



The Mountain Facility



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What is the Mountain Facility?

The Mountain Facility is a global, multi-partner financing mechanism that supports small-scale mountain producers to increase their sustainability and competitiveness.

It rapidly and dynamically responds to the needs of members of the Mountain Partnership (MP) — the United Nations alliance dedicated to mountain people and environments — by providing grants to support sustainable and equitable business activities.

Why invest in the Mountain Facility?

By supporting the Mountain Facility, you will be investing in a mechanism that flexibly reacts to the emerging needs of mountain producers around the world, enabling them to face the challenges of global and interconnected markets.

Voluntary contributions can be made by any resource partners (i.e. governments, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, etc.), in accordance with FAO's procedures for donor funding.



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The issue

- Mountains are home to around 1.1 billion people and provide strategic natural resources to the entire world, including supplying freshwater to an estimated half of humanity and hosting 25 of the world's 34 biodiversity hotspots.
- Mountain communities and environments are increasingly under pressure from climate change, disasters, biodiversity loss and pollution.
- Mountains are among the most fragile ecosystems, with some of the most vulnerable populations. One in two rural mountain people in developing countries is estimated to be vulnerable to food insecurity.

Thematic areas of works

The Mountain Facility provides grants to projects based on six areas of work:



Geographic focus

The scope of the Mountain Facility reflects the global geographic focus of the MP.

To date, the Mountain Facility has operated in 14 countries: the **Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Lesotho, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Peru, Rwanda, the Philippines, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uganda.**

The mechanism has provided grants, technical assistance and capacity development to over 100 beneficiary organizations, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme, and other partners.

Invest in a sustainable and equitable future for mountains



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