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# SKiM PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Strengthening Knowledge Management  
for Greater Development Effectiveness



IFAD Rural Solutions

Morocco Learning  
Route Preparations

Scaling Readiness  
Study Findings

# Spotlighted product: IFAD Rural Solutions Portal

The [Rural Solutions Portal](#) set by IFAD is a web-based knowledge-sharing repository that captures and showcases rural development solutions for a better rural transformation.

The goal of the Portal is to make innovative agriculture and rural development solutions available to the development community to improve agricultural productivity, food security and nutrition.

The solutions are provided as detailed initiatives by the actual actors covering a wide range of geographic regions and topics. The key aspect here is that the solutions can be replicated in developing countries for a better livelihood.

## The following criterias are important for the solution publication:

### ☑ RELIABLE

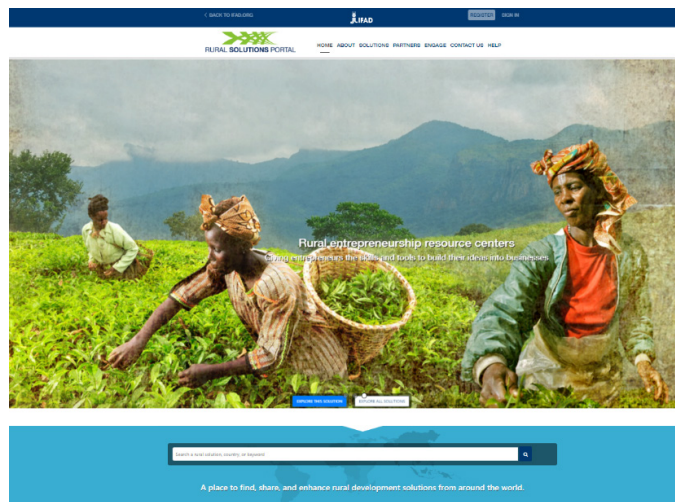
It has been tried and tested, producing good results, or it is an innovative solution with clear expected results

### ☑ RURAL

It is focused on solving a specific problem in the rural space, for the smallholder farmer, the rural small business or the fisher folk.

### ☑ REPRODUCIBLE

It can easily be re-used by others in similar situations.



If you have a technology, mechanism or a process that can be re-used by others, you are greatly encourage to share your knowledge with global network of agricultural professionals.

Your insights can serve as the base for the new solution or project replication based on your ideas.

Don't hesitate to share your knowledge and contribute to the improvement of rural livelihoods.

[SKiM project](#) funded by IFAD is closely collaborating with the stakeholders from Moldova, Sudan and Morocco to introduce and facilitate the overall process of solutions publication and making them widely accessible. [“Inclusive Rural Finance”](#), the solution from Moldova was successfully published on the Portal. It relates to young entrepreneurs support in business skills development. This support is granted within the Inclusive Rural Economic and Climate Resilience Programme (IRECR) that allows the farmers from Moldova to apply for loans and initiate or develop their own businesses, adopt innovative agricultural practices, or capitalize on high-quality agri-food products for domestic and regional markets.

The main constraint of the young entrepreneurs relates to the access to even short-term finance due to their limited credit history and lack of any form of ‘hard’ collateral. IRECR’s age limits were adjusted to include people of up to 35 years in order to support young people who had recently returned to rural areas and had interest in starting a business. The program also accepts applications from women entrepreneurs of up to 40 years.

The program can be replicated by adoption of the similar grant approach to enable the young entrepreneurs to benefit from two financial products: a grant and a loan to develop their businesses. Special focus is also given to the improvement of knowledge and managerial abilities of young managers and capacity building activities.



[Click here](#) to watch the success story from Moldova.

## LATEST RURAL SOLUTIONS



Enhancing access to financial services for young entrepreneurs

Inclusive rural finance and capacity development through knowledge-sharing and

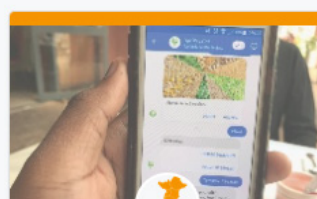
[SEE SOLUTION](#)



Climate Adaptive Fodder Production

Climate adaptive fodder production supports livestock productivity, ensuring

[SEE SOLUTION](#)



Timely information Access

AgriPredict is an agritech company whose aim is to provide timely and on-demand

[SEE SOLUTION](#)



# Preparations for Learning Route in Morocco

*SKiM Team continues the practice of successful organization of Learning Route Events. The next one will take place in Morocco, June 20-25.*

Together with key partners from Morocco National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), National School of Architecture (ENA) and Agronomic and Veterinary Institute Hassan II (IAV) the experts from ICARDA discussed the program for the Learning Route, as well as SKiM mission progress.

The mission also included the visit to the three main locations that will be part of the Learning Route event.

The Learning route event in Morocco will be accompanied by the Country Source book which will be publicly accessible and shared for the interested parties in due time. Stay tuned for our updates!

Country Source books from other countries produced within SKiM project:



[Moldova Country Source Book](#)



[Sudan Country Source Book](#)

## 1. Morocco gene bank at INRA

The event participants will have the opportunity to see one of the richest collections of plant genetic resources and find more about the use of genetic resources in varietal selection programs that are aimed to improve the productivity and quality of agricultural products, ensuring the national food security.



## 2. APIA Kenitra facilities

The company will share with event participants its inspiring story of turnaround success from a simple cooperative to the biggest national company producing local products



## 3. Red fruit farm in Larache

This farm was founded by three agronomists from IAV who successfully applied their academic knowledge and organizational skills to convert their farm ideas into profitable business model.



**Reference:** Learning Routes (LR) is a collaborative event series with the aim to facilitate experience and knowledge exchange between various stakeholders. It helps to connect innovative minds and solutions from research, business and society, allowing them to expand networking and diversify learning skills.

# Scaling readiness study findings presentation

On May 24th the SKiM team organized a virtual meeting to present the findings on the "Natural Resource Governance Framework (NRGF) and Sustainable Natural Resources and Livelihood Programme in Sudan" (SNRLP) to IFAD team and key stakeholders.

This study is prepared for supporting SNRLP efforts in Sudan. It follows the technology and innovation management approach initially developed by NASA and later used by the European Union, and uses the methods of Scaling Readiness to assess the innovation and scaling aspects of the NRGF and SNRLP. It also provides recommendations for improving its impact at scale performance.

The study consists of three parts that address the needs of different users.

**The (1) first part, Scaling Readiness Assessment**, describes the natural resource governance framework using scientific innovation and scaling perspective. It also presents the Scaling Readiness Graph of the NRGF and SNRLP, as the innovation package, that aims to improve its impact in Sudan at scale.

**The (2) second part, Scaling Readiness Evidence Review**, articulates the evidence used for the measurement and provides an extensive list of analyzed evidence sources.

**The (3) third part, Scaling Guidelines**, presents the synthesis and provides actionable options to investors, managers, designers and developers of projects, programs, policies and other interventions in and outside of Sudan.

15 > SCALING READINESS of NRGF and SNRLP in Sudan



## Scaling Readiness of NRGF and SNRLP in Sudan

- Reviewing 49 Evidence Sources from Sudan and beyond
- Including Qualitative and Quantitative Studies
- First systematic Scaling Readiness Deep Dive Study on Natural Resource Governance



Presentation →

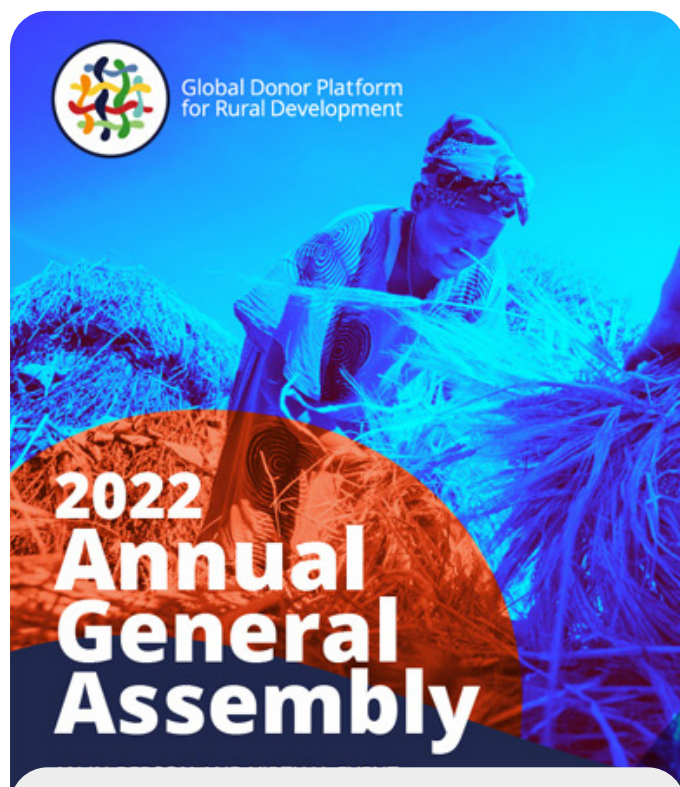


Working Paper →



Video →

# Upcoming events



14-15 June 2022



Global Donor Platform for Rural Development Annual General Assembly 2022

[Event details](#) →



21 June 2022



Innovation Day.  
Kicks off the IFAD'22 conference.

[Event details](#) →



20-25 June 2022



Learning Route in Morocco  
In-person event

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Central Asia and Europe





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## SKiM Partners in Sudan



## SKiM Partners in Morocco



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