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Hand-in-hand towards prosperous and inclusive rural societies

Summary of comments received
The rural sector of the region should be a key player in achieving SDG 1 (end of poverty) and SDG 2 (zero hunger), especially in the post-COVID-19 global scenario

Support for the “Hand-in-Hand” Initiative
• Economic reactivation and investment in rural areas
• Support for family farming, fishing and aquaculture
• Technological innovation
• Social protection with economic inclusion
• Rural job creation
• Rural Women
• Rural Youth

• Indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants
• Governance and access to natural resources
• Rural-urban dynamics
• Institutionalization and rural governance
• Evidence, cost-benefit analysis and statistical capabilities
• FAO's work in the region through the “Hand-in-Hand” Initiative: 1) flexible and guided by the needs of FAO's member countries at the territorial level; 2) cooperation between peer governments, the public and private sectors, and different levels of government; 3) resource mobilization.

• Greater emphasis on the role of public and private investment in rural areas to promote economic reactivation and social inclusion.

• Highlight the role of technological innovation for the agricultural sectors and the rural population in general.

• Include the indicated priority topics in the Recommendations as areas that FAO should address through cooperation and technical assistance.
Thank you!