

Innovative Climate Risk Financing for the Agricultural Sector in the ASEAN Region (Agri-Climate Risk Financing: AgriCRF)



Context

The “Innovative Climate Risk Financing for the Agricultural Sector in the ASEAN Region” (Agri-Climate Risk Financing: AgriCRF) project seeks to promote climate risk financing for the agricultural sector across ASEAN member states. The project aims to achieve this through policy recommendations, updated work plans, and improved technical knowledge. AgriCRF will be implemented in Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam, in collaboration with financial institutions and technology providers.

The project will facilitate the design and improvement of resilience-enhancing and gender-responsive climate risk financing products and services. Technical capacity at institutional and smallholder farmers’ level will also be improved through training and pilot implementation to increase uptake of financial services. The project will draw on experiences and synergies with the ASEAN and member state level, with a particular focus on climate risk insurance and financing considerations in sustainability standards.

The project will work towards promoting farmers' access to resilience-enhancing and gender-responsive climate risk finance products and services by co-designing trainings to enhance the technical capacity of financial institutions, farmers, and relevant stakeholders. The project partners will be able to align products with government support programs, design regulatory requirements, distribute financial services, and improve gender-responsive advice for consumers. Finally, the project will explore the possibility of linking sustainability standards and climate risk finance, and potentially pilot-test the concept by linking with existing financial products and services for farmers.

Objective

Farmers' access to resilience-enhancing and gender-responsive climate risk financing is improved.

Approaches

- Promote the topic of climate risk finance for the agricultural sector in ASEAN through regional technical exchanges and policy document(s) development on climate risk financing.
- Support financial institution(s) in developing and improving climate risk finance products, training for financial institutions.
- Increase the professional competences of farmers and non-financial institution by developing a training program and conducting trainings for partner organizations and target groups on the topic.
- Linking sustainability standards and climate risk finance through contributing to a standard revision process and participating in consultation processes for linking agricultural sustainability standards and gender-responsive climate risk finance.

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Country

Thailand, Indonesia, Viet Nam, and 10 ASEAN member states

Project partner

ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC)

Project duration

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