



## The Mountain Facility



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### Why support the Mountain Facility?

The wellbeing of mountain communities is under threat, as well as the ability of mountains to provide essential ecosystem goods and services to the planet. Climate change and unsustainable land use in mountains trigger natural disasters and, combined with isolation and social marginalization, intensify the vulnerability of mountain peoples and makes living in the world's mountain areas increasingly difficult.

By investing in the Mountain Facility, you will join a multi-partner fund that supports concrete action on the ground to improve livelihoods and natural resource management in mountain communities. The Facility also focuses on strengthening the abilities of mountain peoples to feature prominently in decision-making processes at local, regional, national and global levels.

### What does the Facility do?

The Facility is the operational arm of the Mountain Partnership (MP), designed to respond rapidly to

member's requests and needs with specific grants. It is housed within the Mountain Partnership Secretariat at FAO and benefits from FAO's technical expertise and networks.

### How can you contribute?

Contributions can be made by any resource partners and in accordance with FAO's procedures for donor funding. Estimated funding needs are USD 15 million for the 2018-2023 work plan.

### How does the Facility work?

- Calls for grant proposals are made regularly and applications are prioritized against criteria set by the Facility Steering Committee.
- Collaborative activities involving two or more members are favourably considered. Each application must involve at least one organization or institution from a developing country.

## What are thematic areas for funding?

### Policy support and institutional strengthening

- support inclusion of mountains in national development plans;
- encourage establishment of national mountain committees and transboundary mechanisms for sustainable mountain development.

### Capacity building

- ensure mountain-specific courses are available at national level and in university curricula;
- train core technical staff through short-term courses, such as the IPRMO training programme.

### Climate-change adaptation and resilience building

- promote innovative and traditional land-management and forest-restoration techniques;
- put in place disaster-risk management plans validated with, and carried out by, local communities.

### Natural resources management

- promote sustainable watershed management and landscape restoration programmes;
- protect and conserve mountain biodiversity through crop diversification, soil conservation and sustainable natural resource management.

### Strengthening of local economies

- improve value chains of mountain products;
- enhance access to training, credit, enterprise building and extension services.

### Data collection and dissemination

- increase production and analysis of disaggregated data, both at national and global levels for advancement and better understanding of sustainable mountain development;
- disseminate data and research for sound policy advice.



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