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IFAD's Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme | Multi-regional

Smallholder farmers make up a significant percentage of global land users but they are a challenging group to reach, and they often lack access to investments, knowledge and information. The [Adaptation for Smallholder Agriculture Programme \(ASAP\)](#) channels climate finance to smallholder farmers so they can access the tools and technologies that help build their resilience to climate change. Launched by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), ASAP is the world's largest climate change adaptation programme for smallholder farmers, reaching millions of smallholders worldwide.

The problem

In the past, smallholder farmers could count on the seasons and traditional knowledge when it came to predicting the weather. Climate change has made that much harder. Seasons, floods, and storms no longer come when expected. Water stress, soil erosion, and infestations all contribute to making small farmers more vulnerable than ever before. Climate change-related hazards are hitting smallholder farmers especially hard, but international climate finance is not benefitting them nearly enough.

The solution

ASAP is reversing this trend. Small farmers now know of upcoming storms and droughts in advance. They now grow crops more resistant to climate change and protect their villages better from floods and landslides. ASAP channels climate and environmental finance to smallholder farmers so that they become more resilient to climate change. The programme aims to improve the capacity of at least eight million smallholder farmers.

ASAP empowers community-based organizations to make use of new climate risk management skills, information and technologies and combine them with tried and tested approaches to sustainable land and water management. For example, improved weather station networks are providing farmers with more reliable seasonal forecasts while mapping technologies are helping farmers to better understand and monitor landscape use in a changing environment.

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