



CAFI Executive Board Decision

Cameroon – Approval of

The Pilot Project to support the sustainable intensification and agroecological transition of agriculture implemented by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Adopted during the 24th Executive Board Meeting on 24.06.2024
EB.2024.23

Considering:

- The CAFI Declaration and the persisting challenge of forest loss and food security in Cameroon.
- Decision [EB.2023.08](#) approving the Call for Expressions of Interest 2023/02/CMR
- Decision [EB.2023.16](#) adopted on July 12 2023 selecting IFAD for the development of the project.
- The non-objection on the selection of IFAD provided by the Minister of Economy, Planning and Land-use (MINEPAT) on September 28, 2023.

Recalling:

- That the present decision is subject to the non-objection of the Minister of Economy, Planning and Land-use (MINEPAT).

The Executive Board:

1. Thanks IFAD (referred here as “implementing organization”) for submitting the project proposal.
2. Approves the project document for an amount of 20 512 743 USD, to be used over a period of 36 months, starting from the date of first transfer to the implementing organization.
3. Requests that the total amount will be disbursed in tranches as follows; The disbursements are conditional and subject to the following conditions:

- a) *Tranche 1 of 19 000 147 USD with the following conditions:*
- I. Signature of the subsidiary grant agreement between IFAD and the Government of Cameroon.
- b) *Tranche 2 of 1,512,596 USD, with the following conditions:*
- I. Conduct a scientific assessment of the CCODEF funding model in partnership with an academic or research organization of international repute to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the CCODEF incentives in reducing deforestation and the long-term sustainability of the agro ecological transition carried out by beneficiary farmers, and propose concrete actions to improve the programme
 - II. Expansion of the CCODEF funding model to other crops that drive deforestation, including rubber, oil palm and various food crops.
 - III. Official launch of CCODEF's local authority window (Guichet Collectivités), extended to funding environmental services and agro-ecological transition for councils (CTDs) and collective enterprises, following validation of the ad hoc procedures' manual.
 - IV. Demonstration through independent verification using a methodology defined by CAFI that:
 - Over 300,000 producers are registered on the CCODEF Guichets digital management platform, enabling them to access the various direct agricultural subsidy mechanisms (electronic vouchers, business plan co-financing, agro-ecological transition plan co-financing).
 - Over 150,000 farmers have directly benefited from the Cocoa and Coffee Development Fund subsidies.
 - Over 150,000 farmers have georeferenced their cocoa and coffee plots.
 - The amount of payment for environmental services transferred directly to beneficiary farmers exceeds 10.5 billion FcFA.
 - Over 2000 agroecological transition plans have been formalized through implementation contracts and respected by beneficiary farmers.
 - CCODEF has set in place an operational procedure to identify and address cases of farmers who received subsidies from the Cocoa and Coffee Development Fund, and who engage in deforestation (as defined by EUDR requirements)
 - Cumulative expenditure reaches 70% of the disbursed CAFI funds
 - II. Submission of provisional narrative and financial reports as well as annual (or for the period for which the next disbursement is requested) work plans to the CAFI Secretariat and MPTFO
 - III. Respect of reporting obligations, including reporting on the following indicators in a form and substance acceptable to CAFI:
 - Areas covered by improved land management practices (ha)
 - Area under PES contract which burned (ha) disaggregated by agricultural areas, areas under natural regeneration, and conservation areas.

- Annual cocoa and coffee production (in T/ha) on the areas supported by the project.
 - % increase in yields of cocoa and coffee crops on the areas supported by the project.
 - Overall income generated in the sale of products from subsidized plantations, broken down by type (cocoa and coffee)
4. Asks the implementing organization to notify the CAFI Secretariat at least 2 months before the date of disbursement of the requested tranche.
 5. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, the implementing organization commits to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, the implementing organization commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund.
 6. Recalls that the implementing organization will have to report on progress toward the indicators of CAFI's results framework in accordance with CAFI guidelines and templates. In addition, the implementing organization will have to provide CAFI with all reports and data (raw and analysed) from household's surveys and other field studies including spatial information (i.e. GPS coordinates), as well as information on how its activities address and respect CAFI social and environmental safeguards requirements.
 7. Reminds the implementing organization of its reporting obligations under the current CAFI Operations Manual, in terms of both narrative and financial reports.
 8. Instructs the CAFI Secretariat to sign the project document on its behalf.