Implementation Arrangements

MTCP2 is managed by FOs at the regional and national levels. The AFA/LVC consortium acts as Regional Implementing Agency (RIA), with AFA as grant recipient and financial manager. The funds received by the RIA are then channelled to the Sub-Regional Agencies (SRAs), composed of AFA/LVC for South Asia, AFA/LVC for SEAPAC, and Pacific Island Farmers’ Organizations’ Network (PIFON) for the Pacific.

The SRAs then channel the funds to National Implementing Agencies (NIAs). IFAD selected the RIA and SRAs based on a call for proposal. The participating FPs at the national level select the NIA. The implementing agencies will establish an effective and efficient monitoring and Evaluation Framework and a strategy for Knowledge Management that is in line with IFAD’s guidelines.

MTCP2 will be guided by one regional steering committee (RSC) and three sub-regional steering committees. The RSC will be composed of 1 representative from each sub-regional FO and one national FO per sub region as observers. On the other hand, the sub-regional steering committees will be composed of one representative from each covered country and the sub-regional FOs. The Chairpersonship of the steering committees will be renewed on a regular basis.

Support Farmers! Support MTCP2!

MTCP2 Logframe

Farmers’ Organizations are key pillars of social change and national development. If empowered and consolidated enough in terms of magnitude and competence, we have the potential to effect serious and substantive economic, political, and cultural changes in society. With resources to hire competent staff and service providers, and to form committed and principled leaders and active members, we can then play our important role as primary stakeholders in the work for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, effectively engaging governments in policies and programs that benefit the millions of small scale women and men producers in Asia and the Pacific. MTCP2 is a program that directly finances FOs for capacity building.

The MTCP2 budget requirement is $15M. Current mobilized funds amount to $5M.

For more information, please visit the MTCP2 website: www.ifad.org/mtcp2
The Context

The Asia and Pacific region is the largest and most populous continent, which is home to 60%, or 4 billion people, of the world's population. The rural population in many of the developing countries in the continent can be anywhere from 40-80%. The region has 38% of the world's arable lands, and has the most extensive forest and fishery resources in the world. Moreover, the region feeds 60% of the world's population, produces 90% of the world's rice, 40% of the world's cereals and 40% of the world's meat. It has a 70% share of the global food and vegetables, and 80% of the global aquaculture market.

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However, out of the 1 billion poorest and hungriest people in the world who earn less than $1.5 a day, 600 million people are also in the rural parts of Asia and Pacific - they are the women and men who rely on agriculture, fisheries and forestry for a living - small-scale farmers, fishers, indigenous peoples, pastoralists/herders. They share common problems: (1) lack of access and control over basic production resources, particularly land, waters, forests, seeds; (2) inadequate access to physical infrastructures (such as roads and electricity), to basic social and economic infrastructures (such as education and health) as well as to economic, financial and communication services; (3) vulnerabilities to natural and man-made disasters and food price volatilities; and (4) lack of meaningful participation in policy and decision making processes, from the local to the national level.

Since the 1990’s, farmers organizations (FOs) have pursued various initiatives to respond to these needs of the small-scale producers, and most of the time limited and still weak. Institutional and operational strengthening is required for them to act effectively and be fully recognized as one of the primary actors in national, sub-regional and regional socio-economic development.

In response to the growing clamor of FOs worldwide through the Farmers Forum process of IFAD, to the strong recognition of the need that small-scale women and men farmers play in poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, the first phase of the Medium Term Cooperation Program for Farmers Organizations in Asia and Pacific (MTCP1) was implemented from 2009-2012. The MTCP1 succeeded in bringing together different national and local FOs in 10 countries in Southeast and South Asia in regular dialogues among each other as well as with their governments and FAO and IFAD representatives, resulting in increased opportunities for partnership and implementation processes of governments and IFAD country operations.

MTCP1’s primary beneficiaries are smallholder farmers who are current or potential members of participating FOs. Its main participants are 150 FOs representing 20 million small-scale farming families in 25 countries in Southeast and South Asia and the Pacific.

MTCP2 aims to strengthen the capacities of farmers organizations in Asia and the Pacific to deliver better, improved and inclusive services to their members and to engage in effective dialogues with governments, thereby making FOs more visible, responsive and accountable to their members, more respected by their partners and with greater participation in policy-making and program implementation processes of governments and IFAD country operations.

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MTCP2 Coverage

MTCP2 will cover the following countries:

- **Southeast and East Asia:**
  - Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, China; Thailand at a later stage.

- **South Asia:**
  - Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan at a later stage.

- **Pacific:**
  - Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue and Tuvalu will be considered at a later stage.

MTCP2 has four components. The first three are technical components: (1) Strengthening FOs and their Networks; (2) FO Participation in Policy Process; (3) FO Services and Involvement in Agricultural Development Programmes. The fourth component is in Program Management and Coordination. Under each component are sets of sub-components and activities.

Major activities include: (a) reviews and assessments on the FOs’ by-laws and capacities to manage their organizations, deliver services to members, help members increase their profits along value chains, and to have greater involvement in the country’s (region’s) policy making and program implementation processes; (b) establishing membership databases; (c) technical assistance, training and capacity building on the various needs and gaps as identified through the reviews; (d) researches and studies on priority policy issues; (e) FO platform strengthening; and, (f) policy dialogues.

MTCP2 will be implemented for five years. It is currently being implemented with a US$-grant from IFAD and SDC.

MTCP2 Budget for 5 years (USD)

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Legend:

- **Southeast Asia + China**
- **South Asia**
- **Pacific**
- To be covered at a later stage

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