

CHALLENGE FUND FOR NCFFS

A MECHANISM TO STRENGTHEN THE
VOICE OF FAMILY FARMING.

The Challenge Fund makes a decisive contribution to the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNFFF, 2019–2028) and to generating real change in family farming at regional, national and global levels.

What is family farming?

Family Farming is a means of organizing agricultural, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production that is managed and operated by a family, and is predominantly reliant on the family labor of both women and men. The family and the farm are linked, co-evolve and combine economic, environmental, social and cultural functions. (FAO)

Family farming in numbers

MANAGES MORE THAN

80%

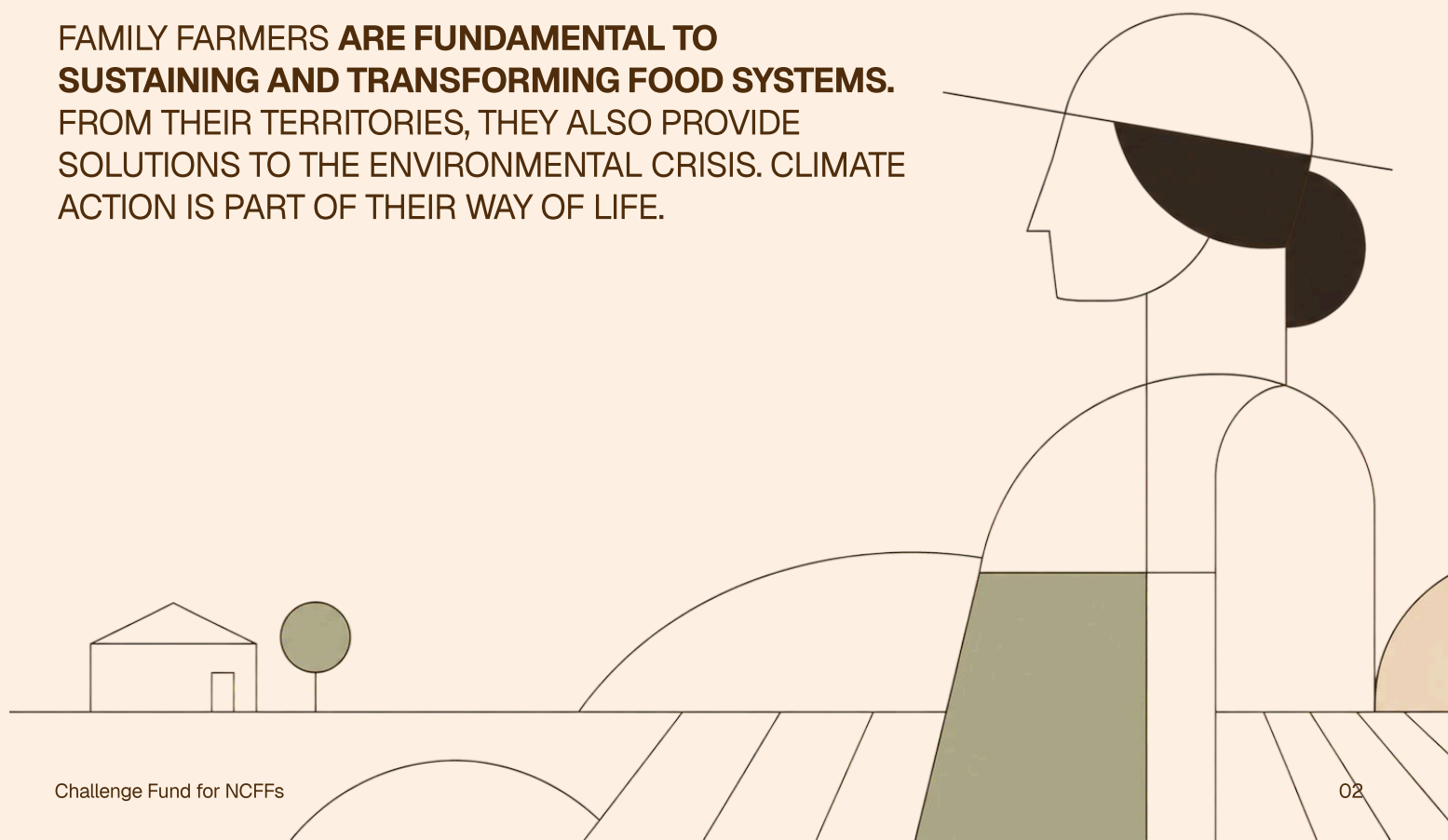
of the world's farms

PRODUCES AROUND

80%

of food in value terms

FAMILY FARMERS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO SUSTAINING AND TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS. FROM THEIR TERRITORIES, THEY ALSO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. CLIMATE ACTION IS PART OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE.





What is the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNDFF 2019–2028)?

The Decade is a **global framework promoted by the United Nations that recognises family farming as a key sector for the transformation of food systems and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals**. Its objective is to stimulate the development of public policies and investments in support of family farming. It is based on collaboration among the different actors involved in family farming, including National Committees of Family Farming (NCFFs).

What is a National Committee of Family Farming (NCFF)?

The National Committees of Family Farming (NCFFs) are **platforms for political dialogue that are mostly driven by civil society** which, in cooperation with the main agents related to family farming in a particular country, aim to promote sound, proactive policies in support of family farming.

What is a National Action Plan for Family Farming (NAP)?

A National Action Plan for Family Farming (NAP) is a **participatory roadmap that defines priorities, investments and actions to support the sustainable development of family farming** within the framework of the UNDFF. In essence, action plans are government commitments in support of family farming in their countries.

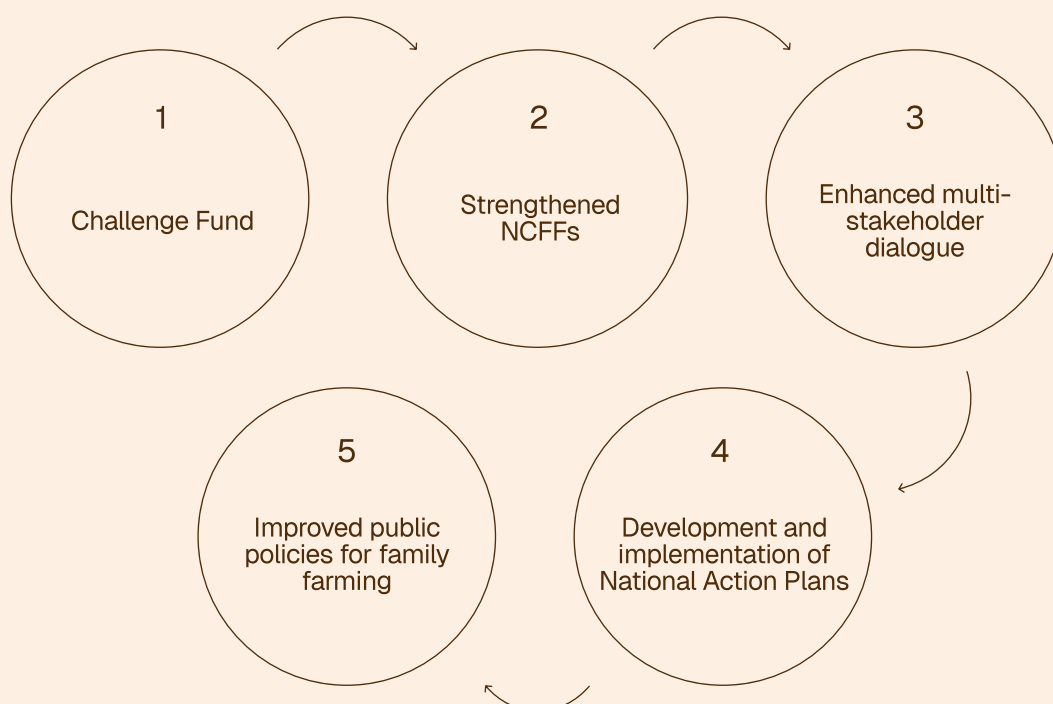
What is the Challenge Fund for National Committees of Family Farming (NCFFs)?

The Challenge Fund for National Committees of Family Farming is a technical, political and financial support mechanism promoted by the **World Rural Forum**, with the support and funding of **IFAD** and in collaboration with **FAO**, to strengthen **NCFFs**.

What is its objective?

To strengthen the capacities of NCFFs to promote and participate in the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) for the **UNDRF**, as well as other policies favourable to family farming. Its role is key to advancing the transformation towards sustainable and resilient food systems in selected IFAD beneficiary countries.

Chain of results





Testimonials



How does it work?

The World Rural Forum launches a call for project proposals aimed at NCFFs. Projects are selected by a multi-stakeholder award committee, based on rigorous evaluation and application criteria. In each selected country, these initiatives mobilise hundreds of actors linked to family farming, around the implementation of the UNDFF and public policies in support of family farming.

What results have been achieved through the 5th Challenge Fund?

The results achieved demonstrate the very high potential of the Challenge Fund:

12 NCFFs supported	12 National processes strengthened	5 UNDIFF National Action Plans implemented
4 New public policies on family farming under discussion in 3 countries	2 UNDIFF National Action Plans developed and validated	2 UNDIFF National Action Plans in the process of validation or approval

Effects generated

ESTABLISHMENT of formal multi-stakeholder dialogue committees	PARTICIPATION of family farming organisations in policy dialogue on sustainable and resilient family farming	VISIBILITY of family farming priorities through communication campaigns
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The Challenge Fund is a powerful tool to strengthen policy dialogue and collective action in favour of family farming, and there are still many opportunities to continue expanding this process.

What key activities have been carried out?

Specific actions focused on policy advocacy, research, joint work and training:



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multi-stakeholder consultation workshops in 9 countries



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multi-stakeholder working groups established



3

studies on the state of family farming and existing regulatory frameworks in 2 countries



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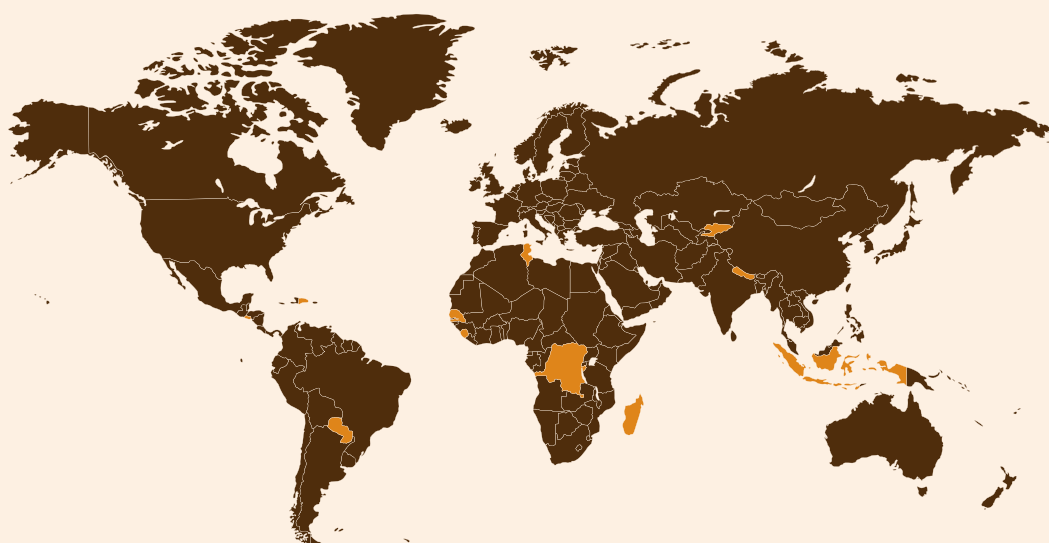
training workshops aimed at state and non-state actors in 5 countries



Advocacy through regular meetings with legislators and decision-makers

Achievements and lessons learned from the 5th Challenge Fund

The 5th Challenge Fund has demonstrated its capacity to successfully implement the UNdff.



The Challenge Fund provided support to 12 National Committees of Family Farming in Africa, Asia and Latin America: Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Nepal, Paraguay, the Dominican Republic, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Tunisia.

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| 01 | The Challenge Fund is a key catalyst for multi-stakeholder dialogue | 06 | Development of public policy proposals on family farming |
| 02 | Creation of the necessary conditions for dialogue between NCFFs, farmers' organisations, governments and development partners | 07 | Increased government engagement with family farming and stronger links with farmers' organisations |
| 03 | Reinforced collective action through the active participation of the institutions involved: NCFFs, IFAD, FAO and governments | 08 | Stronger participation of women and young farmers |
| 04 | Facilitation of high-level policy dialogue | 09 | Greater inclusion of grassroots actors in agricultural transformation |
| 05 | Strengthening of the policy framework for family farming through the development and implementation of National Action Plans (NAPs) | 10 | Strengthened capacities of farmers' organisations |
| | | 11 | Institutional strengthening of NCFFs |

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