



RHAPSODY OF FOOD

Food is a metaphor for life - an expression of joy. It's a tapestry of cultures and traditions passed down through generations.
It is a celebration of human relationships.

This World Food Day, the Lives and Livelihoods Fund is paying homage to Food...
...and to all the farmers around the globe who're bringing food to our tables every day.



The Lives and Livelihoods Fund is helping reduce poverty, raise incomes and improve food security for small and medium-sized farmers in member countries across Africa and Asia.

Taking a multi-sector approach, we are empowering our farmers with climate and nutrition-smart farm inputs, robust rural infrastructure, and easy access to microfinance to champion crop yields, add value to agricultural and pastoral outputs and transform their farms into mini food hubs.



“A stock of seeds is really important for a cooperative. The population has benefitted a lot from this project. It has changed the lives of people here.”

ABDOULKADER ISSIAKOU
Participant Regional Rice Value Chain Development
Project
Niger



“There are lots of nutritious vegetables which we used to buy initially, but with the UPLAND Program we can now grow them ourselves. Another advantage is that we don't use chemicals, that's what makes our farm produce wholesome and better.”

FEMALE BENEFICIARIES
Organic Demonstration Plot Activity
UPLAND Project
Indonesia



“We are procuring and producing our own seeds and distributing them to the local community. To supplement our income, we make food products made from cassava and pumpkin.”

RATNA

Participant of Homestead Agriculture Activity
UPLAND Project
Indonesia

The Fund is enabling countries to pursue food sufficiency and nutritional security by investing in female farmers and agripreneurs.

We recognize the transformative power of women and young girls to bring about a sea-change in global food systems.

Our gender-focused programming is providing female farmers better access to and control over agricultural assets and inputs, thus stimulating their productivity and incomes, leading to improved food and nutrition security at the household level, in their communities, and beyond.





“Low yields, poor quality and decreasing revenues were some of the challenges we were dealing with in tea farming before LLF came in with LEGS Project. It provided us with high quality fertilizers to boost our farm productivity from 2,000 kgs to 3,000 kgs. Additionally, the project is having a direct impact on the incomes of 40 per cent of women laboring on tea estates in Mbale district. With higher yields and good quality we are not only paying the wages on time, but also employing more workers on our farms.”

SHEBA LUSUKE, 48

Female Tea Farmer and Participant of Tea Value Chain Development Activity
Local Economic Growth Support Project
Uganda



“Being part of the women farmers’ group, I feel very happy. LLF’s UPLAND program is helpful in raising the status of women in our village.”

SRI RAHAYU

Participant of Rice Value Chain
Development Activity
Indonesia



“Thanks to the project and LLF; we are farming corn and bamboo. We have more income now. We can take care of the needs of our families and enroll our children in schools.

Aissa Amadou

Beneficiary of Regional Rice Value Chain Development Project
Niger



“LLF’s LEGS Project is a major contributor to bring down household level inflation by showing us ways to take the pressure off our income. It has trained us on preparing institutional stoves for the schools which our children are attending. We can barter stoves for school fees, as well as ensure that our children are provided fresh and nutritious meals during their classes. LEGS is giving parents economic freedom, and health and education to our children.”

CHAMBANGO HELEN, 40

Beneficiary of Biogas, Institutional Cookstoves and Briquettes Activity
Local Economic Growth Support Project
Uganda

Our integrated development approach continues to explore sustainable ways of strengthening food security and livelihoods by putting rural infrastructure upgrades in place.

The LLF constructed roads, markets, and storage facilities etc. are helping farmers build on the foundation of success they've sowed and harvested in the fields.

At the same time, the rehabilitated or newly constructed structures are a gateway to opportunities for young roadside vendors like Ibrahim and Pauline, who've been toiling day and night in semi-permanent and flimsily constructed markets, riddled with formidable challenges, and at times putting their lives on the line.





“I have been working in this (Kihondo) Market for the last 12 years. I come here everyday at 7 in the morning and sell my fruits and vegetables till late in the evening. I, along with other vendors, am exposed to extreme weather conditions, pollution, roadside accidents and thefts. But now LEGS project is building a concrete market space for us that will save our lives and increase daily income. My dream of restarting my education and having my own business will be soon coming true.”

IBRAHIM, 24

Beneficiary of Infrastructure Development Activity – Kihondo Market
Local Economic Growth Support Project
Uganda



“LLF and AIVDP has built us a market, which is really helping the community. We are so grateful!

Egbenbi Pauline

Beneficiary of Agriculture Infrastructure and Value Chain Development Project
Cameroon



The Lives and Livelihoods Fund is ensuring that its financial support to member countries is underpinned by the principles of green economy, focusing on reducing the carbon footprint and other emissions from how our farmers grow food, make food and bring food to the markets.

Our flagship intervention in Uganda – the Institutional Cookstoves and Charcoal Briquettes Activity – has result in preserving countless trees, leading to less fuel-wood usage and lower greenhouse gas emissions.





“LLF’s LEGS Project is helping us conserve our environment in many ways. We are now able to contain the adverse effects of deforestation in our area by planting more than 1,000 trees in two years. Project has trained us on making environment-friendly biogas slurry and briquettes for our domestic and commercial use that has increased our incomes by 20 per cent.”

NYABONGO SAMUEL, 53

Beneficiary of Biogas, Institutional Cookstoves and Briquettes Activity

Local Economic Growth Support Project

Uganda



“By participating in the Biogas, Institutional Cookstoves and Briquettes Activity through LLF LEGS Project, I am getting the opportunity to not just earn a decent living to pay my school fees, but I’m also playing my part in conserving our environment. I call upon young people to come forward and join hands with LLF in protecting our environment.”

MASIKA EVELYN, 17

Participant of Biogas, Institutional Cookstoves and Briquettes Activity
Local Economic Growth Support Project
Uganda

At LLF, we are linking food with the fertility of soil, productivity of animals, and the well being of humans.

We are assisting communities strengthen local food systems, practice sustainable farming, diversify income, adapt to climate change, and cultivate local entrepreneurship.

When all is achieved, food becomes a reason for joy, celebrations and bondings.



“Just being smart is not enough, you also have to be in good health. The LLF UPLAND Project is an extraordinary investment in our future, especially for families and the Indonesian nation.”

SITI
Participant of Homestead Agriculture Activity
UPLAND Project
Indonesia



“The impacts of LEGS project can be felt beyond one generation. Unlike my kids, my grandchildren don’t have to worry about their school fees as I can now provide for their educational needs and put food on the table. LLF has brought us coffee processing facility, road, water and improved variety of seedlings, enabling us to make money, access new markets, and grow 2-3 crops in a year in addition to coffee.”

NAMUSIS BETI, 59
Coffee Value Chain Development Activity
Local Economic Growth Support Project
Uganda