



WHAT IS WATER AND ENERGY FOR FOOD?

Water and Energy for Food (WE4F) is a joint international initiative of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the European Union (EU), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Netherlands, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

WE4F, through its Regional Innovation Hubs, provides financial support, technical assistance, and investment facilitation to water-food, energy-food, and water-energy-food innovations.

The supported innovations impact smallholder farmers, helping them unlock missing inputs, finance, technology, and markets. By using these innovations, farmers and food companies can enhance their climate resilience and reduce CO₂ emissions.

WE4F 2023 IMPACT



135

innovations supported



\$183 million

in private sector investment mobilized



3.6 million

end-users impacted



1.2 billion

kilowatt-hours of energy saved



1.5 million

tons of CO₂e saved



10.8 billion

liters of water consumption reduced



6.8 million

tons of food produced



733,000

hectares of land under improved management practices



HOW WE4F WORKS

Through Calls for Innovations and public-private partnerships, the Regional Innovation Hubs work with innovative SMEs in the water-energy-food nexus. The SMEs receive financial and technical assistance, which helps them unlock the potential for positive impact by producing more high-quality food with less resources and by promoting the holistic management of natural resources.

Through investment facilitation, SMEs access private sector investment which helps them scale their businesses and expand operations.

SDG CONTRIBUTION



The program contributes to 9 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.



REGIONAL INNOVATION HUBS

The hubs represent WE4F in the regions of operation, building a network of innovators, investors, donor partners and other stakeholders. The main activities are:

- Management of the regional selection processes for new innovators
- Coordination of technical advisory assistance
- Facilitation of investments into innovators (e.g., financial brokering)
- Advocacy for an enabling environment
- Capacity development

WHO WE WORK WITH

WE4F connects with farmers, businesses, investors, governments, researchers, and other stakeholders to open dialogue and communication between usually separate sectors.

BECOME PART OF WE4F

Contact info@we4f.org to discuss partnership opportunities and how your organization can be a meaningful part of scaling water-energy-food solutions.



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