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Capturing synergies between
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Strengthening the Science-policy Interface in the Face of increasing complexity

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Panel on Quality of Research for Development QoR4D

Prescriptions for enhancing the science-policy
interface

A Large Variety of Agents in Agriculture

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**“...the place of scientific evidence in policy-making is
neither straightforward nor guaranteed...”
(Gluckman, 2016)**

The Economic Agents of Research

PRODUCERS

- Graduate Students/Research Fellows
- Academics
- Research Centres
- National Public and Private Institutions devoted to agric. Research
- CGIAR

CONSUMERS/USERS

- global governance organizations
- donors
- national government policymakers,
- private sector (multinational)
- private sector (national/local)
- civil society organizations/NGO
- individual producers and consumers, particularly the poor



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The THIRD AGENT: the Research Implementer/ Policy Facilitator / Knowledge Broker



Knowledge “Translation”

Collaboration, Communication, Integration, Wide Dissemination

- Reduce the “distance” between rigorous research by producers and fuzzy information of consumer or policy maker
- Push for collaboration between research and policy
- Close the communication gap
- Ensure integration of research into policy
- Provide and ensure wide dissemination of the results

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The Project Cycle of Research

Insights from RIA @ IFAD

- EX ANTE: We promote Legitimacy Project Selection Relevant for IFAD Operations and Portfolio
 - Promote Dialogue with the Regions in project selection,
 - we engage with Regional Economist
 - We work with Portfolio Managers
- DURING: We promote Scientific Credibility
 - Rigorous Impact Assessment using Ex-Post Quasi-Experimental methods
 - We plan Ex-Ante Experimental approaches
 - We receive inputs from users of research
- EX-POST: We ensure Effectiveness
 - Impact Assessment (IA) Report: The main report, which details the Theory of Change of the project and the methodology, and provides an in-depth presentation and discussion of the results of the assessment;
 - Impact Assessment Brief: A four-page brief presenting the key details and findings of the assessment;
 - Impact Assessment Infographic: A two-page graphic presentation of the key findings of the assessment
 - We share the results via regional workshop

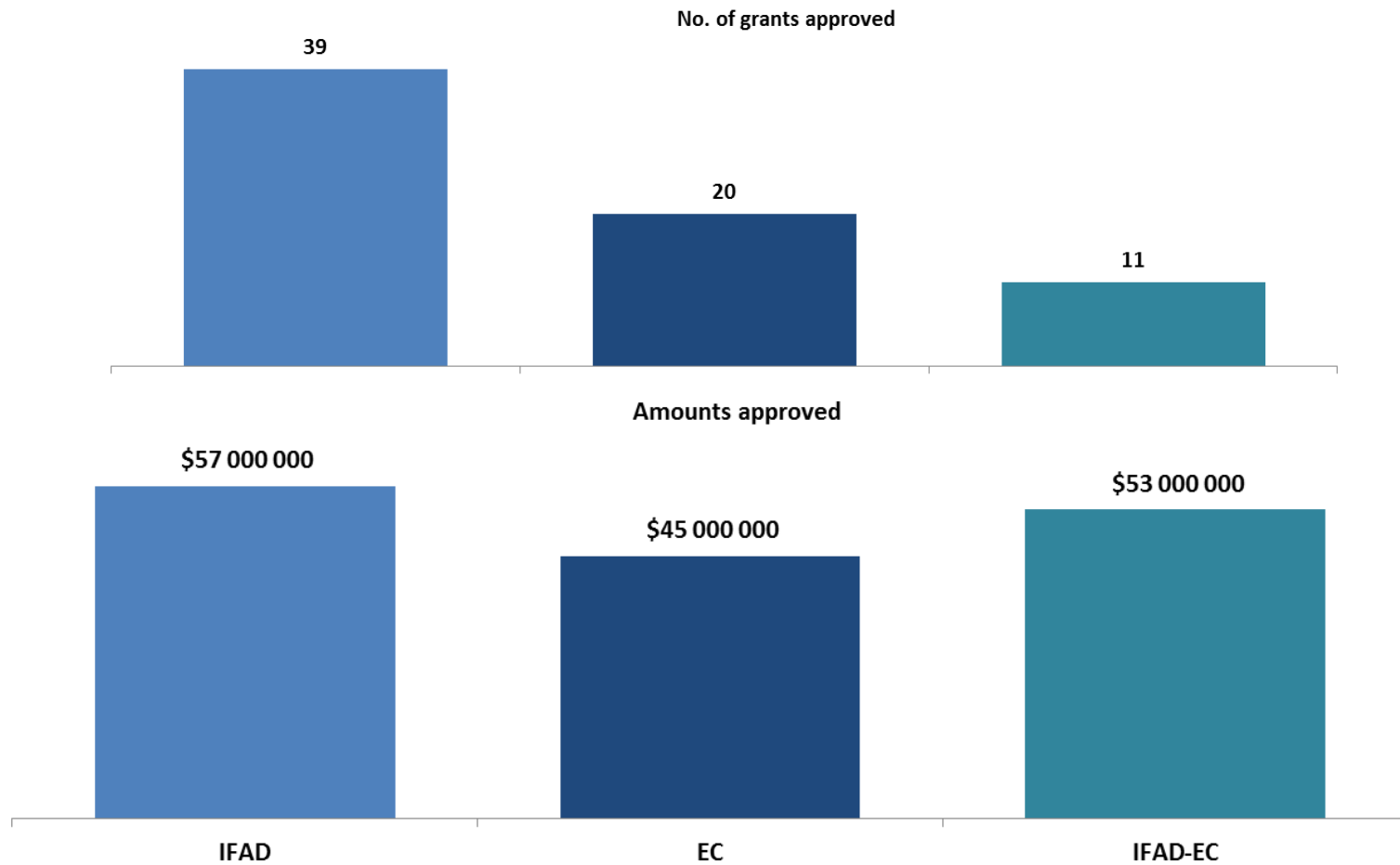
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IFAD & CGIAR (2013-2018)



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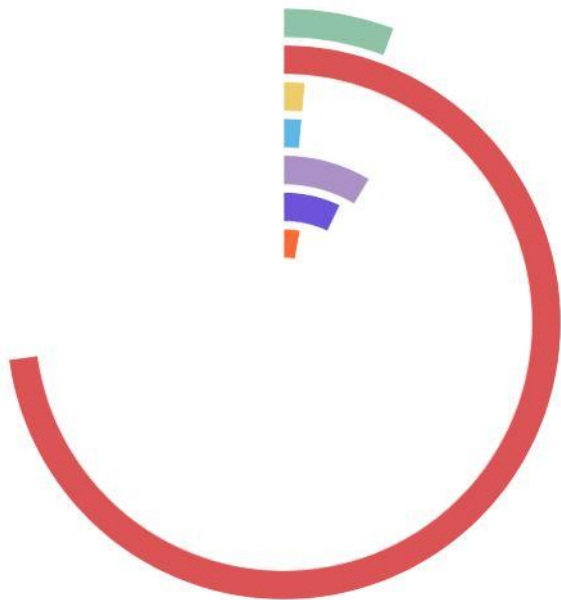


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IFAD & CGIAR Link between SOs & SDGs

SDGs



- SDG 1, NO POVERTY ● SDG 2, ZERO HUNGER
- SDG 5, GENDER EQUALITY ● SDG 13, CLIMATE ACTION
- SDG 14, LIFE BELOW WATER ● SDG 17, PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
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IFAD's Strategic Objectives (SOs)

No. of grants covering one SO	50
No. of grants covering two SOs	8
No. of grants covering all three SOs	12
Total no. of grants	70

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CONCLUSIONS

- The market for knowledge fails because there are problems on the producer and consumer sides.
- This "last mile" problem cannot be resolved until researchers ask relevant questions and communicate answers properly and until policy makers see the value of evidence and using it.
- IFAD & CGIAR: we expect to fund grants that ask questions that are relevant for the type of work that IFAD does with governments in the field.

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