WHAT IS THE RURAL SOLUTIONS PORTAL?

- It is a web-based platform – launched by IFAD in June 2018 – that responds to the need for a systematic and user-friendly repository of knowledge and information about innovative solutions, success stories and case studies in rural development.
- It supports South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) activities by sharing relevant rural development solutions and knowledge, promoting investments among developing countries; and establishing and supporting partnerships and other forms of collaboration for improved rural livelihoods.

WHAT ARE RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS?

- Rural development solutions solve challenges in the rural environment, such as resource management, food security, household nutrition, marginalisation of rural communities, financing concerns and climate change.
- Since these challenges are often common to countries of the Global South, the solutions can also be replicated, thus providing a means for promoting SSTC by facilitating peer-to-peer learning and encouraging the cross-fertilization of ideas among smallholders, organizations and institutions of developing countries.

HOW DOES THE PORTAL WORK?

- IFAD sources, captures and showcases innovations and solutions in the form of stories, videos presented by the actual actors and covering a wide range of geographic regions and topics.
The portal also will also link up with international organizations, such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other United Nations agencies, for similar innovations and solutions through their own portals.

Smallholders in the rural and agricultural sectors, small and medium-scale entrepreneurs, international organizations, civil society, national institutions and other organizations, as well as staff and beneficiaries from IFAD projects, can access these solutions.

Users can request access, through the portal, to the different solution providers for more information and support in replicating the solution in their development context.

WHAT KEY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA DOES THE PORTAL ADVANCE?

The objective and content of the portal are geared towards meeting key components of the Sustainable Development Goals.