providing demo plots, setting up, conducting, documenting experiments, and disseminating results;
- › FOs spearhead advocacy initiatives on agroecology;
- › Organize and mobilize farmer groups for research initiatives;
- › Contribute to data collection and analysis, daily monitoring of research trials.

Farmers / Producers

Research institutes

- › Build technical innovation capacity of lead farmer organisations and their networks;
- › Provide technical support to farmer-led action-research, innovation platforms;
- › Plan, implement and monitor farmer innovation platforms;
- › Support farmers in conducting research trials, identifying varieties, and collecting, analysing, and reporting data.

AgriCord's global coordination unit

- › Facilitation of multistakeholder partnerships (FO, agri-agencies, researchers and other stakeholders), programme and knowledge management, expertise on participatory research;
- › Knowledge products development and dissemination at various levels;
- › Resource mobilisation.

Testimonial

Powerful and Accessible Solutions for Climate Challenges



“Initially, I feared climate change was complex, but with FO technicians, simple solutions emerged.”



“At first, I was apprehensive about the issue of climate change, thinking that it required complex thinking and tools to deal with it.

I quickly realized, thanks to the moderation of FO technicians supported by the programme, that the solution was simple and accessible at our level. With the help of FO technicians, we came up with a proposal for storing rainwater, to anticipate the dry season.

We all really appreciated the moderation of technicians.”

William Denis RAMISIARISON



Join us in scaling up and replicating FORI's successful pilot phase!

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Main implementing partners



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