

Areas of support

- Initiatives that reach smallholder farmers to improve agricultural productivity, market access, post-harvest handling, food safety or any other impact.
- Initiatives that support the management, operations and business processes that are directly linked to improving the integration of smallholder farmers/pastoralists within the supply chain of a business and improve on their inefficiencies.

Fund Process



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Overview

The AgriFI Kenya Challenge Fund is a European Union initiative to support productive and market-integrated small-holder agriculture through the provision of financial support worth EUR 18,000,000 to agri-enterprises. The aim is to contribute to improvements in the capacity of smallholder farmers/pastoralists to practise environmentally sustainable and climate-smart agriculture as a business in inclusive value chains. The Challenge Fund is funded by the European Union and co-funded by SlovakAid and is implemented in parallel with a planned European Investment Bank (EIB) facility provided to local banks.

Self Help Africa and Imani Development Limited are the Fund Managers for the programme.

The Programme in Numbers

5 years programme implementation period

100,000 smallholders/pastoralists integrated in various agricultural value chains

10,000 net equivalent jobs created

The Challenge Fund is part of the wider AgriFI programme funded under the 11th EDF to unlock, accelerate and leverage investments within value chains.

Objectives

- To improve the capacity of 100,000 smallholder farmers/pastoralists to practice environmentally sustainable and climate-smart agriculture as a business in inclusive value chains.
- Support and enable at least 50 agri-enterprises to increase their turnover (by at least 25%).

€18 million fund size

50 agri-enterprises receive financial support

20,000 hectares under climate-smart land management practices

15 trade associations strengthened

Impact



INCREASED INCOMES



FOOD SECURITY



CREATION OF NEW JOBS



20,000 HA under climate smart agriculture

600,000 livelihoods transformed

The Challenge Fund will offer:

Financial support

The AgriFI Kenya Challenge Fund will award an indicative amount of EUR 18,000,000 to agri-enterprises as financial support with each agri-enterprise receiving between Euro 200,000 to Euro 750,000 in the second call for proposals. These funds will cover a maximum of 50% of the total value of the proposed project and the balance will be co-financed by the applicant.

Value chain integration

The Challenge Fund will support investments in areas where agri-enterprises have blockages or weak links as they work with smallholders or pastoralists. These may include insufficient quantity or quality of raw materials, inefficient processing and production systems, or lack of consumer demand for a particular nutritious product. As a result, smallholder farmers/pastoralist will either directly or

indirectly improve their competitiveness and participation in the respective value chains.

Technical assistance

The Challenge Fund will provide the selected enterprises with targeted and needs-based technical assistance to improve their business capacities to support overall business growth and to improve service delivery to farmers for sustainable production and adaptation to climate smart farming.

Learning opportunities

The Challenge Fund will adopt a Collaborative, Learning and Adaptation approach to incorporate knowledge, experience and learning from agri-enterprises, smallholder farmers/pastoralists and other value chain actors.

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