

Building economic resilience for smallholder farmers

Leveraging living income to transform agrifood systems

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FAO-LICOP PARTNERSHIP: SCALING SOLUTIONS FOR RESILIENT AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Living Income Community of Practice (LICOP) are collaborating to demonstrate how the **living income approach** can improve smallholder livelihoods and strengthen agrifood systems. FAO brings global expertise in food security, agriculture, and poverty reduction, while LICOP convenes multi-stakeholder solutions. Together, we scale knowledge and practice so farmers can earn dignified incomes, build resilience, and contribute to sustainable food system.

WHY LIVING INCOME MATTERS

Living income is the **net annual income needed for a decent standard of living**. It provides a practical benchmark to assess and close income gaps.

For governments, companies, and development actors, adopting a common approach:

- Reduces reporting burdens on producers.
- Enables more consistent progress across sectors.
- Strengthens supply chains by securing farmer livelihoods.
- Unlocks public-private partnerships, investment, and targeted policies.

Living income offers a **shared framework for action** – ensuring fairness for smallholders and driving systemic transformation in agrifood systems.

To learn more about the Living Income concept, [watch this video](#).



ABOUT THE CFS53 SIDE EVENT

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is the United Nations' foremost inclusive platform on food security and nutrition. CFS53 will take place from 20 to 24 October 2025 at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, in a hybrid format. It will focus on urban and resilient food systems and responsible investment.

This side event, co-hosted by FAO and LICOP, highlights living income as a pathway to resilient and equitable agrifood systems.

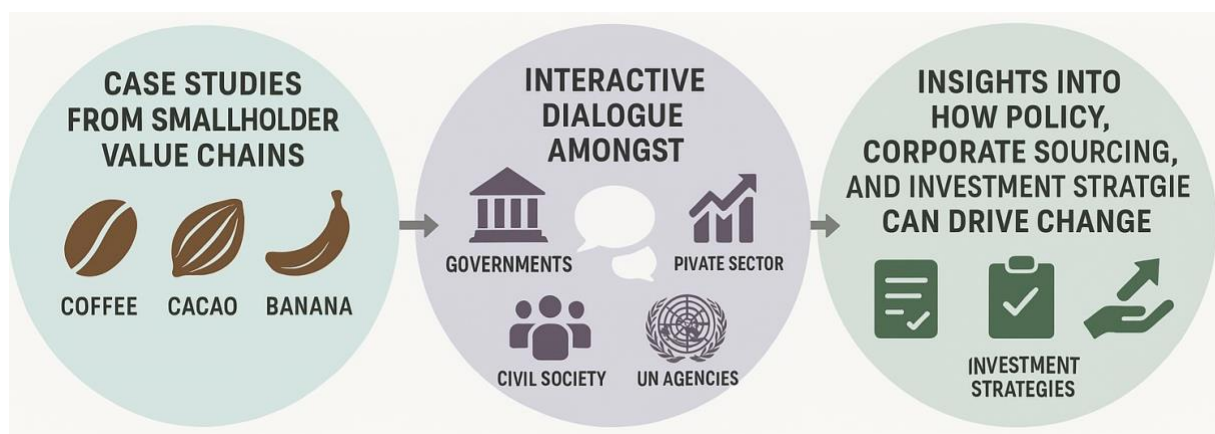
OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness of living income as a tool for resilience.
- Highlight efforts by FAO and LICOP in helping close smallholder income gaps.
- Foster collaboration to align efforts, reduce fragmentation, and scale solutions.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Policymakers and CFS delegates addressing rural poverty.
- UN agencies on agriculture, poverty, and food systems.
- Civil society and farmer organizations.
- Private sector actors in sustainable value chains.
- Researchers and development partners.

WHAT TO EXPECT



Governments, private sector, and civil society partners will discuss aligning policies, sourcing practices, and investments to strengthen smallholder livelihoods.

We invite participants to:

- Promote inclusive solutions via policy, sourcing, and technical support.
- Align actions around living income benchmarks for resilient value chains.
- Share experiences and strategies that can scale globally.



Bring your programme. Work with us.

Make living income a reality for food systems stakeholders.

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

The **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** is the UN agency leading international efforts to reduce poverty, defeat hunger, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.

<https://www.fao.org>

The **Living Income Community of Practice (LICOP)** is a global, multistakeholder community advancing the living income agenda to ensure farming households can achieve a decent standard of living.

<https://www.living-income.com>

USEFUL RESOURCES ON LIVING INCOME

FAO resources

- [Living Income measurement methods – A comparative study and application to cocoa farmers in Cameroon](#)
- [Brief assessment of the living income concept](#)
- [Tracking Minimum and Living Wages in the Banana Sector. September 2014](#)
- [Report of the Global Conference on living wages and living income in the banana industry](#)
- [Living income workshop report](#)
- [Report of the Fourth Global Conference of the World Banana Forum](#)

LICOP resources

- [The Living Income Community of Practice Benchmarks FAQ](#)
- [The Living Income Community of Practice Actual Income Measurement FAQ](#)
- [The Role of Governments in Enabling Living Income in Global Agriculture Value Chains – Guidance for public policy makers](#)
- [Guiding steps towards living income in the supply chain – How to mainstream living income in your company's activities](#)

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