

Funding economic growth, political empowerment, citizenship equality and poverty reduction of mountain peoples, most of which are indigenous and marginalized from mainstream investment and development arrangements, forms part of IFAD's mandate.

The Fund supports the development of innovative (rural) financial services such as Financing Facility for Remittance (FFR), and with the other three Rome agencies (FAO and World Food Programme) the development of index based weather insurance and related services, which are being piloted and tested including in mountain areas. IFAD also hosts the Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility which supports local development; entrusting direct management of resources and funds to indigenous communities and their institutions build capacity, self-determined development and ownership of programmes and projects.