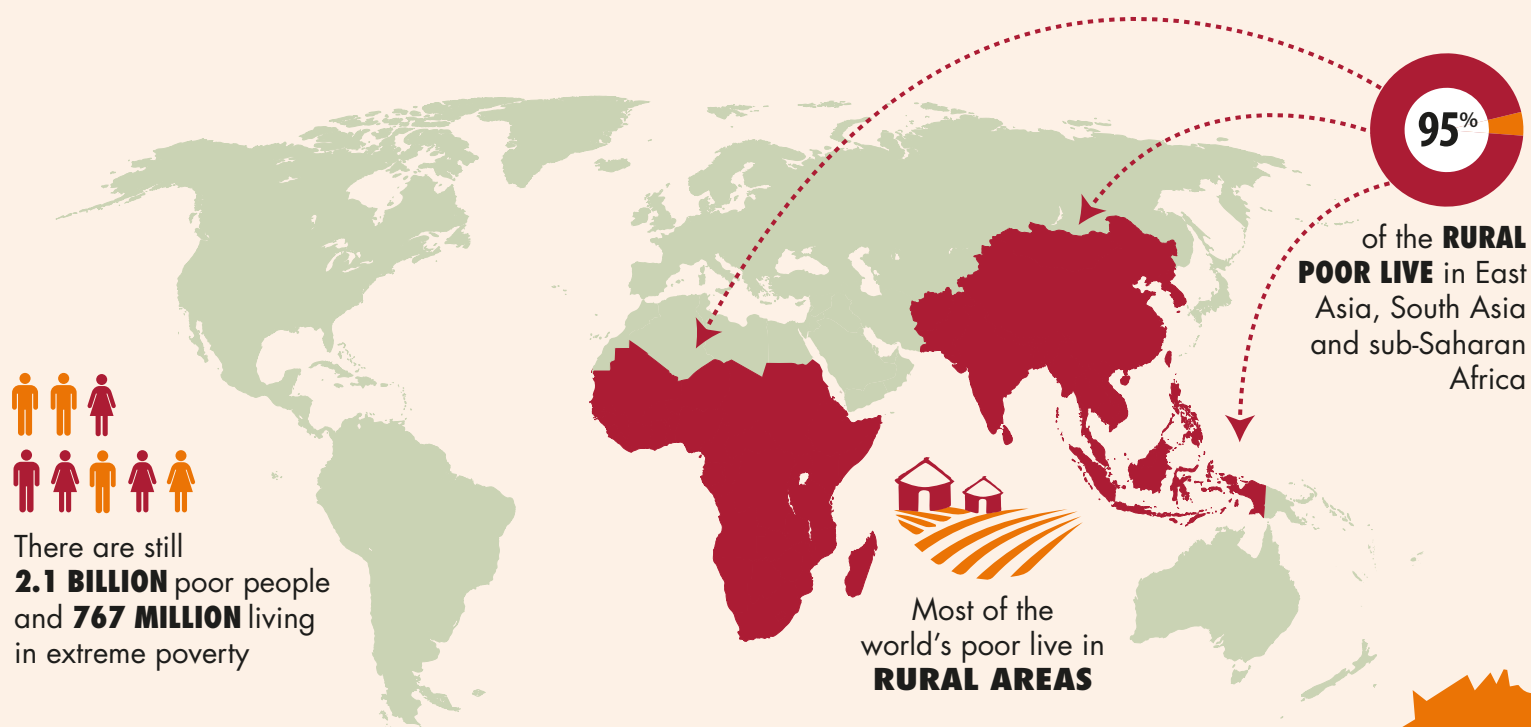




Supporting Family Farmers to reduce rural poverty

WHY IS FAMILY FARMING IMPORTANT?



Most of the rural poor are **SMALLHOLDERS AND FAMILY FARMERS**, who depend on agriculture for their food and income



Worldwide, the **475 MILLION** small farms of up to **2 HECTARES** account for more than **80 PERCENT** of all farms but cover only about **12 PERCENT** of the world's farmland

WHAT WE DO

FAO works through a multi-dimensional approach to address the challenges that poor family farmers face in their daily lives and increase their income generating capacity with a view to reducing rural poverty.

POLICY LEVEL

FAO helps countries shape poverty reduction policies and programmes that improve family farmers' participation in decision-making, increase their access to resources, financial services, markets and technologies while increasing decent employment opportunities and promoting better social protection coverage in rural areas.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEVEL

FAO empowers poor family farmers to participate in policy dialogue and decision-making processes that affect their livelihoods, and improves their capacities to access resources, services, markets, technologies and economic opportunities through agricultural, organizational and entrepreneurial skills.

POLICY Support

Help identify poor family farmers and allow countries to design policies and programmes that address their needs.

Promote coordination among governments and non-state actors and empower producers' organizations to become agents of change.

Helps formulate cross-sectoral policies to address the challenges that poor family farmers face in their daily lives and improve their livelihoods.

Gathers information on family farming from all over the world, including national laws and regulations, public policies, good practices, and statistics, to support policy making.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY Support

Empowers poor family farmers and strengthen their organizational and productive capacities, while increasing their bargaining power, access to markets and entrepreneurial skills.

Farmer field schools ensure knowledge sharing, while communication for development facilitates equitable access to information, dialogue and inclusive decision making.

Improve the delivery of services, foster members' active participation and raise their voice for supportive public policies.

Eases credit constraints and enables poor family farmers to invest more in their activities, increase their productivity and improve their livelihoods.

Aims to reduce gender and age inequalities in rural areas and increase women and youth access to resources, assets, services, technologies and economic opportunities.

TOOLS TO SUPPORT FAMILY FARMERS

