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Substantially more public and private investment is needed annually to eliminate poverty and hunger by 2030. The good news is that several countries have already aligned their policies and budgets to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and private investors are putting their money behind initiatives that generate profits alongside social and environmental impacts.

The FAO Investment Centre supports its member countries to design and implement good quality public investment operations to improve food security, manage natural resources more sustainably and enhance climate resilience. It is also responding to an evolving development finance landscape, playing a strategic role in promoting a good climate for private investment and applying new instruments such as blended-finance and social-impact investments. To achieve this, the Centre partners with International Financing Institutions (IFIs), as well as governments, national organizations, the private sector, civil society organizations and producer organizations. Thereby ensuring that sustainable investments in food and agriculture reach where they are most needed.

FAO's investment support draws on the Organization's comprehensive technical knowledge and expertise, normative work, convening power, innovative approaches and strong policy, analytical and capacity development capabilities. It strives to provide member countries knowledge and innovation-rich investment solutions.

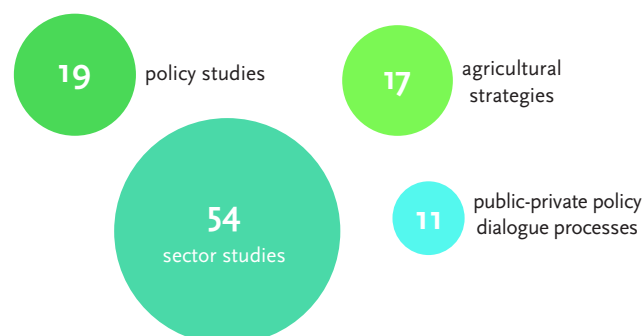
The Investment Centre acts as a critical link between FAO's programme of technical assistance, financing partners and member countries.

In 2018, we contributed to the design of 47 IFI-financed projects in 32 countries, for a total investment value of USD 7.2 billion.

Total amount of investment mobilized during 2018 with FAO support



Total number of policy support activities carried out in 2018



The Investment Centre provides tailored investment support at every stage of the project cycle – from identification, design and appraisal to implementation, supervision and evaluation – depending on the needs of the country and financing partner.

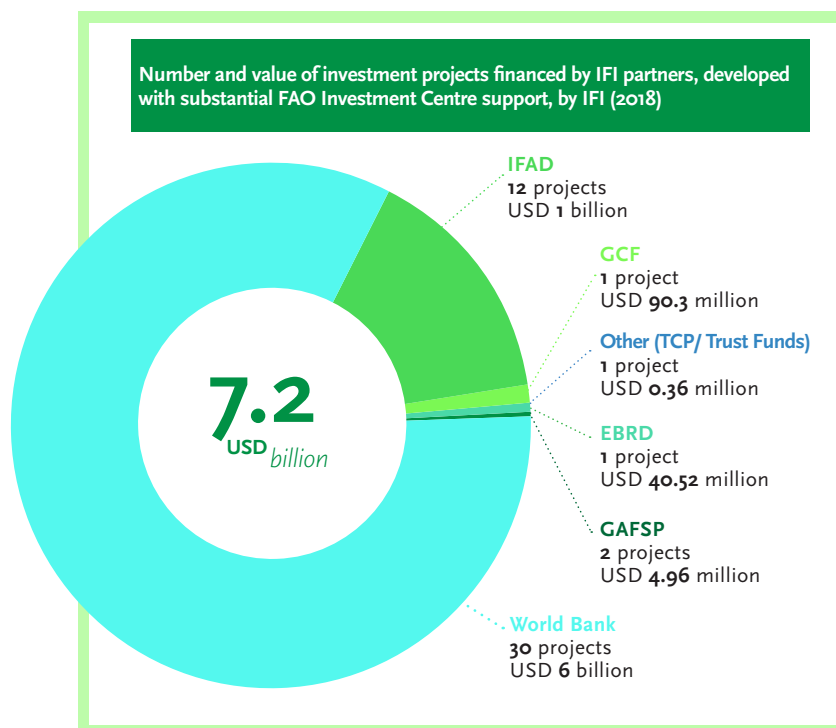
In 2018, **investment design accounted for 30 percent of our work while implementation support made up the lion's share of our services at 55 percent.** Overall, we supported nearly 500 investment activities in 116 countries.

We help mobilize and coordinate investments in food and agriculture at country level, assisting governments in developing appropriate strategies and agricultural investment plans.

Creating enabling environments for investment is essential, which is why the Investment Centre helps governments tackle the bottlenecks that hinder investment and promotes dialogue with farmers, their organizations and food system actors. **Our work on policy support accounts for 15 percent of our investment support services.** It includes analytical studies such as policy and sector studies and agricultural strategies, in addition to public-private policy dialogues.

The Investment Centre's highly specialized capacity development services are designed to strengthen the ability of people and institutions to make better investment decisions.

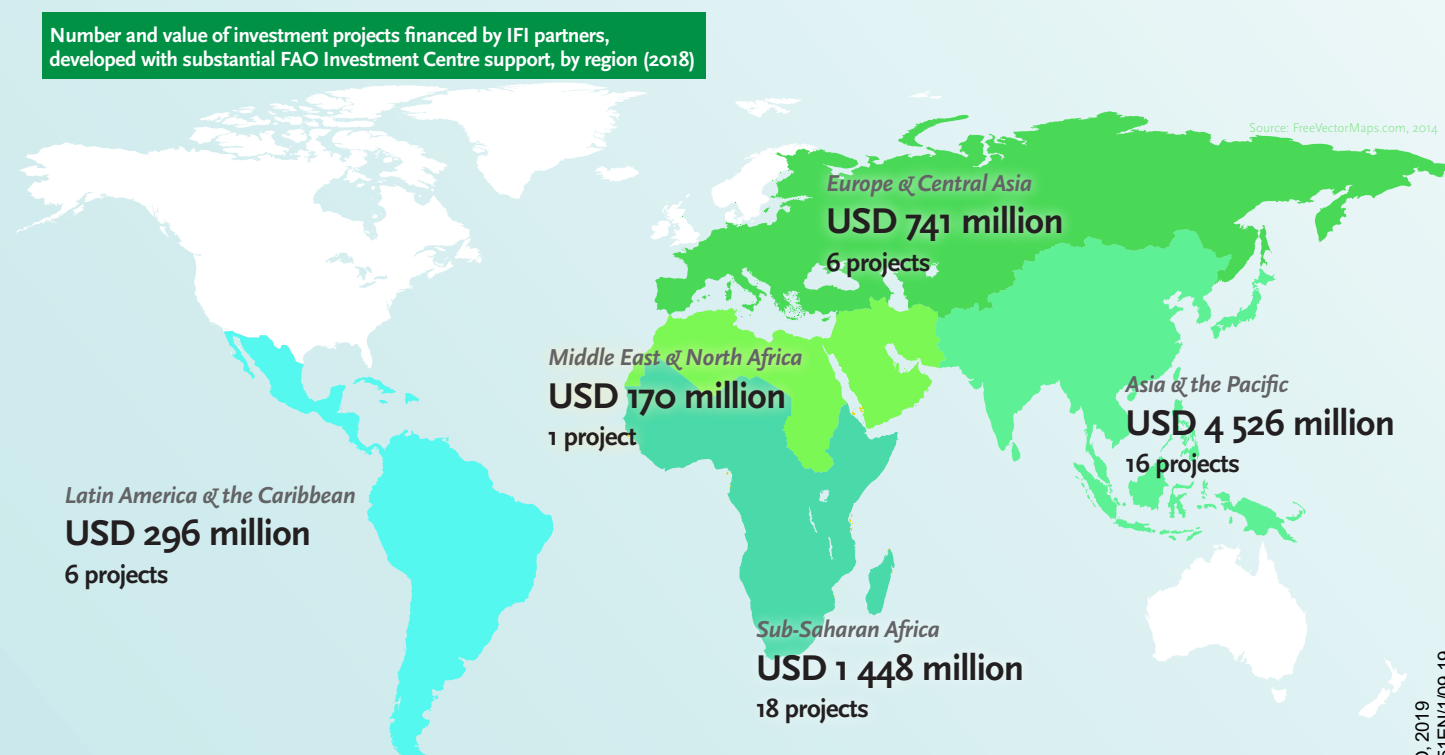
We promote stronger linkages between policy assistance and investment support to achieve impact at scale.



Future Perspectives

Looking to 2019 and beyond, the Investment Centre will target promising opportunities for investment support. This means advancing the digital transformation of the agrifood sector, growing both the private and green investment portfolios and focusing more on knowledge and innovation for investment.

We will continue to bring FAO's comprehensive technical knowledge to bear on the investment process, helping countries realize their full potential and make better investment decisions for a healthier, greener and more sustainable future.



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