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The Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative supports governments in developing and implementing sustainable agrifood investment programs aimed at transforming their agrifood systems to address poverty (SDG1), hunger and malnutrition (SDG2), and inequality (SDG10). This Initiative reaches its culmination with the annual Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum, hosted at FAO Headquarters every October as part of the World Food Forum. The Investment Forum serves as a platform for governments to present their investment opportunities to a

global audience of agrifood investors including the private sector, multilateral development banks, foundations and impact funds, donors and other development partners. Additionally, it facilitates one-on-one dialogues between investors and governments, fostering the advancement of sustainable agrifood investment opportunities. Through the HIH Initiative Investment Forum, FAO proudly promotes increased investment in agrifood system transformation to achieve the goals outlined in the 2030 Agenda

## LIST OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL INITIATIVES 2025



#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS	AFRICA – RAF
1	Angola	Grains (wheat, maize, rice, soy), poultry	
2	Burundi	Tomato, Rabbit, Cassava, Soybean	
3	Cabo Verde (SIDS)	Blue economy: adequacy of semi-industrial fleet (on board conservation/freezing), reconversion of artisanal fishing to semi-industrial fleets, sustainable alternatives to fishing	
4	Chad	Rice, spirulina and mais	
5	Djibouti	Vegetables, dates, aquaculture, meat slaughterhouse	
6	Eritrea	bananas, anchovies and potatoes	
7	Ethiopia	Mechanization of small holder agriculture, Animal feed production, Ranch development	
8	Gambia	Rice, onion, poultry	
9	Rwanda	Coffee, tea, small livestock, Irish potato, and avocado and chili	
10	Somalia	Sesame, maize, dairy, fodder	
11	South Sudan	Dairy, Poultry Meat, Fisheries and Sorghum	
12	Uganda	Dairy processing facilities, animal feed facilities, maize processing facilities, FMD vaccine production	
13	Zambia	Maize, soya, honey, aquaculture	



ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – RAP		
#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	Bangladesh	Mango, onion, flower/ornamental plants, agricultural machinery
2	Lao PDR	Rice milling, forest tea, coffee, chili pepper, cattle feed, beef, fish fingerling
3	Mongolia	meat, cashmere, camel milk, greenhouse vegetables
4	Philippines	Abaca, Mango and Seaweed
5	Papua New Guinea (SIDS)	Cocoa, Coconut and Vanilla
6	Tuvalu (SIDS)	Poultry (layers) and Taro



EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA – REU		
#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	Tajikistan	Apricot, Cherry, Grapes, Lemon, Livestock





#### LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN – RLC

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	Bolivia	Cocoa, Amazonian Fruits, Camelids
2	Colombia	Cocoa and Coffee
3	Dominican Republic	Banana
4	El Salvador	Coffee
5	Guatemala	Economic Development in the Polochic Valley, and Access to Irrigation Infrastructure in the Dry Corridor and Petén
6	Mexico	Enhance value added and commercialization, as well as of priority crops and products of the national program <i>Cosechando Soberanía</i>
7	Paraguay	Aquaculture
8	Peru	Andean Grains, Sustainable Livestock and Copoazu (Amazonian Region)



#### NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICA – RNE

#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS
1	Iraq	Dairy production, dairy processing and marketing, backyard lamb fattening (and possibly sesame), dates
2	Mauritania	Wheat (irrigation), dairy products, onions, potatoes, peanuts







#	COUNTRY	INVESTMENT AREAS	REGIONAL INITIATIVES
1	<b>Amazonia</b> Eight countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela)	Digital Ecosystems and Sustainable Management of Fisheries	
2	<b>Caribbean (SIDS)</b> Three countries: Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Irrigation	
3	<b>Sahel</b> Ten countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Gambia, Guinea, Mauritania, Mali, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal	Irrigation Market and trade integration	
4	<b>Southern Africa</b> Ten countries: (Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe)	Irrigation Mechanization Market and trade integration	
5	<b>Pacific Islands</b> 14 countries: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Papua New Guinea	Biosecurity and pest management Value chain infrastructure (taro, coconut and fishery) Digitalization, certification, and traceability (GI)	
6	<b>African SIDS</b> Five countries: Union of the Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelle + la Reunion + Madagascar: Indian Ocean Commission states	Integrated value chain development (maize for animal feed), rice (red, long rice), red meat, poultry, pulses (soya, beans), fresh fruits and vegetables (onions), fisheries and aquaculture (bycatch products for food and animal feed) Market and trade integration	

