Taking the lessons from Integrated Approach Pilots to the GEF8 Amazon, Congo, and Critical Forest Biome Integrated Program

Resilient Food Systems Program

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TWELVE COUNTRY PROJECTS

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
INVESTING IN OUR PLANET

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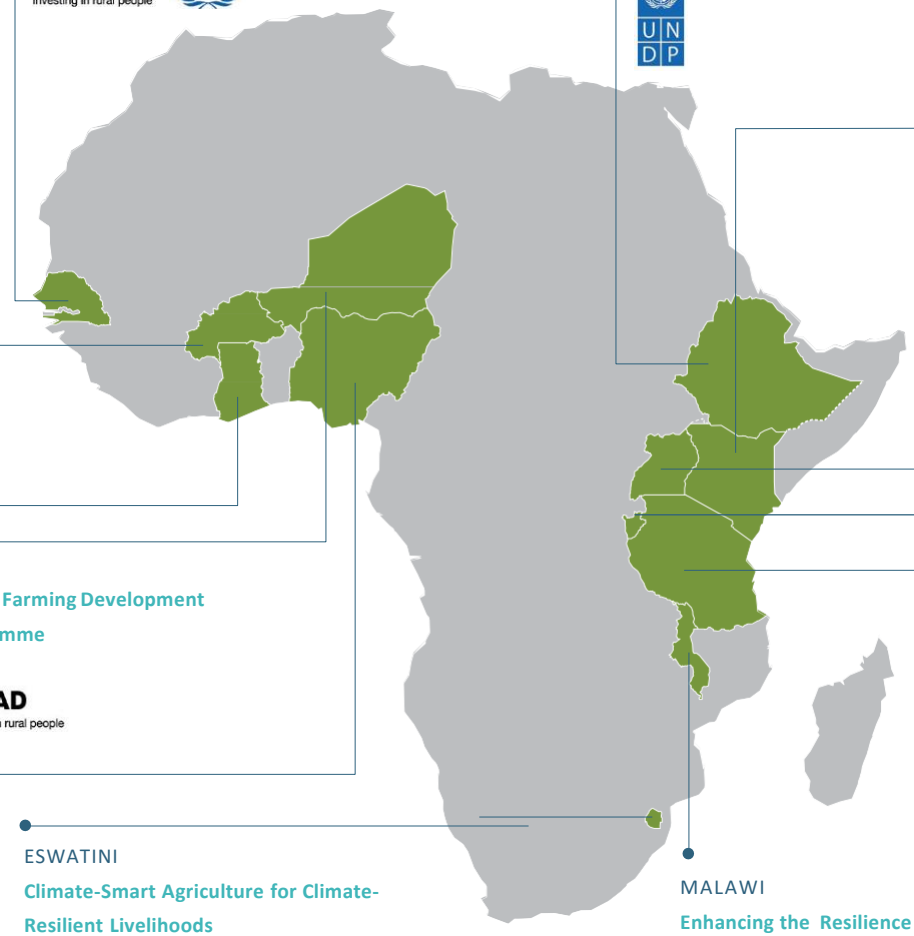
- Duration: **2017 – 2023**
- Total investment: **USD 116 million + 800 million co-financing**



SENEGAL
Agricultural Value Chains Resilience Support Project
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ETHIOPIA
Integrated Landscape Management to Enhance Food Security and Ecosystem Resilience
UNDP

KENYA
Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Fund
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UGANDA
Fostering Sustainability and Resilience for Food Security in Karamoja Sub-Region
UNDP · FAO

BURUNDI
Support for Sustainable FoodProduction and Enhancement of Food Security and Climate Resilience in Burundi's Highlands
FAO

BURKINA FASO
Participatory Natural Resource Management and Rural Development Project
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GHANA
Sustainable Land and Water Management Project
THE WORLD BANK

NIGER
Family Farming Development Programme
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TANZANIA
Reversing Land Degradation trends and increasing Food Security in degraded ecosystems of semi-arid areas of central Tanzania
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NIGERIA
Integrated Landscape Management to Enhance Food Security and Ecosystem Resilience in Nigeria
UNDP

ESWATINI
Climate-Smart Agriculture for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods
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MALAWI
Enhancing the Resilience of Agro-ecological Systems
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The 3 pillars of the RFS approach :

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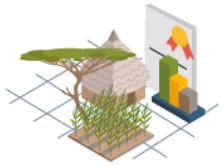			
Institutional frameworks	Upscaling of integrated approaches	Monitoring & assessment	Programmatic impact, visibility and coherence
Create and strengthen integrated institutional frameworks and mechanisms for scaling up proven multi-benefit approaches	Scaling up integrated approaches and practices	Monitoring and assessment of global environmental benefits and agro-ecosystem resilience	Coordination, reporting and general management functions across RFS projects for programmatic impact, visibility and coherence
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FAO	AGRA	UN environment	
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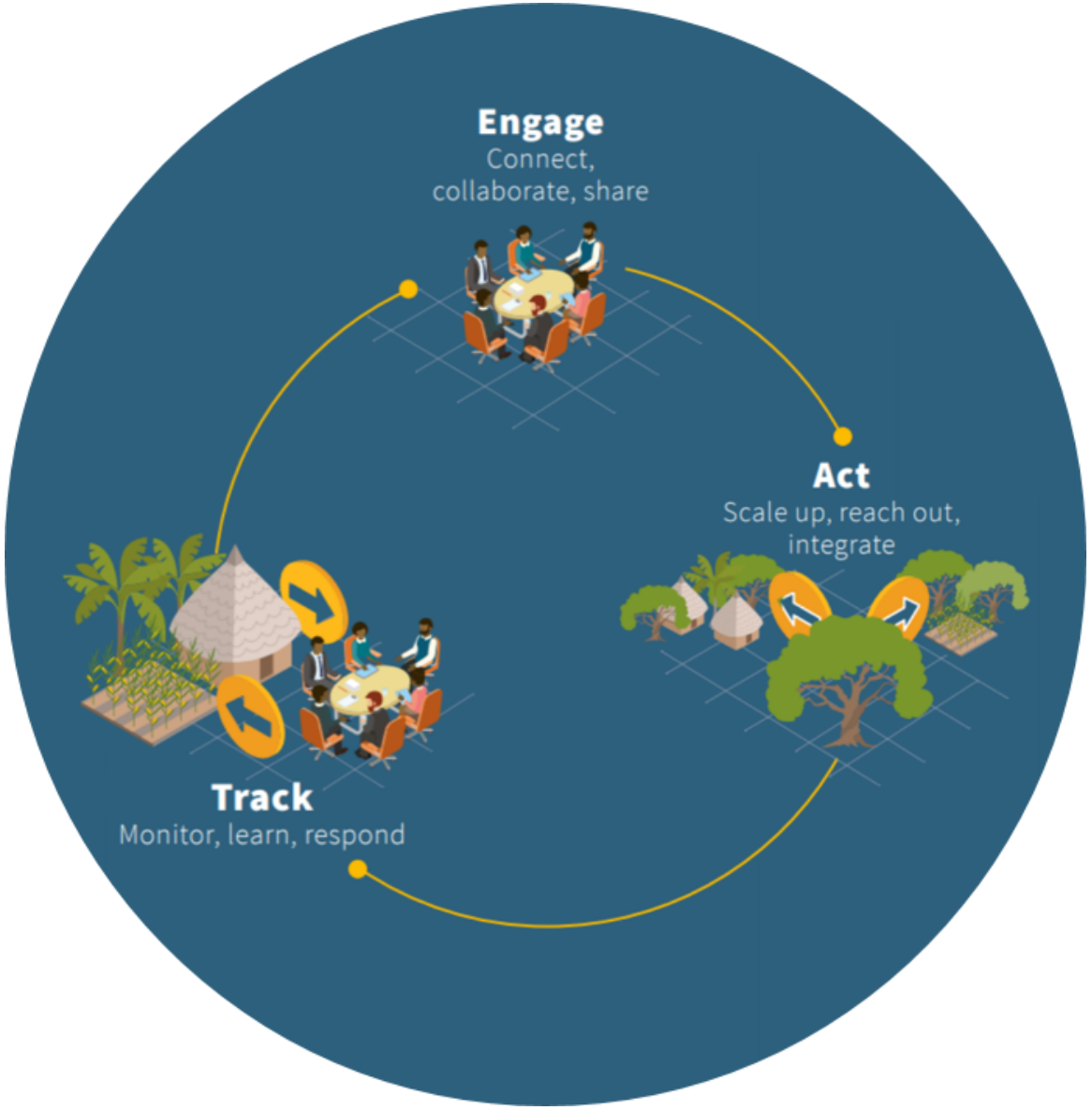
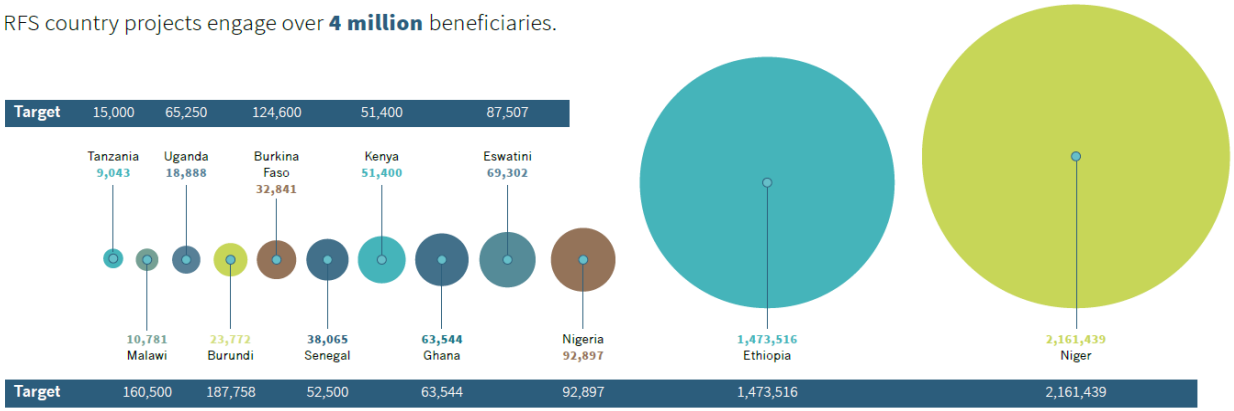
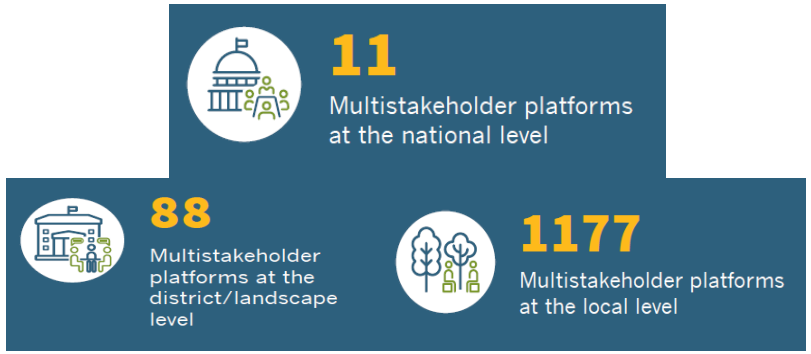
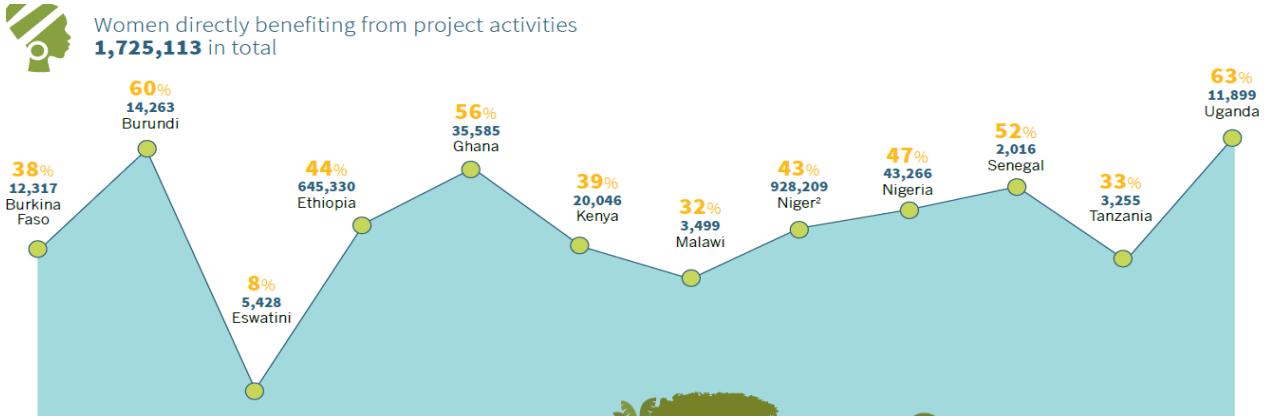


#RFS key results

- Restored 338,714 hectares of previously degraded land
- Engaged the private sector (PPP) and promoted 22 green value chains
- Established a strong peer-learning system and vibrant communities of practice
- Deployed 20 tools in supporting to the country projects
- Materialized 60% of co-financing commitment at design







Lessons learned from RFS

RFS additionality : Strong financial leveraging, Comparative advantages of several GEF agencies and other executing partners, Linkages to African and global initiatives, **Community of practice at regional level**

- **IFAD's role as Lead Agency** has created several opportunities for **synergies and partnerships** both spatially and vertically with strategic partners such as ESA through its EO4SD, African Risk Capacity, WOCAT, African Union
- **Regional Hub** project serves as an anchor for technical expertise and resources, as well as an active engine for improving learning among country projects
- Multipronged approach to engage with **different types of private entities** as a critical path along different food-related value chains
- **Strong peer-learning system** through regional workshops, learning labs, field trips, a virtual knowledge centre
- **Pivotal role of multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs), internal communications and knowledge exchange in** dealing with complexity

Capitalizing RFS lessons for GEF8

- Early engagement with all programme agencies and country partners during the design
- **Building Strong knowledge management and M&E systems** : sensitization at design on relationship between M&E; KM; communications and advocacy; more provision for capacities and expertise
- Effective and enforceable **mechanisms and incentives for inter-agency cooperation and adjustments** of work plans when necessary
- **Reducing complexity with a limited number of Agencies and partners**, gradual expansion, possibly over several stages/cycles