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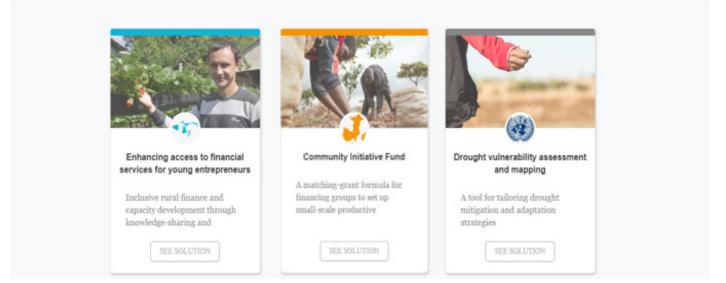
IFAD Morocco Rural Solutions Portal

The SKiM Project continues its collaboration with the stakeholders from Moldova, Sudan and Morocco to ensure proper knowledge documentation, dissemination and availability. The solution describes the concept for business skills, knowledge and managerial abilities development for young managers.

In our previous <u>Newsletter</u> we mentioned about "<u>Inclusive Rural Finance</u>", the solution from Moldova that was successfully published on the <u>IFAD Rural Solutions Portal</u>.



LATEST RURAL SOLUTIONS



Solution title: <u>Drought vulnerability</u> <u>assessment and mapping</u>

Involved country: 🌝 Morocco

Solution Provider: Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II

Objective: Drought is one of the major threats that affects people's livelihoods, ecosystems and food security. It is vital to have a comprehensive method to understand the drivers of drought vulnerabilities that as a result will help the decision makers to develop a more effective and tailored drought management practices in rural communities.

Solution: The aim of the drought vulnerability assessment and mapping project was to use agricultural, social and economic data to calculate a community-level composite drought vulnerability index (DVI). The project took place in the Oum Er-Rbia basin, which is home to a wide variety of climates, landscapes, cropping systems and social habits. The project enabled the global capture of drought vulnerability in the basin and assessment of data needs. It can be replicated in other Moroccan basins or any other rural area, the only hampering issues being the selection of appropriate indicators and data availability.

Click here to watch the story from Morocco related to drought mitigation risks

Click here to check the e-learning course on Drought Forecasting and Warning

Solution title: Community Initiative Fund

Involved country: 🗲 Sudan

Solution Provider: <u>IFAD</u>

Objective: Butana communities in general and small-scale producers in particular suffer from many challenges that limit the improvement of livelihoods. Some of these challenges are rising costs of production inputs, inflation, lack of funding, weak financing institutions, poor product marketing and weak value-added processes. The specific objectives of the Butana Integrated Rural Development Project (BIRDP) were to improve the access and bargaining position of women and men in the marketing of livestock and to develop the capacity of community-based organizations to engage in environmentally sound, socially and gender equitable development initiatives.

Solution: The project promoted the target group's access to finance by setting up 14 Community Initiative Funds (CIFs) that benefitted more than 11,500 persons (96 per cent of the initial target). These CIFs operate under a matching-grant formula to provide financing to groups to set up small-scale productive enterprises. The CIF provides matching funds for initiatives taken by poor women groups — both female headed households and women from poor families.

The project improved smallholders' livelihoods and incomes not only through increased agricultural productivity and enhanced access to markets and financial services, but also by promoting equality among beneficiaries. This was achieved by providing equal access to loans, regardless of gender, in accordance with the agreed terms of borrowing within the communities. The Community Initiative Funds (CIFs) have focused on gender transformation as a development driver and achieved impressive results despite the Butana Region's difficult sociocultural context.

Click here to read more about Butana Integrated Rural Development Project

2nd National Workshop on Knowledge Management in Morocco



November 16th, 2022 marked a historic day as the **Agreement on the knowledge management and transfer** was signed by the General Director of ONCA, the Director of ENA Meknes, the General Secretary representing the Director of INRA Morocco and the Deputy Director of cooperation and partnership representing the Director of the IAV Hassan II.

The agreement, being developed within the frames and objectives of the SKiM project, aims to organize the Good Agricultural Practices knowledge dissemination targeting different groups of farmers and local actors. The agreement is one of the components of the knowledge management system consolidation to establish new mechanisms supports in accordance with the new guidelines of the "Generation Green 2020–2030" strategy.

The signing ceremony was scheduled within the agenda of the 2nd National Workshop on knowledge management "Together towards a national strategy of knowledge management in the agricultural sector", organized within the framework of SKiM project activities. The main participants were represented by the Stakeholders from different organizations and research institutions: IAV Hassan II, ENA Meknes, INRA Morocco, ONCA, DEFR, ADA and the private sector. The objective of the workshop was to provide the research, training and consulting structures with an effective strategy for the national knowledge management in the agricultural sector. The outcomes of the workshop was widely disseminated by the SKiM Project Partners.



This workshop is a continuation of the series of events started in 2021 with the overall aim to support the knowledge management strategy and best practice sharing. The event was attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of Morocco, Maritime Fisheries, Rural **Development and** Water and Forests.

Options and ideas for smart agriculture in Republic of Moldova *Round table event*

On November 18, 2022 a round table dialogue on "Options and ideas for smart agriculture" was organized by the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) "Viitorul" in Moldova.

The round table, organized within the framework of SKiM project, aimed to enhance awareness of the stakeholders and partners on sustainable (organic) farming as a possible solution for many problems in the agricultural sector. The participants noted that the implementation of this concept will require efficient management of agricultural crops, careful monitoring of soil resources, and of the dynamics of crop growth.

During the event the experts from IDIS "Viitorul" presented 2 case studies that were widely discussed and caused a genuine interest from the participants:

- Agro-industrial complex: benchmarks for investment and export growth
- The use of drones in the development of smart agriculture"



The round table followed and drew linkages of the most important aspects, such as: mechanisms to reduce climate change impacts, organic farming program development in Moldova, promotion of high-value agriculture along with innovative approaches. The participants noted the importance of knowledge transfer and best practice sharing among farmers, academia and agribusiness.

The event and its outcomes was widely promoted and supported by local media channels.



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Agricultura ecologică, o soluție pentru sectorul agricol

De Ivanov Tatiana - pe 21, nov. 2022

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Vorel Chivriga, expertul IDIS a prezentat studiul despre complexul agroindustrial, a spus că sectorul vegetal este caracterizat prin producții mici și randamente foarte scăzute la majoritatea culturilor agricole în raport cu statele europene. Acesta este vulnerabil în fața hazardurilor naturale. În anii de secetă, cu îngheturi și alte catacisme naturale, s-a simitți lipsa unui mecanism eficient de reducere a impactului riscurilor în agricultură. Totodată, piața agricolă moldovenească este caracterizată prin nestabilitate, fluctuații puternice de prețuri, lipsă de echilibru între cererea și oferta de produse, lipsa forței de muncă, dar și de amenințări frecvente a securității alimentare a țării.



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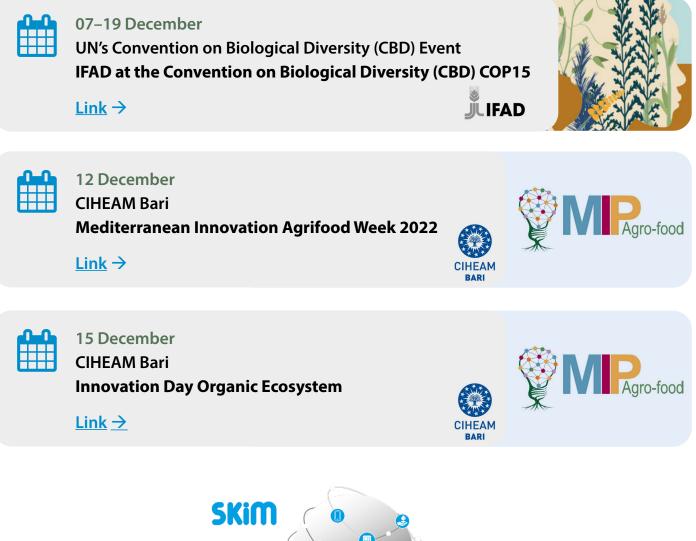
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Viorel Chivriga a mai spus că sectorul animalier, în perioada tranziției spre economia de piață, a cunoscut metamorfoz colosale, în perioada anilor 1980-2022. efectivul de bovine s-a redus de la 11 milioane de capete până la 104 mil capete.

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