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1. Human and social Development			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/EDF/2019/038-843 – ACP Programme to Strengthen Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage for an amount of €150.0million was signed on 29th April 2019. Addendum No.1 to this FA increased the amount to €175 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 84 months excluding closure period fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation Mode</p> <p>Direct Management through Grants and direct award to CARPHA. Indirect Management with WHO, UNOPS, AUC and SPC</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to the ACP Group of States efforts to reach universal health coverage (SDG target 3.8). The outcomes/specific objectives of the programme are: Strengthened and resilient health systems; and, Strengthened regulatory and support functions of global, Regional and sub-regional bodies.</p>	<p>Expected outputs of the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1 (Governance/strategic planning support); • Output 2 (Access to medicines, vaccines and health products); • Output 3 (Health workforce capacity strengthened). • Output 3 (Health financing policy developed and supported). • Output 5 (Health information Management systems established). • Output 6 (Service delivery strengthened). 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 30 April 2025.</p> <p>The main ongoing project activities include a Pilot Programme on Resource Mapping (REMAP) for COVID-19 launched in Chad, Niger and Senegal Beneficiary ACP Countries</p> <p>All Members of the OACPS receive assistance through the WHO regional offices, For more information, contact: Department of Political Affairs and Human Development (PAHD).</p>
1.3 Contribute to the improved access to and quality of basic education in ACP countries			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/2019/041-616: EDF Contribution to the Global Partnership for Education (GPE for an amount of €120.0 million was signed on 16th October 2019 and is being implemented over a period of 60 months excluding the closure phase fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>The total amount of the GPE is €2.2 billion which is co-financed by 13 donors including the Intra-ACP EDF.</p> <p>Implementation mode: Indirect management with an international organisation:</p> <p>The action is being implemented with the World Bank Group which is the Trustee of the GPE fund, as the GPE does not have a legal entity itself.</p>	<p>The overall objective of the action is to mobilise global and national efforts to achieve quality education and learning for all, through inclusive partnership, a focus on effective education systems, and financing for basic education.</p> <p>The specific objectives are: 1. Improved and more equitable student learning outcomes through quality teaching and learning; .2. Increased equity, gender equality, and inclusion for all in a full cycle of quality education, targeting the poorest and most marginalised, including by gender, disability, ethnicity, and conflict or fragility; 3. Effective and efficient education systems delivering equitable, quality educational services for all.</p>	<p>Expected Results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved equality of access to basic education for vulnerable groups and children, particularly those living in low-income countries and in crisis-affected situations. • Improved learning outcomes in basic education, particularly for children living in low-income countries and in crisis-affected situations. • Resilient education systems with strengthened planning and sector management capacities that ensure continued education provision in fragile and crisis-affected situations. <p>GPE Grants Effectively Support Improved Outcomes in Equity and Learning</p>	<p>The programme is going on and is expected to end on 17 October 2024</p> <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, CAR, Chad, Comoros, DRC, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Caribbean: Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines. Pacific: PNG, Timor-Leste, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.</p> <p>For more information, contact Department of Political Affairs and Haman Development.</p>

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1.4 Contribute to improvement of higher education in ACP countries			
<p>Erasmus+ Programme was agreed through an exchange of letter between the ACP (Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors) and the EC DEVCO in July 2015 approving the financing proposed for the programme. The total amount allocated to the Programme is €85.0 million for five years.</p> <p>Implementation mode</p> <p>Direct Management (5 Calls for Proposals issued by the Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to promote people to people contacts, intercultural awareness and understanding, develop capacity and contribute to modernising higher education in ACP countries, with particular attention to least developed countries and disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Specific objective 1 (credit and degree mobility actions): Improve the skills and competencies of students and staff, and the employability of graduates.</p> <p>Specific objective 2 (capacity building action): Support the modernisation, accessibility, and internationalisation of higher education in the ACP Countries.</p>	<p>ACP countries are supported to deal with the challenges facing their higher education institutions and systems, including those of quality, relevance, equity of access, planning, delivery, management, governance, and internationalisation by offering a balanced mix of actions addressing individuals, institutions and higher education systems.</p>	<p>The Programme ended in December 2023.</p> <p>All the amount of €85 million as well as the additional €22 million have been contracted. The execution period of the programme will continue during the next three years until all the students have completed their studies. programmes. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/jointmasterdegrees/</p> <p>Beneficiary countries.</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Political Affairs and Human Development (PAHD)</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-650 – vers une industrie culturelle viable (ACP-EU Culture) – was signed on 31 January 2018 for an amount of €40.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 96 months including the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>The programme is being implemented through Indirect Management with the ACP Secretariat as the Contracting authority.</p>	<p>The programme's main purpose is to support the contribution of the cultural industries towards the socio-economic development of the ACP countries.</p> <p>Specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Increase economic revenue of the creative sector. ❖ Generate jobs linked to the cultural sectors. <p>Increase access to culture and contribute to a better recognition and acknowledgement of artists and cultural goods and services.</p>	<p>Expected results/outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quality and quantity of cultural goods & services. ▪ Access to market & increase in value. ▪ Financing & innovation 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 1st February 2026. www.acp-ue-culture.eu</p> <p>i) The following tasks were carried out during the reporting period: Pursuing the elaboration and implementation of an operational and integrated system of monitoring and evaluation of co-production support contracts and support to the ACP cultural and creative sectors to strengthen and improve the monitoring system of supported projects.</p> <p>ii) Drafting of complete Fact Sheets for each of the funded projects (230 to date) gathering information according to a unified structure in view of the preparation of catalogues at the end of the project or as communication support.</p> <p>iii) Supporting third party beneficiaries of the programme in the implementation and visibility of the programme; and</p>

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			iv) Supporting the team of mid-term evaluators. Beneficiary countries: Southern Africa €3.8 million; Central Africa €4.2 million; East Africa €6.0 million; West Africa €6.2 million; Pacific €2.8 million; and Caribbean €3.0 million. <i>For more information, contact: Department of Political affairs and Human Development.</i>
<p>Agreement N. FED/2018/403-772 – Technical Assistance for ACP Secretariat for the management of the ACP EU Culture Program. The programme was initially signed for a period of 36 months and was extended to over a period of 72 months in December 2021.</p> <p>Implemented with EC INTPA and 11 consortium partners.</p>	<p>The general objective of the "ACP-EU Programme towards a viable cultural industry" (ACP-EU Culture Programme), of which this contract is a part, is to "Support the contribution of the cultural and creative sectors to the socio-economic development of ACP countries, though:</p> <p>a) The creation/production of quality goods and services, at a competitive cost and in greater quantity thanks to digital technology.</p> <p>b) Access to national, Regional and international markets, circulation/dissemination/promotion of ACP goods and services, and image education.</p> <p>c) Improved access to financing via innovative mechanisms, enabling co-financing and aiming to reduce the dependence of ACP cultural operators on international funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overall coordination of the program and of the support and assistance provided to grant beneficiaries, particularly regarding the administrative and financial management of direct grant contracts. ❖ Building on the communication tools implemented by the previous Program, increase the visibility of the ACP-EU Culture Program, its activities and results. ❖ Professionalization of operators and entrepreneurs in the cultural and creative sectors of ACP countries, thanks to the opportunities that will be created for them to establish contacts, exchange ideas and problems, find new partnerships, participate in on-line courses and have access to relevant publications. 	<p>The program implementation is Ongoing, and the current end date is January 2025. For more information of current activities, please go to: https://www.acp-ue-culture.eu/en/</p> <p>Beneficiary countries:</p> <p>For more information, contact: Department of Political Affairs and Human Development</p>
<p>Agreement NO. ACP/FED/038-651 – ACP-EU Programme to strengthen Research and Innovation Capacity in ACP countries was signed on 18 December 2018 for an amount of €60.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 84 months excluding the closure which is fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect Management with the ACP Secretariat</p>	<p>The overall objective (impact) of the programme is to unlock the inclusive innovation potential of ACP countries and support their transition into knowledge-based economies for sustainable development and poverty reduction. The specific objectives of the programme are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster a conducive Research and Innovation (R&I) environment across the ACP countries. 2. To facilitate access to R&I knowledge, transfer and cross-fertilisation throughout the ACP countries; 	<p>The expected results (outputs) of the programme are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity of R & I stakeholders is enhanced. 2. Knowledge of R&I initiatives, practical approached and good practices, policies and standards, is created, shared and communicated in an effective manner among ACP countries. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 19 December 2025.</p> <p>The programme Steering Committee (SC) was held on 25 July 2023 with the view to take stock on the implementation of projects under both the Policy Support Facility (PSF) and the Innovation Fund (IF)</p>

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	To enhance the quality of R&I policies and systems in ACP countries.	Capacity of ACP government ministries and related implementing bodies responsible for Research, innovation and Higher Education is enhanced in developing R&I policies and strategies	<p>Noting that the programme was already in its third year of implementation, the SC acknowledged that it was high time to demonstrate results for all those projects that are most advanced under both the IF and the PSF.</p> <p>The importance of communication and visibility of the results was also underscored by the SC. The SC also noted with concern that some implementing agencies did not respect their reporting obligations.</p> <p>Finally, the SC acknowledged that most projects will not be completed within their prescribed time frames for a variety of reasons. To this extent, the option of a No-Cost extension was explored.</p>
1.5 Contribute to the improvement of ACP countries 'development policies, research, and innovation and TVET capacities			
			<p>To date, 5 services have been completed (Lesotho, Mauritania, the Gambia, Timor Leste and Kenya), and three are in progress to be completed by December 2023 (Cameroon, Guinea and a Mutual Learning Exercise on the development and implementation of the R&I policies and strategies with participation of several countries: Mauritania, Gambia, Timor-Leste, Seychelles, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Namibia, Mozambique, Zambia, Guinea, Lesotho, Kenya and Cameroon). Two PSF services are to be launched before the end of 2023 in Togo and Indian Ocean Commission while two are under discussion (a Mutual Learning Exercise on development of a national Innovation Fund and one in Mozambique. Other countries that have expressed interest for support under the PSF are Jamaica, Liberia, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago as well as the PIF Secretariat.</p>

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			<p>Beneficiary countries:</p> <p><i>Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Dominican Republic, Congo, DRC, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, PNG, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Suriname, St Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</i></p> <p>For more information, contact: Department of Political affairs and Human Development.</p>
<p>2. Climate change, resilience building and environment (475.0 million)</p>			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-159: Intra-ACP Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) Part 2) for an amount of €37.0million was signed 20 September 2018. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months excluding the closure phase fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementing modality:</p> <p>Direct award of grants to seven ACP regional organisations: EAC, SADC, the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), AUC, IOC, IGAD.</p>	<p>The overall objective (impact) of the programme is to increase resilience of ACP regions and countries to the adverse impacts of climate change and to contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development.</p> <p>The specific objective (outcome) is better regional and national adaptation and mitigation responses to the climate change challenges faced by ACP countries at operational, institutional, and financial levels.</p> <p>This Programme responds to the objective 2.1 of the 11th EDF Intra-ACP Strategy (to contribute to improved capacities of adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in ACP countries and regions).</p> <p>The programme will also contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular, the achievement of SDG Goal 13 "Take action to combat climate change and its impacts".</p>	<p>The same as above programme.</p>	<p>The project is ongoing and is expected to end on 21 September 2024. All the contracts for the implementation of the programme have been signed.</p> <p>Work is ongoing on all Result Areas by the regional organisations.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries and regions:</p> <p>All OACPS countries</p> <p>EAC, SADC, CCCCC, AUC, IOC and IGAD.</p> <p>For more information, Contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action</p>

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	<p>The overall objective of the programme (impact) is to increase the resilience of the ACP countries and regions to counter the adverse impacts of climate change to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development. More specifically, the programme aims to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity through the promotion of ecosystem-based solutions to climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction. Therefore, this action will also contribute towards the achievement of SDG 15 "Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss".</p>		
<p>Agreement No. ACP-FED/041-205: Support Programme for ACP Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Coastal countries for an amount of €35.0 million was signed on 31 July 2019. The programme is being implemented over a period of 114 months excluding 24 months' closure period.</p> <p>Implementation modality.</p> <p>Direct management through Grants with the OECS, IOC, University of Mauritius and SPREP</p> <p>Indirect management with:</p> <p>Secretariat of the OACPS</p>	<p>The programme's overall objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of ACP SIDS and coastal countries. Its specific objective is to contribute to the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway by supporting and improving the management and sustainable use of coastal and marine resources.</p>	<p>The following are the expected results of the programme: Result 1: Capacities of ACP regions and countries to effectively manage coastal and marine biodiversity and resilience to climate change are strengthened; Result 2: Regional, National, and local efforts to assess, conserve, protect, manage and sustainably use marine and terrestrial biodiversity are supported; Result 3: Partnerships for environmental sustainability are developed and strengthened.</p> <p>This programme contributes to the achievement of SDG 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development)</p>	<p>The project is ongoing and is expected to end on 1 January 2027.</p> <p>Two regional grant contracts (Caribbean EUR 10.7M BIOPSPACE Programme implemented by OECS and Pacific EUR 12M BIOSCAPES Programme implemented by SPREP) were signed and implementation is underway.</p> <p>An Addendum N°2 to the Financing Agreement was signed on 27th September 2023.</p> <p>The Addendum provides for an extension of the implementation of the programme from 90 months to 114 months. The Addendum also provides for a grant for Indirect Management with "Agence Française de Development" to implement Result 1 and Result 2 of the Action in the South-East Africa Region.</p> <p>The Tender process for the Technical Assistance-Indirect Management with the OACPS Secretariat for "Result 3- Partnerships for environmental sustainability are developed and strengthened" in the amount of (EUR 1.8 M) is underway. It is expected to be finalised for contracting in Q2 2024.</p>

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			<p>Beneficiary countries Antigua and Barbuda Cook Islands Comoros Cabo Verde Bahamas, Fiji, Mauritius Guinea-Bissau Barbados Kiribati, Seychelles, Tome and Principe, Belize, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Dominica, Nauru, Dominican Republic, Niue, Grenada, Palau, Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Haiti, Samoa , Jamaica, Solomon Islands, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Timor-Leste, Saint Lucia, Tonga, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Tuvalu, Suriname, Vanuatu, Trinidad, and Tobago</p> <p>For more information, contact: <i>Department of Environment and Climate Action.</i></p>
2.2 Contribute to strengthened production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services (€85. million).			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-833: Intra-ACP Climate Services and related applications Programme for an amount of €85.0 million was signed on 20 September 2018. The programme is being implemented for a period of 72 months excluding the closure phase which is fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct award of Grant agreements with the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), IOC, IGAD, Agriculture, Hydrology and Meteorology (AGRHYMET) Regional Centre, Caribbean Meteorological Organisation (CMO). • Indirect management with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), SADC, the AUC and the OACPS Secretariat. 	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to foster sustainable development. the specific objective is to strengthen the climate services value chains in the ACP countries and thus contributing to the attainment of SDGs:</p> <p>Development Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected results (outputs) are Output 1: Interaction between the users, researchers and climate services providers in ACP regions is structured. • Output 2: Provision of climate services at regional and national level is effectively guaranteed and secured. • Output 3: Access to climate information is improved. • Output 4) Capacity of ACP regions is enhanced to generate and apply climate information and products relevant to their particular concerns; • Output 5) Climate-informed decision-making is enhanced and climate services are mainstreamed into policy processes at regional and national levels. 	<p>The project is ongoing and is expected to end in May 2025</p> <p>The TA to the OACPS contract was signed on 25 June 2020, with the official launch of the ClimSA Programme held virtually on 30 March 2021.</p> <p>The status of ClimSA Programme implementation, is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 1: 87.5% of OACPS Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) from Africa (ACMAD, AGRHYMET, ICPAC, SADC & CAPC-CA, Caribbean (CIMH) and Pacific SPREP) have reported the establishment of User Interface Platforms (UIPs), for enabling discussion and sharing of information and service especially for Agriculture, Water,

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			<p>Disaster Risk Reduction and Health during the Regional outlook forums;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Output 2: Eight OACPS RCCs (100%) have reported the operationalisation of the climate service information system tool referred to as “CLIMSA station”, which enables the generation of new tailored user-based products and services. Operationalization of East Africa agriculture watch as an early warning system for monitoring crop and rangelands in the Eastern Africa region was also delivered as well as the establishment of the Continental Multi- Hazard Advisory Centre as a component of the AU Multi-Hazard Early Warning System at ACMAD/Niger. • Output 3: 70% of RCCs (six out of eight) have discussed and agreed on a data access from national pilot countries and discussion is underway with international centres such as the European Centre for Medium Weather Forecast (ECMWF) and other Global Producing Centres. • Output 4: 75% of OACPS RCC have trained national climate experts to generate climate products and services. • Output 5: 87.5% of the OACPS RCCs have issued policy briefs from their climate outlook statements. Eastern Africa region has recommended to identifying international law principles and developing a regional legal framework on climate peace and security to facilitate peaceful determination and settlement of climate related conflict situations. • Key activities implemented by the ClimSA TA to the OACPS include: (1) Overall coordination of implementation of the ClimSA Programme; (2) Capacity Building

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			<p><i>Strategy developed and published, including on the ClimSA knowledge management platform;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (3) Ongoing maintenance of website and social media platforms content, and development of communication tools (eg. Meeting banners, press article releases, forum video), (4) <i>Organization and participation to the annual Intra-ACP ClimSA Forum and other events:</i> preparation of and participation at Climate COP27 2023 ClimSA Forum and COP 28 side events, and participation to Regional Climate Outlook Forums (EAR, SAR, Caribbean and Pacific regions); (5) Dedicated Information platform /Portal to exchange best practice updated– (6) Support to RCCs through integration of socio-economic benefit (SEB) elements of climate services: development of the SEB tool, follow up with the supplier of SEB tool for conducting country-based case studies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation and oversight of ClimSA Programme Steering Committee meetings, Brussels Based Steering Committee (BBSC)Regional PSCs -ECCAS in April 2023, ACMAD in April 2023, SADC in May 2023, IGAD in march 2023, CIMH in May 2023. <p>Upcoming planned activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coordination of the programme implementation with all 8 OACPS RCCs, b. Convening 3rd ClimSA Forum on 11-13 September 2023. c. Convening of 4th PSC meeting on 14-15 September 2023. d. Maintaining and updating the knowledge management platform/Portal,

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			<p>e. Organise training sessions on climate services for renewable energy.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries/regions:</p> <p>Relevant OACPS regional organisations (with comparative technical advantage in climate services) and All Member States.</p> <p>For more information, Contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action.</p>
2.3 Contribute to the implementation of environment related international commitments by ACP countries institutions and networks (€160.0 million)			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-593: Biodiversity and Protected Area Management (BIOPAMA II) for an amount of €60.0 million was signed on 9 June 2017. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months excluding the closure phase fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality:</p> <p>Direct management – procurement of services – administrative arrangement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC);</p> <p>Direct management – grants – direct award to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).</p>	<p>Specific objective 1: Reference Information Systems for biodiversity and protected areas management are maintained and enhanced at global, ACP and Regional levels.</p> <p>Specific objective 2: The Regional Observatories (ROs), mandated by regional institutions and hosting the PRIS, are used by stakeholders to improve planning and decision making for biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management and governance.</p> <p>Specific objective 3: Based on the management and governance priorities, planning and implementation of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services and sustainable natural resource management.</p>	<p>Expected results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA assessments by national PA agencies, using appropriate assessment tools, are implemented systematically for planning and decision-making. <p>Required management actions, as identified by appropriate management and governance assessment tools, are implemented in pilot Pas in the conservation landscapes, including SIDS.</p>	<p>The programme is ongoing, and the implementation period was extended at no-cost to end in December 2025 due to delays caused by COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The Mid Term Review (MTR) was completed in the last half of 2021 to assess the design, performance, and impact of the programme and identify lessons learnt to improve its strategy and implementation of activities for the remainder of the programme.</p> <p>The last Programme Steering Committee Meeting was held 27 October 2022. The following are the most recent programme updates: BIOPAMA Mid-term Review recommendations were adopted, to guide the future orientation of all programme components, including the RIS, the regional observatories the grant-making facility, and sustainability of the Programme.</p> <p>Further programme updates on Year 6 of BIOPAMA programme implementation was provided during the Programme Steering Committee Meeting of 26th January 2024</p>

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			<p>Regional Observatories are now in place and continue to be updated. They can be accessed at the following link; https://rris.biopama.org/dashboard</p> <p>The Global Regional Information Systems (RIS) managed by JRS is in place and is regularly updated.</p> <p>Major development on the RIS, design improvements, and new backend architecture provides better user interface and dynamic interactive tools for conservation tracking including Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET), Protected Area Governance and Equity(PAGE) – refer to, for:</p> <p>Eastern Africa. https://esahub.rcmrd.org/en/</p> <p>Central Africa https://www.observatoire-comifac.net/analytical_platform</p> <p>West Africa https://www.obapao.org/en</p> <p>Caribbean https://caribbeanprotectedareasgateway.com/</p> <p>Pacific https://pipap.sprep.org/</p> <p>All the BIOPAMA-established Regional Observatories have submitted EoIs to become regional and technical capacity support centres of excellence by the CBD, to support implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at the UN CBD COP15.</p> <p>The Regional Observatories will receive further support from the second phase of the Programme, funded under the NDICI Instrument. It will be managed by CIFOR (African Region) and IUCN (Caribbean & Pacific Regions).</p>

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			<p>The Action Grant component for the 2020 call for proposals is ongoing and grantees are being awarded, on an ongoing basis. The following is the grant allocation per region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribbean: 3 M allocated, 2.5 M Committed, and 0.5 M remaining. • Central Africa 3 M allocated, 0.7 M committed, and 2.3 remaining. • Eastern Africa 3 M allocated, 2.0 M committed, and 1 M remaining. • Pacific 3 M allocated, 1.6 Allocated and 1.4 Remaining • Southern Africa 3 M allocated, 2.0 Committed and 1M remaining. • West Africa 3 M allocated, 2M committed and 1 M remaining. <p>The final/ last calls for proposals were announced regionally in 2022 - concluded and awarded.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Chad, Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, CAR, Sao tome & Principe, Cameroon, Gabon, Antiqua & Barbuda, Barbados, Bahamas, Belize, Dominican Rep, Guyana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Palau, Dominica, St. Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Gambia, Cabo Verde, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Eritrea, Eswatini, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia, South Africa. Regional organisations are: Central African forest commission's mission of Observation (COMIFAC), ECOWAS, University of West Indies, 9UWI), SPREP. Information links are:</p> <p>www.biopama.org</p> <p>For more information, contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action.</p>

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<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-835: (Sustainable Wildlife Management) for an amount of €45.0 million was signed on 9th June 2017. The programme is being implemented over a period of 84 months (excluding the closure period fixed at 24 months).</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with Food and Agricultural Organisation of the UN Other implementing partners are World Conservation Society (WCS), CIFOR, and CIRAD.</p> <p>Addendum No.1 to the Financing Agreement No. REG/FED/041-206 for the Intra-ACP Wildlife Trafficking CRIS number: ACP/2018/041-206 modified the budget and the implementing partner for implementing Component 3 of the Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to the conservation of the wild animals and their ecosystem as part of improving the conditions of life and food security of the populations who depend on these resources in the ACP countries.</p> <p>The programme is fully in line with the provisions of the Intra-ACP Strategy Paper 2014-2020 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 15).</p> <p>The specific objective is to contribute to the legal and sustainable exploitation of the wild animals by the rural populations as a means to find alternative proteins as part of the food security and the conservation of the wild animals in the ACP countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The institutional and legal framework permitting the sustainable use of the wild animals in line with the “Wildlife Resilience to Hunting or Fishing (ESRCP) is improved. • The management of ESRCP is improved; 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in June 2024.</p> <p>Following the Mid-term Evaluation conducted during the previous report June-December 2022), the focus during the current reporting period has been on the implementation of the nine recommendations made by the external evaluators of the programme.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the SWM closed in June 2023. A second phase to be funded under the NDICI Instrument in the amount of 25M EUR commenced in July 2023. SWMP implementing Partners (CIFOR, CIRAD, FAO and WCS) have been retained. <i>Additional countries in Asia and Latin America have been added.</i></p> <p>The SWM Project Steering Committee which convened in Nairobi on 9 February 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decided to allocate the remaining funds (est. 1.8M EUR) from SWM Programme Phase 1 to the Phase 2. • Reviewed the final report of the SWM Programme Phase 1 (August 2018 – July 2023). • Identified lessons learned in the first phase and provided concrete recommendations for strengthened implementation and addressing sustainability under Phase 2. <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Congo DRC, Congo, Senegal, Madagascar, Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe, Cameroon</p> <p>For more information, contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action.</p>

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<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-206: Intra-ACP Wildlife Trafficking for an amount of €20.0 million was signed on 15 May 2019. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months (excluding the closure period fixed at 24 months).</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES);</p> <p>Grants for implementing components 2 and 3 of the Action</p>	<p>The overall objective of the action is to reduce wildlife and forest crime in ACP African countries. The specific objectives are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce the protection of elephants and other CITES-listed African mammals throughout the continent (Component 1); • Improve application of national and international environmental legislation related to wildlife (Component 2); • Enhance the involvement of local communities in the fight against wildlife and forest crime in and around a selection of strategic protected areas (Component). 	<p>Expected results are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elephant mortality monitoring and management practices and procedures across the 'Minimising the Illegal Killing of Elephants and Other Endangered Species' (MIKES) site network supported and strengthened. • Range State wildlife management agencies' efforts to protect priority populations of elephant and other target species in key conservation landscapes strengthened. • National, sub-regional and continental actions supporting the conservation of elephants and other mammal species strengthened 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 16 May 2024.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries: All OACPS countries</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action</i></p>
<p>2.4 Contribute to the mainstreaming and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) (€30.0 million)</p>			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-208 – Capacity-Building Related to Multilateral Agreements in ACP Countries (Phase 3)) for an amount of 25.0million was signed on 2nd April 2019. The programme is being implemented over a period of 60 months excluding the closure period of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality:</p> <p>Indirect management with UNEP result 1: Improved enforcement of and compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements related to biodiversity (CBD, CITES, CMS) and chemicals and waste (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata).</p> <p>Indirect management with UNEP result 2 Improved ACP countries capacities for the management of coasts and oceans in line with the related Regional Seas conventions.</p> <p>Indirect management with FAO Result 3 Enhanced mainstreaming of biodiversity and of the sound management of chemicals and waste in agriculture in ACP countries in line with related MEAs.</p>	<p>The third phase of the ACP MEAs programme will deepen the work that has been done by regional institutions and accompany them by further providing them with adequate tools and knowledge. The programme is relevant for the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development (SDG 15). The primary objective of the programme is to promote environmental sustainability in ACP countries by strengthening environmental governance and implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). The specific objective of the programme is: Improved enforcement of-and compliance with-Multilateral Environmental Agreements related to biodiversity (CBD), CITES, CMS) and chemical and waste (Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata).</p>	<p>Expected outputs/results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced capacity, processes, and infrastructure to enforce and comply with selected MEAs related to biodiversity, chemicals and waste. • Improved Ocean Governance in line with the Regional Seas Conventions through improving national frameworks, legislations, and mechanisms for the effective implementation of the convention. • Improved knowledge, knowledge sharing, guidelines, and mechanisms for the effective implementation of MEAs. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 3rd April 2024.</p> <p>The last Programme Steering Committee meeting was held on 3- 5 October 2023. The Programme Steering Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the status of implementation of the project, impacts made, lessons learned. • Modified workplan and budget from all partners. • Identified strategic priorities and cross-cutting issues the project focuses on and provide inputs for more impact and better coordination. <p>Beneficiary countries: All OACPS countries</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action.</i></p>

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2.6 Contribute to making human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/040-923 – Upscaling interventions in favour of sustainable cities for an amount of €17.0 million was signed on 29th April 2019.</p> <p>The programme is being implemented over a period of 120m months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modalities</p> <p>Direct management through Contribution to the EU Blending Framework</p>	<p>The urbanisation of developing countries continues unabated: by 2050, an additional 2 billion people could live in cities, 90% of which in Africa and Asia. The overall objective of the programme is to improve access to basic services for the population of beneficiary ACP countries. The specific objective is to increase access to finance at city level. The action is to be implemented in the context of the EDF Blending framework. Projects will be assessed and implemented within the relevant EU Facilities.</p>	<p>The main expected results from the programme are:</p> <p>R1: Increased capacity of municipal institutions on financial/project management, and to translate policies into viable investment proposals.</p> <p>R2: Increased knowledge sharing of best practices in access to finance at city level within ACP countries.</p>	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 30th April 2025.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries: 6 Regions of the OACPS</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Political Affairs and Human Development</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-233 – 11th EDF ACP-EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Programme for an amount of €100.0 m million was signed on 20th November 2020. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months excluding the closure period of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modalities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indirect management with international organisations. 2. Indirect management with regional organisations. 3. Indirect management with the ACP Secretariat 	<p>The 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Intra-ACP Natural Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) Programme aims for fully alignments with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and relevant regional frameworks, including the Africa Regional Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (ARSDRR)² and the African Union Commission’s (AUC) programme of Action (PoA) for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP) in the Pacific.</p> <p>As The Sendai Framework, the programme the NDRRP encourages a shift from disaster management to embraces disaster risk management (DRM), focusing with the aim found preventing the creation of new and reducing existing disaster risks, through a whole-of government, n all-of-society and all-hazards risk management approach.</p> <p>Overall Objective: Reduce the impact of disasters, including those related to climate change and biological hazards, and increase resilience in ACP countries. The three specific objectives are:</p>	<p>The main expected results of the programme:</p> <p>Output1.1: ACP Regional Institutions Capacities are strengthened. (to be implemented tentatively by: AUC, UNDP/UNDRR, WB/GFDRR, SADC, CDB and SPC);</p> <p>Output 1.2: Intra-ACP South-South action is consolidated, and coordination and monitoring mechanisms are operational (to be Implemented by the ACP Secretariat);</p> <p>Output 1.3: Integrated solutions for risk-informed development planning and budgeting are provided (to be tentatively implemented by UNDP/UNDRR, SADC, CDB and SPC.</p> <p>Output 2.1 Support to mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning is provided.</p> <p>Output.2.2: Risk financing tools and strategies are developed in targeted countries.</p> <p>Output.2.3. Urban and Peri-Urban resilience mechanisms are improved in targeted cities.</p>	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 30 June 2027</p> <p>Implementation progress of NDRRP TA to the OACPS in Year 1 are summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organised the 1st Africa Regional Programme Steering Committee (RPSC) meeting and the 1st Pacific RPSC (October 2023). <p>Participated and contributed to the 22nd Africa Working Group on DRR (AWGDRR) (Togo, October 2023), to share intra OACPS experiences, and seek synergies and potential joint actions with other partners.</p> <p>Undertaking an OACPS-wide analysis on Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) tools, mechanisms, and capacity needs & challenges), to identify a PDNA support strategy for OACPS countries, under the NDRRP.</p>

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	<p>SO1: Disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk is strengthened.</p> <p>SO2: Investment in disaster risk reduction for resilience is increased.</p> <p>SO3: Disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction is enhanced.</p> <p>Under the 2030 Agenda, the main focus would be contributing to on achieving SDG 13 (“Take urgent action to combat climate action and its impacts”), and covering some significant others, viz.: SDG 1 (“end poverty in all its forms everywhere”), SDG 9 (“Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”); and, SDG11 (“Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”).</p> <p>The Intra-OACPS NDRRP component “Technical Assistance to the OACPS” is one of eight components of the global 11th (global European Development Fund (EDF) Intra-OACPS Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Programme.</p>	<p>Output.3.1. Early Warning Systems are operational in targeted regions and countries.</p> <p>Output.3.2 Communities and local stakeholders are more risk aware and able to take action that reduce risk.</p> <p>Output.3.3. Post Disaster recovery capacities are strengthened in targeted countries.</p>	<p>Supported OACPS preparations and participation to COP 28, including HLRTs with key partners (EC, EU Member States, Presidencies of COP 26, COP 27 and COP 28) UNFCCC Negotiators and OACPS regional organisations & negotiating groups); drafting of OACPS Issues Paper for COP 28.</p> <p>Provided ccoordination support to OACPS Countries requesting HA & DRR support from Partners and OACPS countries, following state of emergency declarations (Seychelles 7 December 2023).</p> <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>All Member States of the OACPS, through the TA to the OACPS and the 7 components being implemented by AUC, ARC, SADC, SPC, CDEMA, WB GFDRR and UNDP/UNDRR.</p> <p>For more information, contact: <i>Department of Environment and Climate Action.</i></p>

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3. Support to PSD and Investment (€600.0 million) + EUR 15.5 top up to the ACP-EU Digital connectivity programme			
3.1 Support business friendly and inclusive national and regional policies and strengthen productive capacities and value chains			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-589 – Support to business friendly and inclusive national and regional policies and strengthen productive capacities and value chains was signed on 19 November 2018 for an amount of €34.7 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 60 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>The programme is being implemented through Indirect management between the EC and World Bank, the UNIDO and the International Trade Centre (ITC)</p> <p>An Addendum to (FED/2018/403-924) of the Meso-level component of the ACP Support to Business Friendly... Programme entered into force in January 2022 establishing the “ACP Quality Infrastructure Programme” – UNIDO. Total programme value is expected to be 7.5 million euro over 3 years.</p>	<p>The proposed action shall contribute to the overall objective of generating inclusive and sustainable growth through a more conducive business environment and a stronger role of the private sector. The specific objective is to “support business friendly and inclusive national and regional policies and strengthen productive capacities and value chains”. The objective shall encompass the pursuit of a longer-term green industrialization process supported by a more active presence of ACP private sector in the context of regional and global value chains, considering trade and investment.</p> <p>Project Component: To increase the economic and social impact from ACP participation in the multi-lateral trading system through increased competitiveness of SMEs and their products on local, Regional and international markets, increased ACP consumer safety, and increased contribution of OACPS to the operation of the multi-lateral trading system.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Enhancing regional Q&RI governance. 2) Strengthening the availability of VC QI Services. 3) Promoting Quality Culture and Practices; and 4) Improving the investment-related business environment/climate through quality systems and conformity assessment. 	<p>There are two results to be attained by the programme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Business-friendly, inclusive, and responsible national policies and legal frameworks are implemented. 2) Higher productivity and competitiveness through strengthened marketing capacities and value chains. <p>The OACPS, its regional/sub-regional Q& RI coordination groups and the relevant national Quality and regulatory infrastructure (Q&RI) institutions are the key beneficiaries of Outputs 1 and 3 of the project components, which is an addendum to the business-friendly programme, though some targeted activities aimed at improving support for QI services in specific Value Chains and countries will also be included under Output 2.</p> <p>The main target groups for Outputs 1 and 3 include primarily Regional Economic Communities, and particularly those entities responsible for coordination of national and sub-regional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards Bodies • Metrological Institutes • Accreditation (including National Accreditation Bodies and Focal Points) 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 20th November 2025 the last Steering Committee meeting was held in October 2023 with the next meeting planned for April 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A no cost extension to the UNIDO Meso-level implementation was confirmed in 2023, extending the meso-level implementation to 2025. • All 3 IAs established a Rapid Response Window (RRW) in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. • UNIDO implemented the Invest in ACP portal in 2023 to promote investment projects across the ACP Regions. • Jan 2024 a Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) of the programme was conducted by independent evaluators. • End of Programme Event is planned for 1st half Oct 2024 <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Geographic and country coverage</p> <p>Central Africa: Cameroun, DRC, Gabon, Sao Tome, and Principe.</p> <p>East Africa: Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Uganda</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regulatory collaboration agencies. These Regional Economic Communities include the following groups: ▪ ARSO (African Organization for Standardization) ▪ CROSQ (CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality) ▪ PIF (Pacific Islands Forum), which is currently establishing a dedicated a standards regional body. <p>For Output 2, the main target group will be QI Service Providers (Testing and Calibration Laboratories, Inspection Agencies, and Certification Bodies) identified as key to unlocking the potential of specific VCs in the ACP regions and sub-regions.</p>	<p>Southern Africa: Angola, Zambia, Mozambique.</p> <p>West Africa: Ghana, Liberia, Senegal, Benin, Cape Verde, Burkina Faso, Mauritania</p> <p>Caribbean: Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,</p> <p>Pacific: Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea <i>For more information, contact: Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade</i></p>
3.2 Increased Financial Inclusion			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-590 – Promoting Scalable and sustainable solutions to enhance Financial Inclusion in ACP Countries was signed on 18 December 2018 for an amount of €25.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 80 months excluding the closure phase fixed at 24 months. Implementing modality</p> <p>The programme was initially foreseen to be implemented through Grants [call for proposal “Innovative digital financial solutions in ACP countries’ under Direct management by the EC.</p> <p>The call for proposals was launched but had to be cancelled. The available funding was redirected to the OACPS-EU Joint Response to COVID-19 crisis under the following action “New Digital Financial Inclusion programme (EUR 25 million) in accordance with the Decision of the Committee of Ambassadors. Through the addendum No.1, the programme is being implemented in indirect management with Pillar assessed entities e.g., UNCDF.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Policy and Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and regulations are adopted that enable wider access and usage of inclusive digital payments. <p>Objective 2: Digital Financial Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital financial services are developed and deployed by government and private sector providers, using payment services and digital solutions that are accessible, affordable, responsible, reliable, and appropriate. 	<p>The expected results of the programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible, open and inclusive digital financial ecosystems based on knowledge and innovation are developed in ACP countries. • Innovative digital financial solutions based on multi-stakeholder alliances are developed and scaled up. • Strengthen capacity building for health workers by providing remote training. • Create open-source tool of localized digital audio content and technology for health education. • Digital Agriculture Africa: provide solution in digital food security and agriculture supply value chain platform. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in August 2025.</p> <p>Contribution Agreement of the programme has been signed between the EC/INTPA and UNCDF for EUR 15 million. Title of the programme is: Leveraging Digital Finance to increase Resilience of ACP countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coups in some OACPS Member States have seriously impacted the implementation of the programme. • FINTECH sprint in the Caribbean has been completed. • New project managers hired in Ethiopia. • Outperforming by Highlight Trading re Agent Network expansion – Ethiopia

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<p>Contribution Agreement between the European Commission and the UNDP has been signed on 30 November 2021 for 16.6 million Euros to manage the ACP-EU Informal Economy Programme, officially named "Supporting Informal Enterprises Transition Towards Sustainable Growth and Formalization in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions", which will start on February 1st, 2022, and will run for 52 months.</p> <p>An Addendum to the Contribution Agreement FED/2021/427-946 dated November 2021 between the European Commission and the UNDP has been signed on 15 March for USD 9,746,362 Total resources allocated: UNDP TRAC: USD 612,087 Donor (EU/OACPS): USD 9,134,27 to manage the ACP-EU Informal Economy Programme, officially named "Supporting Informal Enterprises Transition Towards Sustainable Growth and Formalization in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions". The programme started on February 1st 2022 and will run for 52 months.</p> <p>https://www.uncdf.org/unlocking-the-potential-of-digital-finance-for-the-resilience-in-ACP-countries</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of set of mobile online learnings which provide capacity development for journalists, civil societies etc. • Drone and Data: Drone solution ensures an effective health supply chain in remote areas and map pre and post COVID-19 impacts. • Registered users: 306,693 (target is 600,000) number of beneficiaries with access to digital financial services (registered); • Active users: 45,239** (target is 300,000); • Number of clients actively using new and improved DFS (payment and advanced) • Trained: 15,210 (target is 300,000) <p>Number of clients that participated in digital and financial literacy trainings supported by UNCDF.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the coup, projects with private sector partners in Niger gaining traction. • Strong commitments re DFS Working Groups – Malawi, Ethiopia, Gabon • Conversion to Digital Finance Associations in Malawi and Ethiopia • Fintech Challenge Sprint in Caribbean creating buzz in market and solid project pipeline. • Replication in Malawi ongoing • Digital and Financial Literacy Surveys published in Pacific. • Pending in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Gabon • Diagnostics for data architecture. • Projects for digitization and automation of data collection started in Ethiopia and Malawi. • New partnerships signed end 2023 with high potential impact in market: COMSIP, Kifiya, MINT. <p>No cost extension is currently under discussion.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries Result 1: Cameroun, Gabon, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia, Niger, Burkina Faso, Benin? Dominican Republic, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati, Vanuatu.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries: Result 2: Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda, Madagascar, Malawi, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ghana, Zambia, Mauritania, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Caribbean Telecommunication Union (CTU) and Timor Leste.</p> <p>For more information: Contact Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade.</p>

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<p>Agreement No. ACP/EDF/042-720 – Framework Programme for Support to ACP agriculture Value chains development was signed on 21 October 2020 for an amount of €157.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 180 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementing modality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indirect management with an EU Member State Organisation. 2. Indirect Management with an International Organisation. 3. Indirect management with a regional organisation. 4. Contribution to EDF blending Framework; 	<p>The programme’s overall objective is to empower actors along sustainable and climate resilient agricultural value chains specifically family farmers and MSMEs, with an emphasis on women and youth, to participate fully in the transformation and modernisation of the agriculture sector at the national/regional level thereby increasing their incomes and reducing poverty and hunger as well as improving maternal and child nutrition in ACP countries. The specific objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to develop and enhance the capacities of actors along ACP agricultural value chains to attract finance and investment. 2. to facilitate and strengthen integration of actors along ACP agricultural value chain, notably family farmers. 	<p>The expected results of the programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Component 1: capacities of agriculture value chain actors notably family farmers and MSMEs, to attract finance and investment are enhanced. ● Component 2: Investment promotion into agriculture value chain through blended finance operations for specific agricultural value chains. ● Component 3: COVID-19 recovery measures through specific short and medium-term actions aimed at mitigating the impact of the pandemic on the agri-food sector in ACP countries and on food & nutrition security of its population. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in October 2028. During the reporting period, the following contracts were signed to facilitate implementation of the programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Component II (EUR 50 million), a Contract has been signed with the European Development Finance Institution to set up an OACPS Investment Facility window that will facilitate access to finance called Agriculture Finance (AgriFi); ● For Component III (EUR 47 million), contracts have been signed with the following: ● COLEACP, to implement the Fit for Market Plus (EUR 25 million), which aims at building capacities of Member States to comply with EU market access regulations. ● IFAD to implement the top-up for the Farmers Organisations (EUR 10 million) to improve the capacity of Farmer Organisations to deliver technical and economic services and connect their members to markets; and ● Agricord to implement the Farmers Organisation research and innovation led programme (EUR 8 million) that aims to strengthen farmers’ capacities to apply agroecological approaches and to innovate for sustainable and resilient agroecological agri-food systems. ● GIZ Launched the Business Support Facility in March 2023. The Facility has 3 components namely a) Agribusiness e-Academy b) Matching Grant Fund and c) South South Policy Dialogue. <p>Beneficiary countries: All OACPS countries.</p> <p>For more information: Contact Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade.</p>

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3.3 Increased access to finance for enterprises, in particular SMEs (€ 400.0 million)			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-840 – Increased Access to Finance for Enterprises, in particular SMEs – was signed on 27 September 2017 for an amount of €190.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 120 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p>	<p>The programme’s main purpose is to contribute to poverty reduction by promoting private sector development, in particular through increased access to finance for MSMEs as well as cooperatives and other forms of social, sharing and collaborative economy, enhancing productive capacities and value chains and supporting specific initiatives such as ElectriFI and AgriFI. In particular, the programme contributes to the achievement of the SDG 8 (Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all; but also promotes progress towards Goals 2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture), Goal 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), Goal 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), Goals 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15.</p>	<p>Standard Output and Outcome Indicators for Blending Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmission and distribution lines installed or upgraded. • New connections to affordable, reliable & modern energy. • Renewable capacity installed. • Population benefitting from energy production, 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end 28 September 2025.</p> <p>Guarantees granted by AFD €143.3</p> <p>Guarantee agreements signed by AFD and Beneficiaries</p> <p>New financing mode available to financial intermediaries is € 195.8 million.</p> <p>Access to finance: number of units served among relevant target group: number of MSMEs served is 509.</p> <p>Access to finance: Amount of Outstanding Loans and other sources of financing to relevant target group is €234.9 million.</p> <p>Number of jobs created or sustained (resulting from the project) is 2036.</p> <p>Project specific indicators MSMEs served in the fragile states is 38.</p> <p>Number of high impacts MSMEs served is 471.</p>
<p>Implementation modality</p> <p>The programme is being implemented in the context of the EDF Blending Framework and its facilities. Projects will be assessed and implemented within the relevant EU Investment Facility: Africa Investment Facility, Caribbean Investment Facility, Pacific Investment Facility; and Thematic Investment Facility.</p> <p>The following sub-projects have been contracted:</p> <p>1. Agri-Business Capital (ABC) Fund. This programme is implemented by IFAD for an amount of €45.8 million.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Strengthen agriculture value chains in low and lower-middle income countries in a sustainable way, by addressing ongoing investment capital constraints currently affecting farmer organizations and rural SMEs that are part of the “missing-middle”, limiting their ability to scale.</p> <p>Objective 2: Support job preservation and the generation of new, viable employment opportunities for women and the rural youth, as an alternative to migration</p> <p>Obj. 3: Leverage existing IFAD/AGRA project work: - Identify strong investment prospects with the potential to elevate the whole value chain;</p>		<p>The project is ongoing. The last Steering Committee was held Mar. 2023, next Meeting is planned for Apr. 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request for additional projects in the Pacific and Caribbean Regions <p>https://www.proparco.fr/en/programme-de-financement/euriz-guarantee</p> <p>Project ongoing. 3rd SCM held Nov. 2023</p>

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<p>The ABC Fund is a blended capital impact investment vehicle aiming at alleviating the funding gap faced by small-scale farmers, thereby contributing to inclusive economic and social development in targeted countries.</p> <p>1. Euriz-Guarantee Facility for ACP MSMEs. This sub-project is jointly implemented by Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD) and Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) for an amount of €26.5 million.</p> <p>2. Boost Africa project. This programme is jointly implemented by the EIB and the AfDB for an amount of €61.0 million.</p> <p>https://www.eib.org/fr/products/mandates-partnerships/boost-africa/index.html</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-risk ABC Fund investments by aligning the TAF activities closely to the investment projects; and - Promote private sector involvement by helping SMEs achieve sustainable growth and eventually integrate into the formal financial sector. <p>The objective of EURIZ is to facilitate access to credit in the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) region for SMEs with a high development impact and any type of SME in fragile countries. The EURIZ guarantee allows partner financial institutions (public and private banks, specialized financial institutions), to which SMEs in the ACP region could apply to obtain a loan in local currency, to call on PROPARCO or AFD to guarantee part of the risk associated with the loan. The EURIZ guarantee scheme makes it possible to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support access to financing for SMEs in fragile countries (Chad, DRC, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, Niger...) by offering a guarantee covering up to 50% of the loans proposed by partner financial institutions to all types of SME. Support access to credit for SMEs with a high development impact by offering a guarantee covering up to 70% of loans. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Tranche Investments – EUR 70m envelop already allocated/no new operations considered. Junior Tranche Investments – Almost fully deployed – EUR 10m headroom for one last investment. Business ACP Impact Assessment plan (6 studies) in progress. Business ACP Communication & Visibility Plan under development. <p>Beneficiary Countries:</p> <p>Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia Cameroon, Congo, Dominican Republic, Eswatini, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/038-697: Fit for Market: Strengthening competitiveness and sustainability of the ACP horticultural sector programme.</p> <p>The Financing Agreement for an amount of €20.3 million was signed on 18 December 2015. The programme is being executed over a period of 84 months. Grant beneficiaries will co-finance the programme with a further amount of €5.0 million.</p> <p>The programme was allocated additional €15.0 million in 2018 to assist ACP small farmers' organisations to comply with SPS issues.</p>	<p>The programme aims to enable smallholders, farmers' organisations and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MESMEs) to access international and horticultural domestic markets, by complying with SPS issues and market requirements, in a sustainable framework.</p>	<p>The expected results of the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Export capacities of smallholders, farmers' organisations and horticultural MSMIEs are strengthened by complying with SPS measures. Horticultural MSMEs, smallholders and farmers' organisations have business skills & tools to be efficient, profitable and inclusive. 	<p>The Programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 31 December 2026.</p> <p>In December 2021, a new Contract amounting to EUR 25 million was signed for the Fit for Market Plus Programme. Six Regions Launch events took place in May 2022. Over 250 expressions of interest have been received so far. Implementation of the grant contracts is ongoing.</p>

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<p>Implementation mode</p> <p>Direct Management (Direct grant contract between the EC and the Europe-Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Liaison Committee (COLEACP))</p>			<p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade.</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-112 – Farmers’ Organisation for ACP countries for an amount of €40.0 million was signed on 12th February 2019. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with IFAD and ACP Regional farmers’ organisations</p>	<p>The programme is a capacity-building programme aiming to increase income and to improve livelihood, food and nutrition security and safety of the ACP family farming in the target areas of the project, through greater integration of family farms in key agricultural value chains. This programme builds on the lessons learned from the implementation of the similar Farmers’ Africa programme (2013-2018). The specific objectives are:</p> <p>SO1: Organisations and farmer-led enterprises improve technical and economic services along value chains.</p> <p>SO2: Organisations ability to influence policies and business environments are strengthened.</p> <p>SO3: Organisations are accountable to effectively perform their institutional functions.</p>	<p>The expected results of the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improved capacity of organisations to deliver technical and economic services and connect their members to markets. ● Improved access to financial services. ● Improved business environment and smallholder competitiveness. ● Strengthened institutional capacities and professionalism of Organisations; and, ● Enhanced knowledge and dissemination among peers for replication and scaling up. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 13th February 2025.</p> <p>In December 2021, a Contract was signed with IFAD for the Top up of EUR 10 million to the FO4ACP Programme. The top up is meant to support Members of the OACPS address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Beneficiary Regional farmers’ organisations:</p> <p>PIFON – Pacific Island Farmers Organisation Network; SACAU – Southern Africa Confederation of Agriculture Unions; ROPPA – Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et des Producteurs Agricoles de l’Afrique de l’Ouest; PROPAC – Plateforme Sous-regionale des Organisations Paysannes d’Afrique Centrale; EAFF – East African Farmers Federation; UMAGRI – Union Maghrebine des agriculteurs; PAFO – Pan African Farmers Organisation; and FAO Office of Latin America & Caribbean.</p> <p><i>For more information, contact: Department of Structural e Economic Transformation and Trade.</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. FED/2018/041-571 – Capacity building of mineral institutions and of small-scale private sector operating in low-value minerals in ACP countries: Phase II was signed on 26 November 2019 for an amount of €10.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 36 months</p>	<p>The overall objective of phase II of the programme is to increase employment and income for artisanal and small-scale mining enterprises (ASMEs), and to increase economic opportunities for women. The specific objectives are as follows:</p>	<p>Expected results of the programme are as follows:</p> <p>i) Enhanced capacity of government to strengthen the business enabling environment for operators in development minerals value chains.</p>	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in November 2024, following the extension of the Financing Agreement</p> <p>The latest Steering Committee Meeting was held in July 2023.</p>

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<p>excluding the closure period which is fixed at 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with UNDP</p>	<p>i) The business environment for ASMEs is improved through policy, legal, regulatory and institutional enhancements.</p> <p>ii) Entrepreneurship skills of ASMEs in development minerals are enhanced.</p> <p>iii) Productivity of ASMEs operating in development mineral is increased through improved access to technology, tools, finance, and markets.</p> <p>iv) Environmental and social responsibility among the ASM community is improved.</p> <p>v) The key institutions and stakeholders in the ACP states are enabled to undertake south-south exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices.</p>	<p>ii) Improved geological systems with development minerals geo-data that is also open and publicly accessible.</p> <p>iii) Enhanced entrepreneurship skills to strengthen value chains in the development minerals sector.</p> <p>iv) Strengthened capacity of universities and vocational training centres to provide training and applied research to support ASMEs in development minerals.</p> <p>v) Enhanced understanding and awareness of key stakeholders on innovation and technological advancements in the nexus between development minerals and sustainable development.</p> <p>vi) Increased availability and accessibility of financial products to the development minerals sector.</p> <p>vii) Increased promotion of locally produced development minerals products within ACP countries and internationally.</p>	<p>Approval for third phase of the programme received in Oct. 2023 with the programme expected to end in Nov 2024.</p> <p>The Phase II Final Conference and Phase III Launch will be held in Zambia April 2024.</p> <p>Currently there is a review of the ten focus beneficiary countries (Jamaica, Cameroon, Fiji, Zambia, Guinea, Uganda, Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Suriname)</p> <p>Following the independent MTR evaluation in July 2023, the number of beneficiary countries during phase III, will be reduced to five following a competitive process.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries: Jamaica, Cameroon, Fiji, Zambia, Guinea, Uganda, Republic of Congo, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Suriname and 41 countries are benefiting from capacity building and sharing of best practices. http://www.developmentminerals.org/index.php/en/ https://www.facebook.com/developmentminerals For more information: Contact Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade.</p>
<p>Addendum N°1 to Financing Agreement ACP/FED/041-097</p> <p><i>“ICR Facility”</i> - Technical Assistance Facility for improving the business environment and wider investment climate through a structured dialogue - GIZ, SNV, British Council, Expertise France.</p>	<p>The overall objective is to promote inclusive and sustainable growth with decent job creation in ACP countries. The specific objective is to support ACP partner countries and regional institutions in their private sector structured dialogue process to create a more conducive business environment and investment climate.</p>	<p>Output Area 1</p> <p>The ICR Facility implements interventions to improve the business environment and investment climate following requests from public and private sector organisations in ACP countries. As of 31 August 2023, 52 interventions have been completed with 48% contributing to gender-equality.</p>	<p>The project is ongoing, and the facility has produced several webinars and reports since July 2023.</p> <p>The last Steering Committee meeting was held in Sept 2023. Next Meeting is planned for Mar 2024</p> <p>Call for Proposals was launched on Oct to Dec 2023. > 450 applications were received. Of these, 42 applications were approved for further assessment.</p>

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		<p>Reviews done six months after the end of the interventions have so far shown that 22 business reform initiatives have been initiated and/or implemented and 15 public-private dialogue (PPD) processes have been strengthened because of our interventions. This includes for example the set-up of a single trading platform for exports and imports by the public sector in Dominica following our intervention, facilitating trading across borders.</p> <p>Output Area 2</p> <p>The ICR Facility conducts capacity development interventions for ACP national and regional development finance institutions (DFIs). As of 31 August 2023, 57 ACP DFIs benefitted from capacity building activities. Our assessments and interviews after the intervention showed that, of the seven banks that have received tailor-made support in 2021 and 2022 (including one under Output Area 1), six DFIs improved their performance in at least one pre-defined area. With additional funding from the EU, OACPS and BMZ, ten ACP DFIs have now been selected to receive additional tailor-made support.</p> <p>Output Area 3</p> <p>Knowledge products (e.g. lessons learned, best practices, peer-to-peer events, webinars, etc.) that result from the support of the ICR Facility are compiled and shared. In the reporting period, the ICR Facility continued to work on Women Economic Empowerment (WEE), innovative finance and added a new series on youth's economic empowerment. Furthermore, we launched three Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) with one being focused on business environment reforms for WEE.</p>	

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<p>FED/2022/437-388 Strengthening investment facilitation capabilities in ACP countries (ACP Investment Facilitation Programme). The programme is being implemented over a period of two years, from September 2023 to September 2025.</p> <p>Total amount allocated €2 842 776,00</p>	<p>The project assesses investment facilitation-related technical assistance needs in six beneficiary countries and provides them with appropriate technical assistance and related capacity, based on an assessment of country needs. The foreseen activities will align with UNCTAD's core beliefs on investment facilitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always on: Prioritize elements of investment facilitation that are needed all the time, not just under exceptional circumstances (e.g. when a dispute looms). · For all investors: Transparent, streamlined, and digital administrative processes and registrations help local firms as much as foreign investors, and MSMEs as much as (or more than) multinationals. • All encompassing: Rather than putting in place dedicated processes and systems for investment authorizations only, capture economies of scope by gradually covering all or most procedures and services required by foreign and local businesses (e.g. business registration, tax/social security registration, licenses, etc.). 	<p>Activities may include the following elements (although other elements are also possible as required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital information portals: They describe the steps necessary to obtain all mandatory registrations for foreign and local investors to legally operate, end-to-end, from the user's perspective, and seamlessly across multiple government agencies. • Digital single windows: They combine the approval processes to obtain mandatory registrations and place them online. UNCTAD's digital government platform enables civil servants to place administrative procedures online easily and quickly. Focusing on the three core beliefs in investment facilitation also benefits micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), stimulates inclusive development, and contributes to progress on the SDGs. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in September 2025.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries are divided into two groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OACPS countries with ongoing/potential bilateral investment-facilitation-related negotiations: Angola and Nigeria (SIFAs), Zimbabwe (deepening of the EPA). • OACPS countries that are involved in WTO negotiations, that have notified the EU of their intention to accede to EPA or that have signed EPAs but are not (yet) involved in further bilateral negotiations on investment facilitation: Gambia, Suriname, Vanuatu. In each country the project will work with the lead agency with the responsibility for facilitating investment <p>Status:</p> <p>As of Feb 2024, outreach missions have been made to EUDs and IPAs in each beneficiary country.</p>

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<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/041-092 – Financial Inclusion, Access to Finance and Finance and Knowledge Management for ACP countries, focusing on the underserved and most vulnerable: Women, youth and informal sector for an amount of €92.0 million was signed on 21st October 2020. The programme is being implemented over a period of 132 months excluding closure phase of 18 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Sub-programme:</p> <p>Women Economic for Africa (WE4A)</p> <p>Women Entrepreneurship for Africa (WE4A) €20 600 000,00</p> <p>Indirect Management with signature of Delegation Agreement between EC and GIZ - Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF) for EUR 20 million</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to economic resilience in ACP economies by supporting the underserved segments of their economies, especially those most impacted by the COVID-19 related crisis. The specific objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Micro-small-medium-sized enterprises increasingly formalized and supported to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 related crisis in ACP countries. 2. Women and youth entrepreneurs increasingly benefit from financial and business development services. 3. Local financial institutions encourage and expand access to banking and financial services for all particularly those people with none or restricted access to financial services such as women, youth and vulnerable population most impacted by the COVID-19 related crisis. 4. ACP International Investment agreements networks are modernised and reformed to make them more conducive to inclusive sustainable development 	<p>Expected results of the programme are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Output 1.1: National and sub-national legislative and institutional capacity to support informal workers and MESME in the informal sector is strengthened through the establishment of incentives. ii) Output 1.2: Organisations and networks of informal workers and operators are strengthened through capacity building, training and coordination among operators, increase capacity to engage in policy dialogue, etc. with the objective to promote inclusive and equal access to social and financial services. iii) Output 1.3: Financial instruments to promote equal access to finance as well as blending/investment operations targeted at informal sector MSME are designed and implemented 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end in October 2027.</p> <p>The original WE4A programme ended in 2023. But it is being modified and extended through 2027 through partnership with the Investing in Young Businesses in Africa (IYBA) Initiative which was launched in 2021 as an EU Team Europe initiative.</p> <p>Launch of the IYBA-WE4A programme will be during the EU-Africa Business Forum in Uganda Mar. 2024</p> <p>Beneficiary countries:</p> <p>African OACPS countries</p> <p>For more information: contact Department of Sustainable Economic Transformation and Trade.</p> <p>https://tefconnect.com</p>
<p>3.4 Promote ACP-EU Private Sector Development Knowledge Management (€6.0 million) – Top up of EUR 3 millions</p>			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/037-975 (Promote ACP-EU Private sector development knowledge management) for an amount of 6.0 million was signed on 28 July 2017. The Programme is being implemented over a period of 80 months (excluding the closure period fixed at 24 months).</p> <p>Increase in financial ceiling of the amount of EUR 3 million in view of the restructuration of the programme</p>	<p>The programme is fully in line with the provisions of the Intra-ACP Strategy Paper 2014-2020 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. It contributes primary to the progressive achievement of SDG 8 “promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all”, but also promotes progress towards Goal 1 “end poverty in all its forms everywhere”.</p>	<p>Expected results/outputs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-ACP cooperation framework for private sector development support in ACP countries is implemented. • Productive capacity and job creation enhanced. 	<p>The programme is going on and an extension request to August 2025 has been formally requested.</p> <p>The programme continues to provide technical support to the ACP Secretariat on screening and appraising a number of proposals received and to be funded under the Private Sector Support.</p>

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<p>and further extension of the operational implementation duration for 2 years (2022-2024)</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with the ACP Secretariat as Contracting Authority through Service Contract with the Consortium IBF</p>	<p>The specific objective is to contribute to the overall effort for the implementation of the key objectives related to Private Sector Development regarding the Joint PSD framework, 11th EDF Intra-ACP Strategy, through the PSD platform, the promotion of ACP-EU PSD Knowledge management, and the assistance to the ACP Secretariat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSD best practices identified, and lessons shared. • Peer-to-peer learning between ACP countries and regions dynamised and promoted. • PSD knowledge system for intra-ACP-EU PSD actions strengthened. • Visibility of ACP-EU PSD funded activities promoted. 	<p>Annual Programme Monitoring Report 2022/23 submitted Feb 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Next Quarterly meeting will be held Mar 2024; ✓ BACP Exit Strategy including Knowledge Management Platform submitted Feb 2024. ✓ BACP Work Programme submitted Feb 2024. ✓ Beneficiary countries: All OACPS countries and regions. <p>www.businessacp.com.</p> <p>For more information, contact: Department of Structural Economic Transformation and Trade.</p>
6. Reserve			
<p>Agreement No. ACP/FED/039-783: Collect More-Spend Better: Support domestic revenue mobilisation for an improved business environment for an amount of €10.0 million was signed on 15 June 2018. The programme is being executed over a period of 132 months.</p> <p>Implementation mode</p> <p>Direct management-grants-direct award to IMF</p>	<p>The objective of the action is to enhance domestic revenue mobilisation to foster sustainable development, and inclusive growth. It particularly contributes to the attainment of the SDG 16 and 17 by: strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation (17.1), reducing illicit financial flows (16.4) and institution development (16.6), including a business-friendly environment, and considering trade and investment.</p> <p>The specific objective is to support an effective, efficient, fair and transparent tax system.</p>	<p>Main activities of the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Supporting the implementation of the IMF Revenue Mobilization Trust Fund (RMTF); ii) Financing of regional seminars and supporting regional tax administrations. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 16 June 2025.</p> <p>The ACP Secretariat continues to monitor the programme through its participation to the steering committee meetings.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries are Liberia, Senegal, Benin, Cabo Verde, CAR, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, DRC, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Mauritania, Mali, PNG, Sao Tome & Principe, Sierra Leone, Eswatini</p> <p>RECs: CEMAC, EAC, WAEMU.</p> <p>For more information: Contact, Department of Macro-economics, Development Finance and Programming</p>

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<p>Agreement No. FED/2018/041-469 – Spotlight Initiative – ACP component was signed on 15 November 2018 for an amount of €350.0 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 60 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect Management between the EC and UNDP in the context of EU-UN Multi Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) that is managed by the Office of the Secretary General of the UN.</p>	<p>The Spotlight Initiative will deploy targeted, large-scale investments to improve the rights of women and girls, helping them to live free of violence with a focus on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). The overall objective of the Initiative is to contribute to eradicating SGBV in the ACP and ensuring all women and girls, including the ones living in vulnerable situations, living a life free of violence and harmful practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM).</p>	<p>Expected results are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legislative and policy frameworks, based on evidence and in line with international human rights standards, on all forms of violence against women and girls are in place and translated into plans. 2) National and sub-national systems and institutions plan, fund and deliver evidence-based programme that prevent and respond to violence against women and girls. 3) Gender equitable social norms, attitudes and behaviour change at community and individual levels to prevent violence against women and girls. 	<p>The programme ended on 16 November 2023</p> <p>The geographic distribution of the programme beneficiaries is as follows: 8 in Africa, 6 in the Caribbean, 4 in the Pacific, 4 in Latin America and 2 in Central Asia. The programme covers the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Law and policy; ii. Institutional support; iii. Prevention; iv. Service to the survivors; v. Data Collection; and vi. Collaboration with the civil society and women’s movement. <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p><i>For more information: Contact, Department of Political Affairs and Human Development</i></p>
<p>Agreement No. ACP/2018/041-588: Support for Health Support Strengthening for Prevention and Control of Outbreaks of ZIKA and other Mosquito-borne Diseases in the Caribbean was signed on 29 April 2019 for an amount of €4.3 million. The programme is being implemented over a period of 60 months excluding the closure phase of 24 months.</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Direct Management</p> <p>Grant: Direct Award to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to improve public health of the Caribbean population through a reduction in morbidity associated with Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases. The specific objective is to improve detection, monitor, prevent and control epidemics of Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases.</p>	<p>Expected results are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Improved detection, monitoring, and surveillance of Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases and sequelae in the Caribbean. 2) Strengthened institutional capacity for vector control programmes in the Caribbean. 3) Strengthened public education and prevention programmes on Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases. 4) Increased availability of data and evidence to strengthen public health interventions to detect, monitor, control and prevent Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases; and 5) Strengthened regional coordination mechanisms for prevention and response to outbreaks of Zika and other mosquito-borne diseases. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 30 April 2024.</p> <p>The programme is implemented by CARPHA under Direct Contract Award</p> <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p><i>For more information: Contact, Department of Political Affairs and Human Development</i></p>

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<p>Agreement No. FED/2019/041-834: Intra-ACP Blue-Growth Programme for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains for an amount of €40.0 million was signed on 23 October 2019. The programme is being implemented over a period of 72 months excluding 24 months' closure period.</p> <p>Addendum to the Financing Agreement No. FED/2019/041-834 of the Intra-ACP Blue-growth Programme for Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains was signed for the additional amount of EUR 7 452 400, under a transfer agreement with the Government of Germany).</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Indirect management with an international organisation (Food and Agricultural Organisation-FAO)</p>	<p>The overall objective of the programme is to contribute to economic growth, decent job creation, food and nutrition security in ACP countries. For each selected value chain, the specific objective are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robust fisheries and aquaculture improvement strategies are developed and agreed with stakeholders. ● Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) economic performance is increased. ● Inclusiveness and social sustainability is improved; ● Environmental sustainability is enhanced. ● MSMEs have access to additional sources of finance and investment. 	<p>Expected results are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Value chain analysis is completed, using agreed methodology. 2. Value chain upgrading and investment plans are approved by stakeholders. 3. Value chain indicators are regularly monitored, and experiences are shared between ACP countries. 4. MSMEs have improved access to market and trade data and analyses at national, regional, and international levels and improved linkages to markets. 5. MSMEs adopt technologies/processes for improved efficiency, costs reduction, reduction of post-harvest losses, value addition. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 24 October 2025.</p> <p>The 9th Programme Steering Committee meeting was convened in Bonn, Germany on 21 November 2023. It reviewed the progress of implementation of the value chain upgrading strategies and the revised Programme Log frame and monitoring indicators. The meeting also received a presentation on the upgrading strategies for pelagic fishery of Sao Tome and Principe and the Lake Tanganyika Sprat and Sardine fishery of Zambia.</p> <p>A technical Working Group Meeting was held on 27 July 2023 to discuss detailed programme implementation issues and adopted recommendations for consideration of the next Programme Steering Committee meeting scheduled to be held at the GIZ HQ in Bonn, Germany on 21st November 2023.</p> <p>Beneficiary countries</p> <p>Cameroun, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Guyana, Dominican Republic, the Marshall Islands, Gambia and Zambia</p> <p>Website: https://www.fao.org/in-action/fish-4-ACP/en/</p> <p>Beneficiary countries:</p> <p><i>For more information, Contact: Department of Environment and Climate Action</i></p>

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<p>ACP-EU digital connectivity and digital solutions to strengthen the resilience of education, health and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) systems to COVID-19 in ACP Countries</p> <p>Implementation modality</p> <p>Direct award to EU DFI</p> <p><i>Implementation jointly by the French Development Agency (AFD) and Enable, the Belgian Development Agency.</i></p> <p>Financing Agreement N° ACP/EDF/042-860 was signed on 3 December 2020 for the amount of EUR 15 500 000</p>	<p>The overall objective of the Action is to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the ACP countries.</p>	<p>Expected results and indicative activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Access to and affordability of connectivity and digital services are improved to targeted beneficiaries in the health, education and MSMEs sectors to improve their capacity to face the COVID-19 crisis. 2) Digital services are reinforced to foster the continuity and quality of education and health services. 3) The digital transformation of MSMEs is supported to foster continuity of business during pandemics. 	<p>The programme is ongoing and is expected to end on 4 December 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Steering Committee meeting was held in Oct 2023; ✓ The Final Steering Committee Meeting is planned for June 2024 <p>For more information: Contact Department of Sustainable Economic Transformation</p> <p>https://direct.eu/</p>
