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Farmers Fighting Poverty 2007 - 2008

- main targets have been met, in nearly all work areas
 - 60 % spending in Africa
 - directly involved approx. 1 mln farmers, being 33% more than expected
 - 43 % of spending for IFAP members (30 %) and IFAP secretariat (13 %)
 - 30 % of spending at local level (target is 40 %)
 - outreach: 42 % of directly involved are women
- Full report 2008 to DGIS (Netherlands): see www.agriterra.org
- “Evidence on Impact” document, AgriCord task team on M&E

Farmers Fighting Poverty (FFP) Work Areas	Planning FFP 2008	total number of projects realised in 2008	Realisation (spending) 2007
Work area 01: Participatory policy formulation	11,9%	21	16.3%
Work area 02: Financial management	3,3%	5	0.6%
Work area 03: Organisational strengthening	7,8%	43	17.1%
Work area 04: Institutional development	7,9%	23	10.4%
Work area 05: Grassroots participation	8,7%	23	19.6%
Work area 06: Training modules	5,7%	5	0.9%
Work area 07: Agricultural development (crops)	5,4%	20	4.6%
Work area 08: Banking, credit, insurance	2,8%	10	5.1%
Work area 09: Inputs for agriculture	2,8%	3	0.2%
Work area 10: Agricultural extension	5,9%	7	2.4%
Work area 11: Market and chain development	6,4%	37	12.9%
Work area 12: Research for development in agriculture	3,2%	1	0.0%
Work area 13: Other services, incl; HIV/AIDS	2,0%	5	0.2%
Work area 14: Gender and women in development	6,0%	6	1.1%
Work area 15: Information and communication technology	4,8%	8	1.3%
Work area 16: Diversification, rural non farm economy, agrotourism	5,7%	6	1.2%
Work area 17: Processing and cooperative activities	8,1%	14	2.1%
Work area 18: Involvement of OECD farmers' organisations	0,9%	9	3.8%
Work area 19: Monitoring and Evaluation	0,9%	5	0.9%
	100%	251	100%



Farmers Fighting Poverty in 2008

IFAP recommendations for eliminating rural poverty and achieving food security

	expenditure	%
IFAP 01 re-center resources to agriculture	1.971.263	6,3
IFAP 02 focus development on people and their organisations	3.603.880	11,5
IFAP 03 enhance capacities of farmer organisations	12.724.660	40,7
IFAP 04 involve farmers in decision making processes	4.587.809	14,7
IFAP 05 empower women farmers	378.178	1,2
IFAP 06 empower young farmers	307.541	1,0
IFAP 07 build partnerships with other stakeholders	1.228.762	3,9
IFAP 08 ensure secure access of farmers to resources	1.719.769	5,5
IFAP 09 invest in agriculture	313.478	1,0
IFAP 10 increase market power for farmers	3.446.869	11,0
IFAP 11 establish equitable trade rules	423.215	1,4
IFAP 12 promote research and adapted technologies	124.625	0,4
IFAP 13 share knowledge and information	432.270	1,4
IFAP 14 combat HIV/AIDS	28.525	0,1
	31.290.845	100



Farmers Fighting Poverty 2007 - 2008

1. **Output: main targets have been met, in nearly all work areas, 60 % spending in Africa, 42 % of directly involved are women...**
2. **Outcome: strengthening of farmer organisations. Assessment (yearly measuring) characteristics that are critical for a well functioning farmer organisation: representativity, participation, accountability, strategic potential, professional capacity, gender, income diversification...**

69 “profiling” assessments in 2008. This approach is operational, and an excellent source of information for the organisation, for internal planning.

3. **Impact**



Farmers Fighting Poverty 2007 - 2008

Impact:

- direct participation of farmers in activities of the producer organisations confirms interest of farmers (outreach 1.4 mln participants, higher than foreseen 0.7 mln participants)
- collection and analysis of stories “Evidence on Impact from the Farmers Fighting Poverty programme” ... *impact was very positive in terms of social confidence, creative attitude and participation in community/organisational dynamics (...). This helps to decrease vulnerability.*
- in-depth evaluations of individual projects and programmes



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AgriCord: membership and governance

- **New articles of association 2008, clarifying (1) that members of AgriCord are agri-agencies, governed by their farmer organisations, (2) that OECD farmer organisations, without an agri-agency, can become associated members of AgriCord.**
- **7 agri-agencies from 5 OECD countries**
IDACA (JA Zenchu, Japan) left AgriCord in 2008
CSA (FWA, Belgium) became member in 2009
Prospection for membership: Ireland, UK, Greece, Norway
- **3 associated OECD farmer organisations**
MTK (Finland)
CIA (Italy)
UPA (Spain)



AFDI, Agriculteurs Français et Développement International, **France**
Agri-agence de la **FNSEA, APCA, Jeunes Agriculteurs, CNMCCA**

AGRITERRA, **Netherlands**

Agri-agency of **LTO, NCR, NAJK, Plattelandsvrouwen, Passage a.o.**

CSA, Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires, **Belgium**

Agri-agence de la **FWA, Fédération Wallonne de l'Agriculture**

FERT, Formation pour l'Epanouissement et le Renouveau de la Terre, **France**

Agri-agence des "**Céréaliers de France**", (**AGPB, AGPM, ITCF et UNIGRAINS**) et
autres organisations professionnelles agricoles françaises

Trias, **Belgium**

Agri-agency of **Boerenbond, Landelijke Gilden, KVLV and KLJ.**

SCC, Swedish Cooperative Center, **Sweden**

Agri-agency of **LRF (Lantbrukarnas Riksförbund), Federation of Swedish Farmers**

UPA DI, Union Professionnelle Agricole – Développement International, **Canada**

Agri-agence de **l'UPA, Union des Producteurs Agricoles (Québec)**

**Inputs from farmere organisations
(Syria, Jordan, Palestine a.o. countries in Mediterranean region)**

PRIORITIES	IDENTIFIED NEEDS	FORMS OF COLLABORATION how AgriCord can be involved
MARKET ACCESS	Marketing strategies International agreements Euro-Mediterranean agreements	Partnerships and exchanges between producers (and between POs in the region) Technical assistance for agricultural training and extension services Capacity-building in lobbying activities for POs Support for projects promoting production, in particular for international exhibitions & fairs
FOOD SECURITY	Support for smallholder farmers Rural development Fair allocation of work and resources Conversion of production systems Diversification of production Reduction of production costs Research	Support for projects promoting technology transfer to producers
FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY	Promotion of organic production systems Safety and quality standards Quality certification systems	Support for training in certification systems (ISO/HACCP)
ACCESS TO FINANCE AND CREDIT	Agricultural insurance Support for smallholder farmers	Support to POs in identifying needs and priorities Support for agricultural credit schemes
NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER	Resource conservation	



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Work area 02: Institutional Development and farmer-to-farmer cooperation
Work area 03: Policy elaboration and advocacy
Work area 04: Economic operations



Current backdonor support to Farmers Fighting Poverty (October 2009)

- **Producer Support Programme (DGIS, Netherlands) up to 2010**
- **PRC Organisational Capacity Building Support Programme (ACDI/CIDA, Canada) up to 2010, one year added**
- **Building Capacity of Farmers' Organisations in Developing Countries phase II (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland) up to 2010 (2012)**
- **Building Capacity of Farmers' Organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa and Supporting the Farmers' Forum Process (IFAD) up to 2009, finalized**
- **Market Based Agricultural Development Through Farmers' Cooperative Business (SIDA, Sweden) up to 2010**
- **Support to producer organisations (AFD, France) up to 2011**
- **Preparations/proposals: Governments of Belgium, Spain, and Italy, B&M Gates Foundation, EU Commission**



Current backdonor support to producer organisations in general

- **AgriCord (June 2009):**
gap between statements by Heads of State, and the concrete support to producer organisations.
- **Statement “Look Again at How to Combat Poverty”,** communicated jointly with IFAP internationally, and (for national purposes) signed by presidents of
 - **FNSEA, France**
 - **Boerenbond, Belgium**
 - **LTO, Netherlands**
 - **FERT, farmers’ constituency, France**
 - **CFA, Canada**
 - **...**



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Farmers Fighting Poverty: 2010 budget

- **Budget Farmers Fighting Poverty 2007-2010, total €114 mln**
€50 mln Major financier DGIS/Agriterra
€28 mln from other agri-agencies
€36 mln extra to be mobilised
 - **Expenditure 2007-2009 according to planned €114 mln budget**
Agri-agencies mobilised according to plan (>€28 mln)
Approx. €6 mln mobilised (Canada, Sweden, Finland, IFAD, AFD)
- Only €11 mln secured for €37 mln of project from producer organisations ready to be implemented in 2010.



Farmers Fighting Poverty: immediate action proposal

- Open letter to the Ministers of Development Cooperation **“Why is part of the billions, pledged for agricultural development in developing countries, not spent on farmers’ organisations?”**
- DCC Chair E. Gauffin asks the Swedish Minister of Development Cooperation to invite his/her (European) colleagues to help mobilising €25 mln.
- OECD IFAP members inform their Ministers of Development Cooperation about this démarche, and ask for their support. In line with statement “Look again at how to combat poverty”, signed farmer organisations of France, Belgium, Netherlands, Canada... In line with contacts at government level initiated by UPA (Spain) and by CIA (Italy).
- EU Ministers of Development Cooperation meet 16-17 November, under Swedish presidency (EU General Affairs Council).