

Projects visited by the Rapid External Assessment Team

China: Shanxi Integrated Agricultural Development

Objectives: Increase productive capacity of land, diversify agricultural activities, and introduce environmental conservation measures in south-eastern Shanxi province.

Egypt: West Beheira Settlement

Objectives: Benefit resettled farmers by financing the rehabilitation and drainage of the area, create additional infrastructure and housing for recent settlers, support the development of institutions and services needed to raise agricultural production.

Egypt: Fayoum Agricultural Development

Objectives: Increase food self-sufficiency and generate foreign exchange through extension services, improved water management practices, animal health and nutrition, farm machinery demonstration, and access to credit.

Egypt: Newlands Agricultural Services

Objectives: Assist small farmers to establish sustainable, profitable farming systems with optimal water usage.

Guatemala: Zacapa Chiquimula Smallholders' Rural Development

Objectives: Increase the income and improve the diet of 5,200 peasant farmers living in absolute poverty through targeted production and manufacturing support, increased access to credit, and promotion of basic grains production.

Guinea: Fouta Djallon Agricultural Rehabilitation

Objectives: Increase incomes and crop production of small farmers through applied research, soil conservation, integration of agricultural and livestock activities, road construction, credit extension, and promotion of village associations.

Jordan: Cooperative Development of Rainfed Agriculture

Objectives: Improve production and raise incomes in rainfed farming areas by increasing domestic production of basic foodstuffs, introducing appropriate land-use planning systems, providing credit and support services, and the diffusion of appropriate technology packages.

Mali: Village Development Fund Programme, Phase II

Objectives: Expand on Phase I to create institutional framework for sustainable rural development, provide rural infrastructure development, and initiate community-based development activities.

Morocco: Abda Plain Rural Development

Objectives: Improve existing farming systems to boost agricultural production and increase the income of smallholder rainfed farmers. Focus on support for research, extension and credit, health and social services, livestock and range development,

and promotion of women's participation in the agricultural development of the project area.

Paraguay: Peasant Development Fund, North-East Region

Objectives: Implement a new financing system to mobilize cooperative savings, and improve peasant production through appropriate technology packages, credit diversification, credit and extension services, and promotion of the productive role of peasant women in the area.

Philippines: Visayas Communal Irrigation and Participatory Project

Objectives: Alleviate poverty and increase food security by rehabilitating and constructing communal irrigation schemes in impoverished rural areas.

Uganda: Southwest Region Agricultural Rehabilitation Project

Objectives: Increase production and incomes of small farmers by addressing constraints to production; improve supply of agricultural inputs, improve technical support services, reduce environmental degradation, and lower transportation costs.

Uganda: Integrated Community Development Project

Objectives: A collaborative effort of UNDP, IFAD, UNICEF, and WHO to establish a framework for integrated, district-based social services and community-based health care. The focus is on training of traditional birth attendants, post-natal care, clean water supplies, and the promotion of improved health and sanitation practices. A second objective is strengthening District Administration to sustain the services after the project disbursement period is over.

Resources from IFAD

State of World Rural Poverty Series

The State of World Rural Poverty - An Inquiry into Its Causes and Consequences. Idriss Jazairy, et al. 1992. ISBN 0-8147-3754-4 (paperback). 514 pp. \$25.00. Order from: IFAD, via del Serafico 107, 00142, Rome, Italy. Tel: 396-54591. Fax: 396-5043463.

The State of World Rural Poverty - A Profile of Africa. 1993. 86 pp. Free. Order from: IFAD Liaison Office, 1775 K Street, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20006. Tel: 202-331-9099. Fax: 202-331-9366.

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Selected 1994-1995 Titles

Annual Report 1994, The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). 1995. Free. Order from IFAD Liaison Office, 1775 K Street, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20006. Tel: 202-331-9099. Fax: 202-331-9366.

Changing Places? Women, Resource Management and Migration in the Sahel. 1995. 169 pp. Free. Order from: SOS Sahel UK, 1 Tolpuddle Street, London N1 OXT, England. Tel: 44 171-8379129. Fax: 44-171-837-0856. (IFAD sponsored publication)

Down to Earth. A simplified guide to the Convention to Combat Desertification, why is it necessary and what is important and different about it. 1995. 32pp. Free. Order from: The Centre for our Common Future, 33, route de Valavram, 1293 Bellevue, Geneva, Switzerland. Tel: 41-22-7744530. Fax: 41-22-7744536. (IFAD sponsored publication)

Fighting Food Insecurity and Poverty. IFAD and the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. 1995. 39 pp. Free. Order from IFAD, via del Serafico 107, 00142, Rome, Italy. Tel: 396-54591. Fax: 396-5043463.

Land Degradation and Poverty in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities. A Dialogue on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. 1994. 30 pp. Free. Order from: IFAD, via del Serafico 107, 00142 Rome, Italy. Tel.: 396-54591. Fax: 396-5043463. (Limited quantities available.)

Meeting the Challenge of Hunger and Poverty. 1994. 12 pp. Free. Order from: IFAD Liaison Office, 1775 K Street, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20006. Tel: 202-331-9099. Fax: 202 331-9366.

Report of the Rapid External Assessment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development. The Challenge of Rural Poverty: The Role of IFAD. 1994. Free. Order from: IFAD Liaison Office, 1775 K
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