



Food and Forest  
Development Finland

## Who we are

We are FFD, Food and Forest Development Finland, a non-profit organization supporting agricultural producer organizations, forest owners' organizations, cooperatives and cooperative unions in Asia, Africa and Latin America since 2012.

Our roots are in the Finnish farmers' and forest owner's movement, represented by our four members: the Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners of Finland (MTK), the Central Union of Swedish-Speaking Agricultural Producers in Finland (SLC), the Association of ProAgria Centres and the Pellervo Coop Center.

All our projects contribute to good governance and democracy, sustainable economic development and better distribution of income. **We improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and forest owners.** We achieve that by contributing to good governance and democracy, sustainable economic development and better distribution of income.

## NICARAGUA

1 PROJECT – honey, beans and coffee  
2 FOs: COMJERUMA and COSMUDESOM  
348 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS  
1.740 OUTSIDE BENEFICIARIES  
39.500 RUST-TOLERANT COFFEE PLANTS PRODUCED  
30-50 % MORE BEANS PRODUCED  
CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATION  
TWINNING PARTNER: MTK-Helsinki

## TANZANIA

- 3 PROJECTS – forestry, 2 in horticulture
- 3 FOs: NADO, TAHA and UWAMIMA
- 6.724 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 11.077 INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
- 6.886 TREES + 50.404 VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS PRODUCED
- 2 SEED STORAGE
- 1 TIMBER MARKET CENTER
- TWINNING PARTNERS: ProAgria Oulu, Puutarhanaiset ry and Päijät-Hämeen FMA

## TANZANIA – POTATOES

Farming in Tanzania is not an easy task. In rural areas, people rely on agriculture and a good harvest might change the future in a significant way. FFD is supporting NADO to increase the productivity, incomes and household food security of small-holder potato farmers in Wanging'ombe Region.

For the Faidika farmer group in Wanging'ombe, 2017 was a great year. While potato fields in the region were affected by a fungal disease and wilt, the 900 NADO members (including women and youth) doubled their yields. The secret was based on new disease-free seed potato varieties, access to inputs and the training provided on Good Agricultural Practices including soil and pest management. Furthermore, revenues from potato sales increased by 25% thanks to collective marketing and premium potato quality.

*"Thanks to the project our income has increased significantly. We appreciate this project for the idea of grading, packaging and collective marketing, which has helped to reduce transaction costs, negotiate and get better prices."* says Melcksedeck Mandele, chairman of one of the groups.

## ZAMBIA

- 1 PROJECT - forestry
- 3 FOs – Chingola, Mpongwe East and Mpongwe West DFA:s
- 640 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 280 BEEHIVES DISTRIBUTED
- 4 HA OF TREES PLANTED
- TWINNING PARTNER: Keski-Suomen FMA



FFD:s projects in 2017

12 projects

7 countries

701.714 € for farmers



### NEPAL

- 2 PROJECTS – forestry and fisheries
- 2 FOS: AMRITPUR and SUNDARDEEP CO
- 831 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 1.780 INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
- 5 TONNES OF FISH HARVESTED
- 3 NEW NURSERIES
- TWINNING PARTNERS:
- Finnish Fish-Farmers' Association and Savotta FMA

### VIETNAM

- 2 PROJECTS – forestry
- 3 FOS: TTHCA, QTCA and QNCA
- 4.945 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 9.065 INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
- 3 NEW NURSERIES PRODUCING 1.115.600 SAPPLINGS
- + 1 MILLION IN SAPLING PRODUCTION CAPACITY
- 187 FARMERS TRAINED IN FIRE PREVENTION
- TWINNING PARTNER: Savotta FMA

### ETHIOPIA

- 3 PROJECTS - forestry, vegetables and dairy
- 4 FOS: Zenbaba, KIMU, BDDC & DADC
- 8.254 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 12.581 INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
- 14 DAIRY RETAIL SHOPS
- 985.915 SEEDLINGS RAISED
- TWINNING PARTNERS: MTK-SW, MTK Varsinais-Suomi and MTK-Lammi-Tuulos

### MOZAMBIQUE

- 1 PROJECT – maize production and processing
- 1 FO: AKA
- 123 DIRECT PARTICIPANTS
- 1 MAIZE PROCESSOR
- 11 COOPs BUSINESS PLANS
- TWINNING PARTNER: Joutsenten reitti ry

## 2017 in numbers

163



#### DIRECT EMPLOYMENT CREATED

59% male  
41% female

21 865



#### DIRECT PARTICIPANTS

62% male  
38% female

83 115



#### FARMER ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

70,5% male  
29,5% female

36 300



#### INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

18

#### FARMERS' ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTLY SUPPORTED

58% with quality systems in place



83% with business plan and market information systems developed

91% providing advisory services



## NEPAL- FORESTRY

The support of FFD to promote community forestry as an economic activity is enhancing sustainable livelihoods for households and communities in Dang District.

The cooperatives contribute to democratic governance. The promotion of health, hygiene and sanitation has helped the participation of women. Nowadays, farmers feel more confident and empowered and participate actively in local governance. The individuals are engaged to change their communities. Thanks to the democratic practices, social conflicts related to forest boundaries and encroachment are decreasing.

The ecosystems and communities are becoming more resilient: agroforestry is thriving, forests are greener, and flow of water in rivers has increased. Furthermore, the village settlements and agricultural lands are safeguarded, and population have become less vulnerable and less exposed to natural disasters.

The women are strengthening their position within the community and the forestry sector. Chabi Galary is a perfect example of this ongoing positive transformation. Gaining confidence through the FFD supported activities, she decided to run for the Dang Regional Council and got elected! Congratulations!

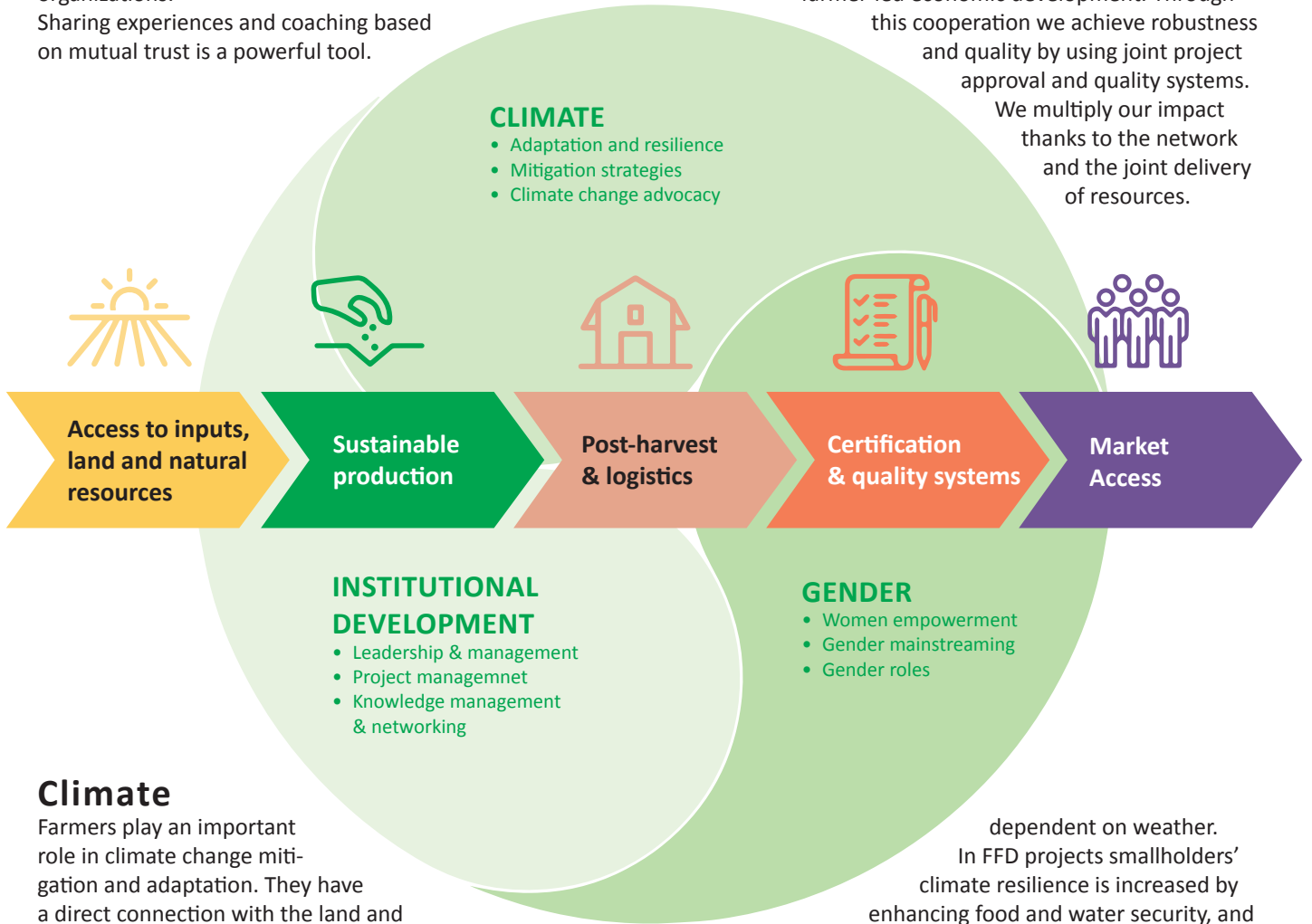
# How we work

## Peer-to-peer

We apply a twinning approach in all our projects. Through peer-to-peer support, partner organizations receive the best personalized and professional advice from top Finnish agricultural and forestry organizations. Sharing experiences and coaching based on mutual trust is a powerful tool.

## Agricord- network of agri-agencies

We are members of AgriCord, a non-profit international development alliance of 13 Agri-agencies. Like us, they are mandated by national rural people's organizations to support farmers in the Global South. We cooperate to implement the Farmers Fighting Poverty programme. Our focus is in developing key competences of farmers' organizations, e.g. organizational capacity and farmer-led economic development. Through this cooperation we achieve robustness and quality by using joint project approval and quality systems. We multiply our impact thanks to the network and the joint delivery of resources.



## Climate

Farmers play an important role in climate change mitigation and adaptation. They have a direct connection with the land and natural resources. Therefore, sustainable forest management practices and climate-smart agriculture are in the center of FFD projects. Smallholders are also extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate variation and change, as their livelihoods are largely

dependent on weather. In FFD projects smallholders' climate resilience is increased by enhancing food and water security, and by ensuring access to sustainable energy and income generation opportunities. FFD strengthens farmers' organizations and their advocacy work aiming at their inclusion in decision making and the climate agenda.



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