

Strategic Policies to enhance smallholder livelihood

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- ✘ Smallholder issues are at the top of the agenda of policy makers, international organizations, and development agencies.
- ✘ G20 endorsed under the French presidency and Mexican presidency recommendations to support smallholders.
- ✘ Smallholders are a heterogeneous group

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- ✘ Foremost among these factors is the need for sincere and dedicated **commitment to addressing the economic, social and organizational constraints.**
- ✘ The context in which projects are undertaken is of fundamental significance. Commodity development programs focusing on smallholders cannot be implemented in isolation. They require an ***enabling environment.***
- ✘ The success of programmes to strengthen smallholder integration does not depend only on public support. Both immediate and longer term benefits depend on ***economic viability.*** In projects aiming at production and sales growth, careful evaluation is needed of market conditions and risks

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- ✘ **Public-private partnership** approach, with the *public sector* providing start-up support in terms of financial and human resources along with continued targeted services in the fields of research, infrastructure, extension and training and capacity building.
- ✘ The **ability of small farmers to organize themselves into a grouping** or enterprise, to develop and implement a production plan that is integrated into the value chain, appears to be a very important component of successful projects.
- ✘ **Capacity building.** Such capacity-building extends well beyond just agro-technical aspects to encompass training on such issues as evaluation of market conditions and negotiations on pricing and payment terms.

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- ✘we want your feedback on smallholder issues...

