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Advancing family farming in policy dialogue

Partnership with World Rural Forum

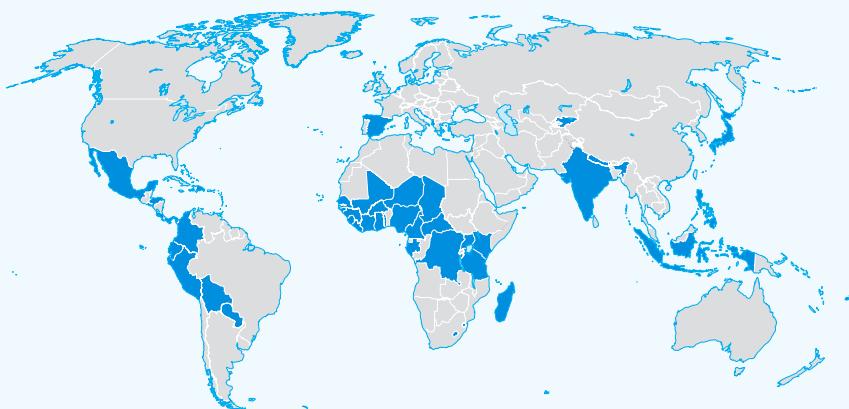
Since the celebration of the 2014 International Year of Family Farming, the World Rural Forum (WRF) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have been working together to advocate for and raise public awareness on family farming to enhance sustainable agriculture, ensure food security and nutrition and advance rural development.

Working in roughly 50 countries through National Committees for Family Farming (NCFFs) and regio-

nal family farmers networks, WRF and FAO have been promoting policy dialogue under the umbrella of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming 2019–2028 (UNDF) and its [Global Action Plan](#). The NCFFs are multistakeholder platforms created for the purpose of stimulating family farming policy dialogue, and are the main implementation mechanism of the UNDF at national level. WRF has a strong connection with the network of NCFFs, some of which are supported by WRF members.

WRF and FAO have facilitated the development and implementation of policies and investments in support of family farmers and the establishment of sustainable and inclusive agri-food systems by promoting multistakeholder participation, opening spaces for discussion, conducting awareness raising and advocacy activities, and providing technical assistance to design and implement relevant and effective actions.

■ Countries with National Committees of Family Farming



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MAIN AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ Multistakeholder policy dialogue
- ▶ Advocacy and awareness raising

SDGs



CONTRIBUTING TO

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KEY RESULTS

- 01** | From its establishment in 2019 until September 2021, WRF served as Vice Chair of the UNDF International Steering Committee, the body responsible for overseeing and ensuring the coherent implementation of the UNDF.
- 02** | 45 NCFs have been strengthened through increased participation, and spaces for dialogue and exchange, in order to promote the development and adoption of consolidated frameworks for action in support of family farming at national level. Support was given to facilitate discussion and involvement of governmental counterparts.
- 03** | Between 2019 and 2021, 2 625 farmers organizations (including 1 853 family farmer organizations and federations), non-governmental organizations, public institutions, and academic institutions were mobilized through meetings, workshops and communications campaigns to get involved in different UNDF activities and initiatives at national level.
- 04** | Through the NCFs, WRF and FAO have provided support to the development and approval of National Action Plans for Family Farming (NAPs). As of December 2021, ten NAPs have been finalized and approved, while support is ongoing in more than 35 countries.
- 05** | 180 women-led organizations and women from family farmers' organizations from 54 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America have been consulted to develop a coordinated approach for the effective mainstreaming of gender equality in UNDF activities at global and national levels.



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LOOKING FORWARD

WRF and FAO are committed to continuing their collaboration to accomplish the following:

- Scale up and scale out the existing collaboration under the umbrella of the UNDF to promote more effective policy dialogue, adequate resources and concrete results for family farmers.
- Increasingly involve family farmers' organizations, NCFs and other multistakeholder platforms in policy dialogues that lead to the promotion, design and implementation of inclusive and integrated public policies, with the overall goal of achieving 100 inclusive multistakeholder platforms by 2028.
- Finalize and pilot structured guidelines for a gender responsive development of the NAPs.
- Implementation of existing NAPs and continued support to the development and approval of a total of 100 NAPs by 2024.
- Support the UNDF monitoring system by periodically gathering information from NCFs on the state of implementation at national level.



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UNDF 2019–2028

Officially launched in May 2019, the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019–2028 (UNDF) serves as a framework for countries to develop public policies and investments to support family farming from a holistic perspective, unleashing the transformative potential of family farmers to contribute to achieving the SDGs.

A global consultation process was held to develop the UNDF Global Action Plan (GAP) in order to identify the main challenges, priorities and potential contributions of family farming to sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries at all levels.

The data was collected through 60 semi-structured interviews, and almost 700 responses to an online survey. The GAP contains seven mutually reinforcing pillars of work with recommendations on indicative and interconnected actions to be taken. National Action Plans for Family Farming (NAPs) are established to bring the GAP to national contexts, often led by national governments.

ABOUT THE PARTNER

The World Rural Forum (WRF) is a plural network composed of family farming federations and organizations, rural development organizations, agriculture cooperatives and research centers. WRF members represent more than 35 million family farmers across the five continents. In addition, WRF maintains collaborative relationships with hundreds of external entities (non-members) all over the world.

WRF aims to promote sustainable rural development, better policies for family farming, gender equity in family farming and rural development, integration and equal participation of youth, and to strengthen and empower family farmers' organizations and other organizations working in a rural context.

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