

## **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**

### **Support to the AU/NEPAD (Period of July 2010 to June 2011)**

IFAD's role in supporting the CAADP has been growing as African stakeholders themselves step up their leadership of and focus on the programme. IFAD remains the reference donor agency for supporting the role of farmer organizations in the development, implementation and monitoring of CAADP compacts and investment plans. IFAD has also been a major voice in ensuring that the roles and opportunities for women and youth are well reflected in all plans.

More directly, IFAD is an active member of the CAADP informal donor partnership group which serves as a coordinating mechanism for support to CAADP overall. At country level, despite some challenges resulting from limited country presence, IFAD funded programs are providing the basis for the design of a number of CAADP investment plans, with the result that in Sierra Leone and Togo, IFAD has been designated by the Governments as the supervising entity for those countries' GASFP funded programs. Working closely together, Government of Togo, IFAD and FAO were able to prepare the first GAFSP program to be approved by the steering committee at the end of 2010.

In East and Southern Africa, IFAD representatives play an active role in agricultural sector working groups which provide input into the formulation of CAADP compacts and subsequent investment plans. For example, in Rwanda, (the first country to draft a compact), the compact was based on the Strategic Programme for the Transformation of Agriculture, which was developed with major support from IFAD. IFAD was also the first institution to pledge funds in support of the investment plans based on the compact.

In terms of IFAD's overall alignment with the CAADP, RB-COSOPs are explicitly focusing on identifying those aspects of Investment Plans which IFAD will support, and ensuring that monitoring indicators are aligned wherever possible.

In 2011, we will continue to strengthen alignment of IFAD projects and country programs with CAADP investment plans and monitoring frameworks. Increased country presence will also facilitate more engagement in policy dialogue and sharing of field results. Ensuring alignment of COSOPs with CAADP will remain a high priority – both through formulation of new RB-COSOPs but also through the annual and mid-term COSOP review process. The discussion of IFAD's 9<sup>th</sup> Replenishment will also feature IFAD's support to the CAADP agenda, including discussion of strengthening partnerships with AU NEPAD and supporting more progress for member states in the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) And SADCC regional communities.