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Moderator:

Imelda "Dada" Bacudo

Climate, Agriculture and Food Systems Leader



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Introductory Video: AFA Climate Resilience Video



PANEL 1:

Farmers Initiatives for Resiliency and their Need for Climate Finance



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PANELISTS



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Roberto "Ka Dodoy" Ballon

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Musa Sowe

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l'Ouest (ROPPA)



Alan Petersen

Board Member, Pacific Farmers
Organization (PFO), Fiji



Haseeb Bakhtary

Lead Consultant, Climate Focus



Mangiza Chirwa

Project Manager, HIVOS, Zambia

Mangiza Chirwa is a seasoned development professional, policy analyst, and researcher with over two decades of experience driving transformative initiatives across Africa. As a Project Manager at Hivos Southern Africa, she leads programs that promote climate resilience and sustainable food systems, with a strong focus on social inclusion for vulnerable populations, particularly women. Her work centers on advancing governance, sustainability, and equity through participatory and multi-stakeholder approaches that empower communities and influence policy.





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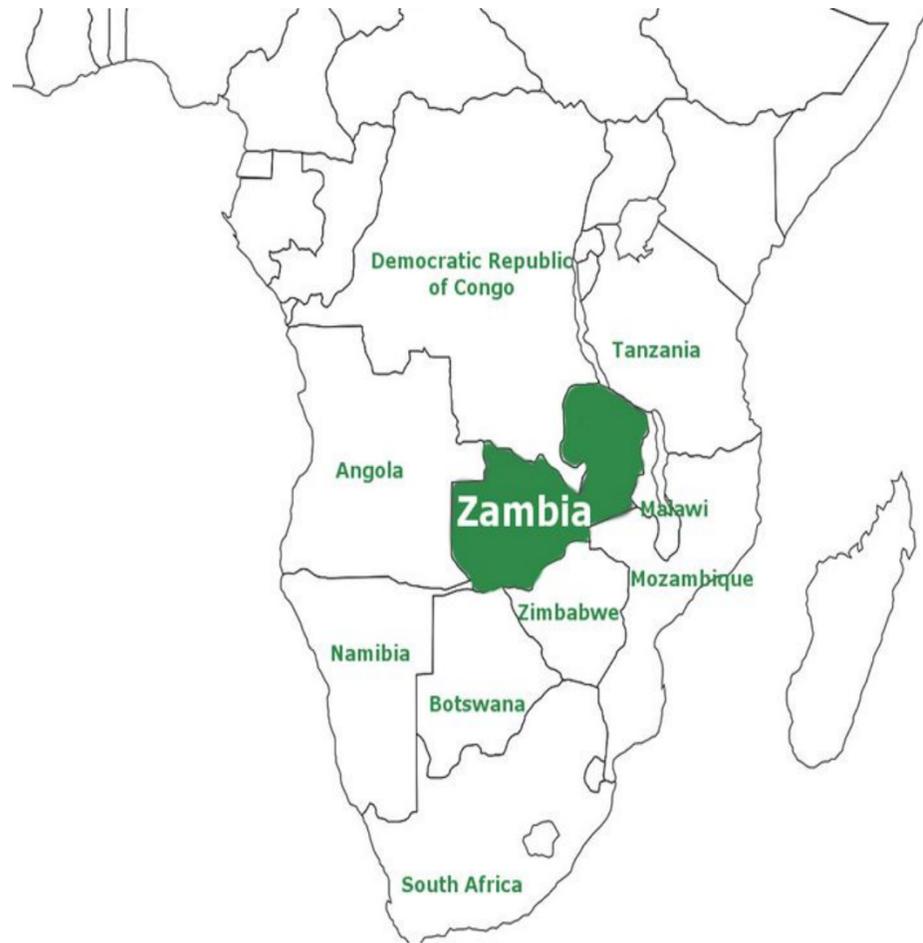
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She Pays the Climate Bill

How Women-Headed Homes Bear the Hidden Costs of the Crisis

MANGIZA CHIRWA/HIVOS

Context



Population 21.3 million



At a Glance (2024 - 2025 Budget cycle - 14 months)

9.8M
People Affected

6.6M
People Targeted

\$941M
Total funding requirement

HOUSEHOLDS AND DISTRICTS

1.1M
Households Targeted

84
Districts Affected

ZMW 22,234,986,000.58
Funding gap translating to
\$ 889,399,440.02



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Testimonials

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“We lost our chicken and crops from heat. These losses are not just one-time events; the unpredictability of the weather means we often have to replant multiple times, draining our limited financial resources. The unstable rainfall "has become expensive as we have to continuously replant costing us money for seeds and fertilisers".



Global Inequalities

Total global climate finance was estimated to have reached USD 1.3 trillion annually in 2021–2022. Yet only a small fraction—about 5%—is directed toward adaptation efforts. Despite growing awareness of climate vulnerability, most funds continue to flow toward mitigation and large-scale infrastructure rather than protecting the communities most at risk. Adaptation finance still represents less than 10% of global climate investments, and only a tiny share reaches women-led or community-based initiatives.



Case Study Results

- The distribution of climate finance reflects deep global and national inequalities:
- In Zambia, nearly 38% of the 2024 national budget went to debt repayments, while less than 5% supported environmental protection.
- Governments worldwide still spend around USD 7 trillion each year subsidizing fossil fuels, diverting public funds that could build household and community resilience.
- In Brazil, only 0.4% of federal spending in 2024 supported climate and environmental programs, while debt servicing absorbed more than 45% of total expenditures.
- Most climate finance mechanisms still exclude gender-responsive budgeting and fail to recognize the unpaid care work that women contribute to adaptation.



Bridging Global Finance and Local Justice

- At the global level, Climate Bills can complement mechanisms such as the Loss and Damage Fund, Green Climate Fund (GCF), and Adaptation Fund by generating data on where climate costs truly fall. This allows donors and governments to direct resources more equitably and supports civil society in holding institutions accountable.
- At the local level, Climate Bills can empower communities with open data platforms and participatory budget tools that track whether climate funds reach those who need them most. By connecting fiscal transparency with social accountability, they create the foundation for a people-centered climate finance system.



Simplifying Access to climate finance



- Community led priorities
- Multi-stakeholder evaluation
- Capacity building before granting
- Procurement on behalf of community

- Directly addresses community needs
- Cuts out money spent on bureaucratic -effective
- Higher chances of success during evaluation other challenges are thoroughly addressed
- Provides alternative livelihoods



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Roberto “Ka Dodoy” Ballon

Chairperson, PAKISAMA, Philippines

Roberto Ballon, Ka Dodoy to friends and colleagues, leads the KGMC Fisherfolk Organization, one of the most active fisherfolk association and COMFAS, as the federated fisherfolk association in Zamboanga Sibugay Province. The federation is active on coastal protection and management, mangrove growing and rehabilitation for the sustainable marine resources and livelihood of the communities. Ka Dodoy received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2021, Asia’s Nobel Prize, the highest honor ever awarded to a small scale fisherfolk.





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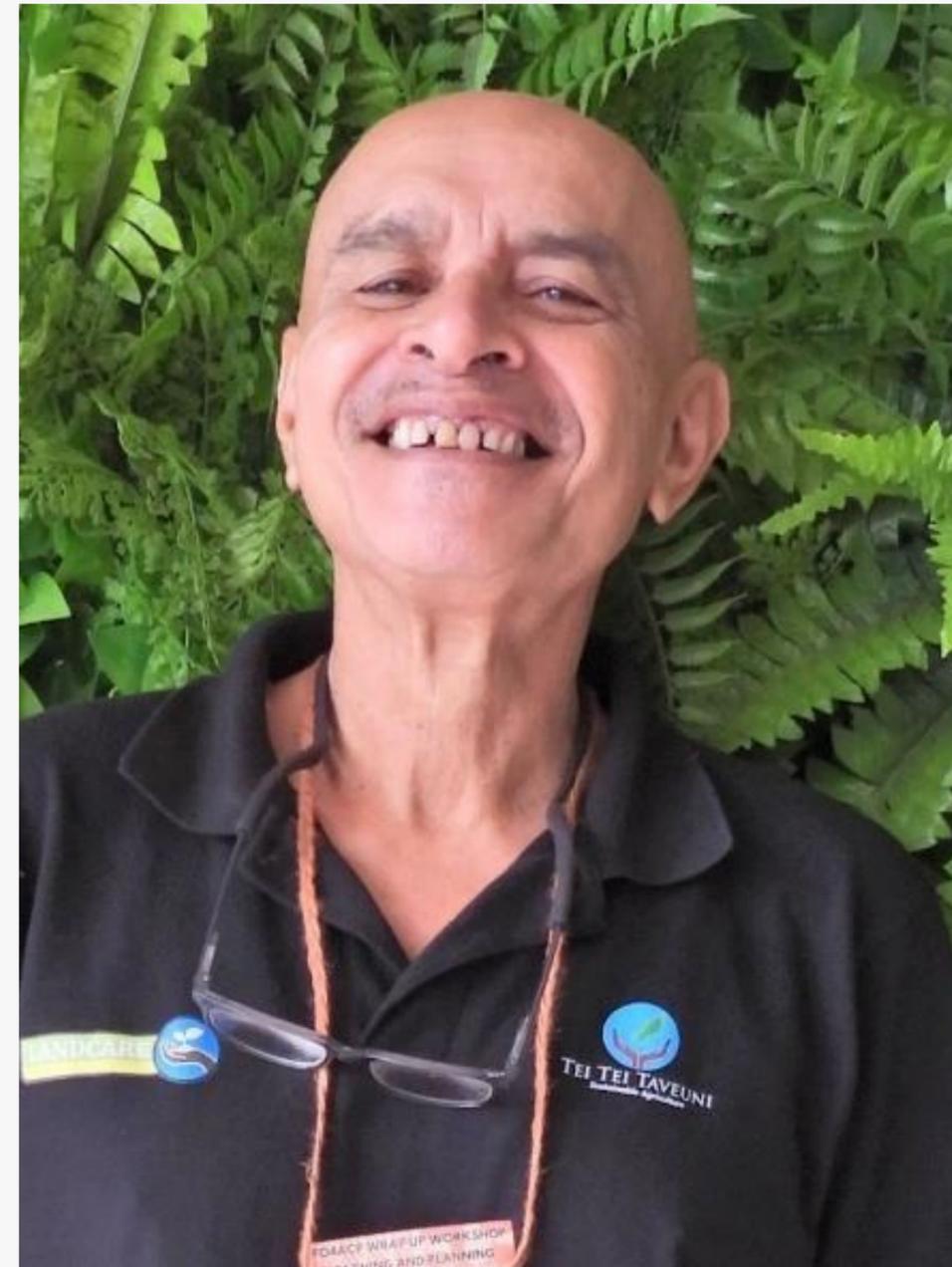
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Alan Petersen

Board Member, Pacific Farmers Organization (PFO), Fiji

Alan Petersen is a root crop farmer and Chairman of Teitei Taveuni, a local farmer organization dedicated to promoting regenerative agro ecological practices on Fiji's Taveuni Island. He also serves as a Board Member of Pacific Farmer Organisations (PFO), a regional network representing 31 national farmer organizations across 15 Pacific Island countries and territories.





Andrea Gomez

Executive Director, Red CSA Colombia

Andrea Gómez is currently the Executive Director of Red CSA Colombia, an organization that promotes Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiatives at the national level and strengthens agroecological transitions, connections between farmers and markets, and collaborative economy models across the country.





Musa Sowe

Vice Chairperson, Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et des Producteurs Agricoles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)

Musa is a farmer leader, currently is the president of the National Coordinating Organization for Farmer Associations (NACOFG) in Gambia, and is a member of the regional farmers' organization in West Africa called ROPPA.





Haseeb Bakhtary

Lead Consultant, Climate Focus

Haseeb Bakhtary is a lead consultant at Climate Focus with 10 years of experience in research and policy analysis at the intersection of climate change, biodiversity and agriculture and food systems. His work seeks to identify and highlight issues and policy responses for systemic transformations at the national and global levels with a focus on agriculture and food systems, nature-based solutions, and broader sustainable development.





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Feeding the World in a Changing Climate

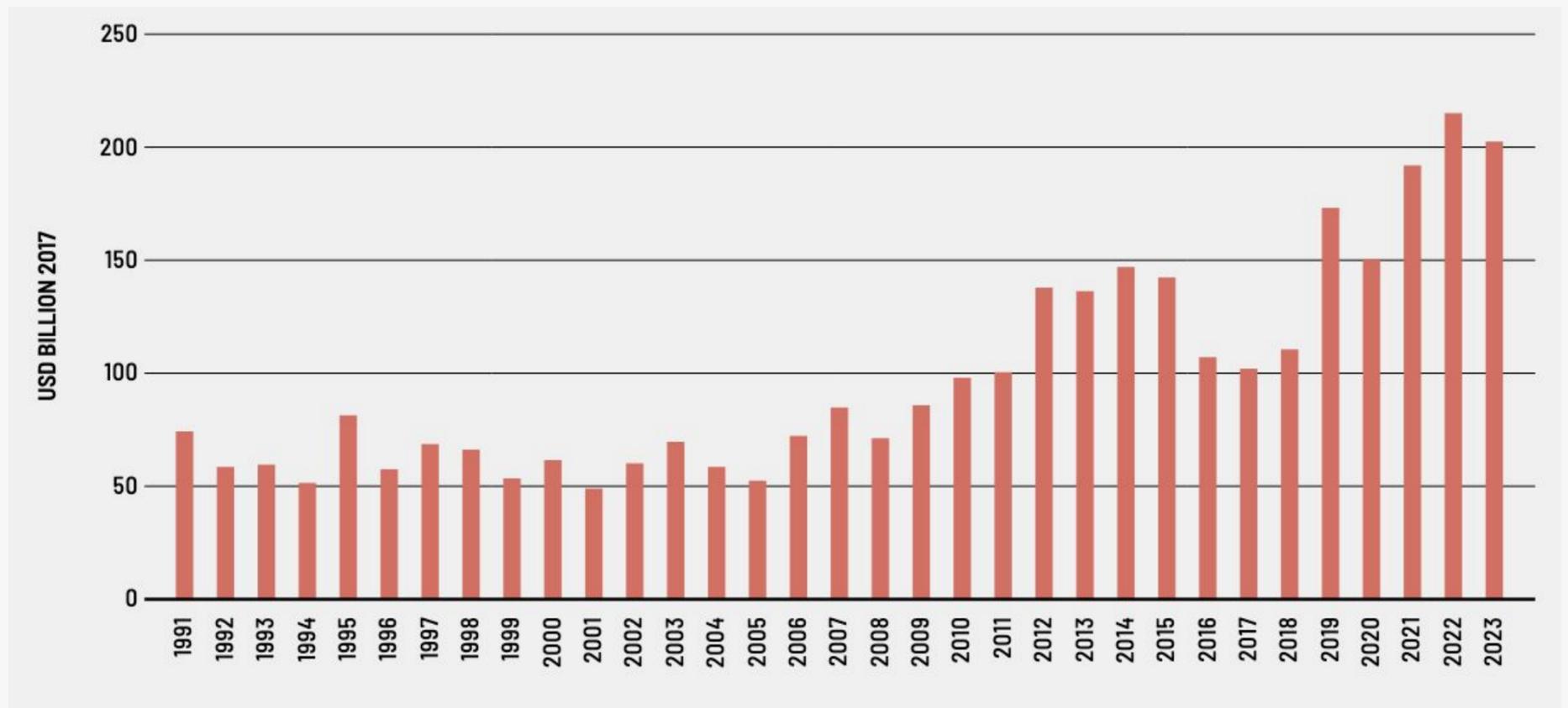
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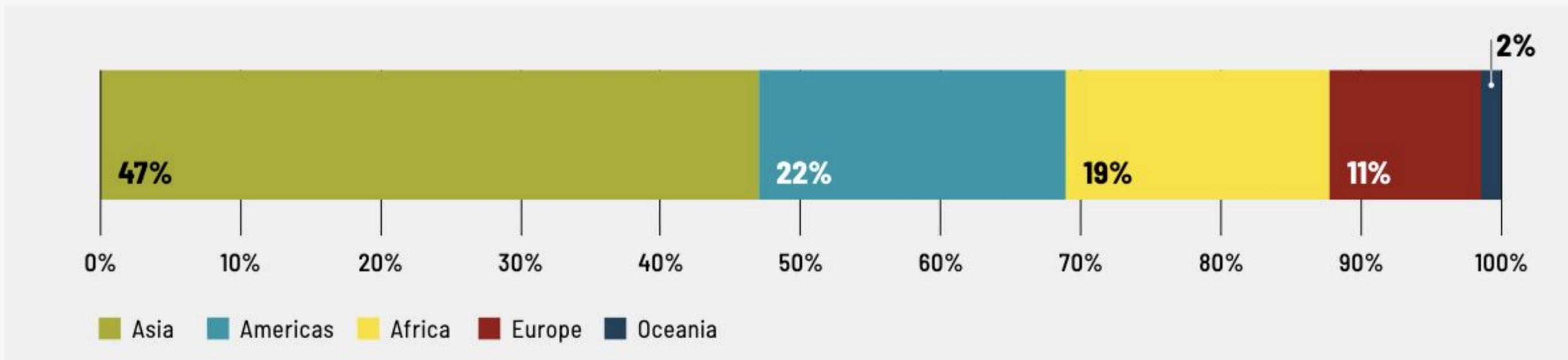
Between 1991 and 2023,
 agricultural production worth
 USD 3.26 trillion was lost; of
 this, USD 2.9 trillion was
 climate-related.



Source: FAO (2025)



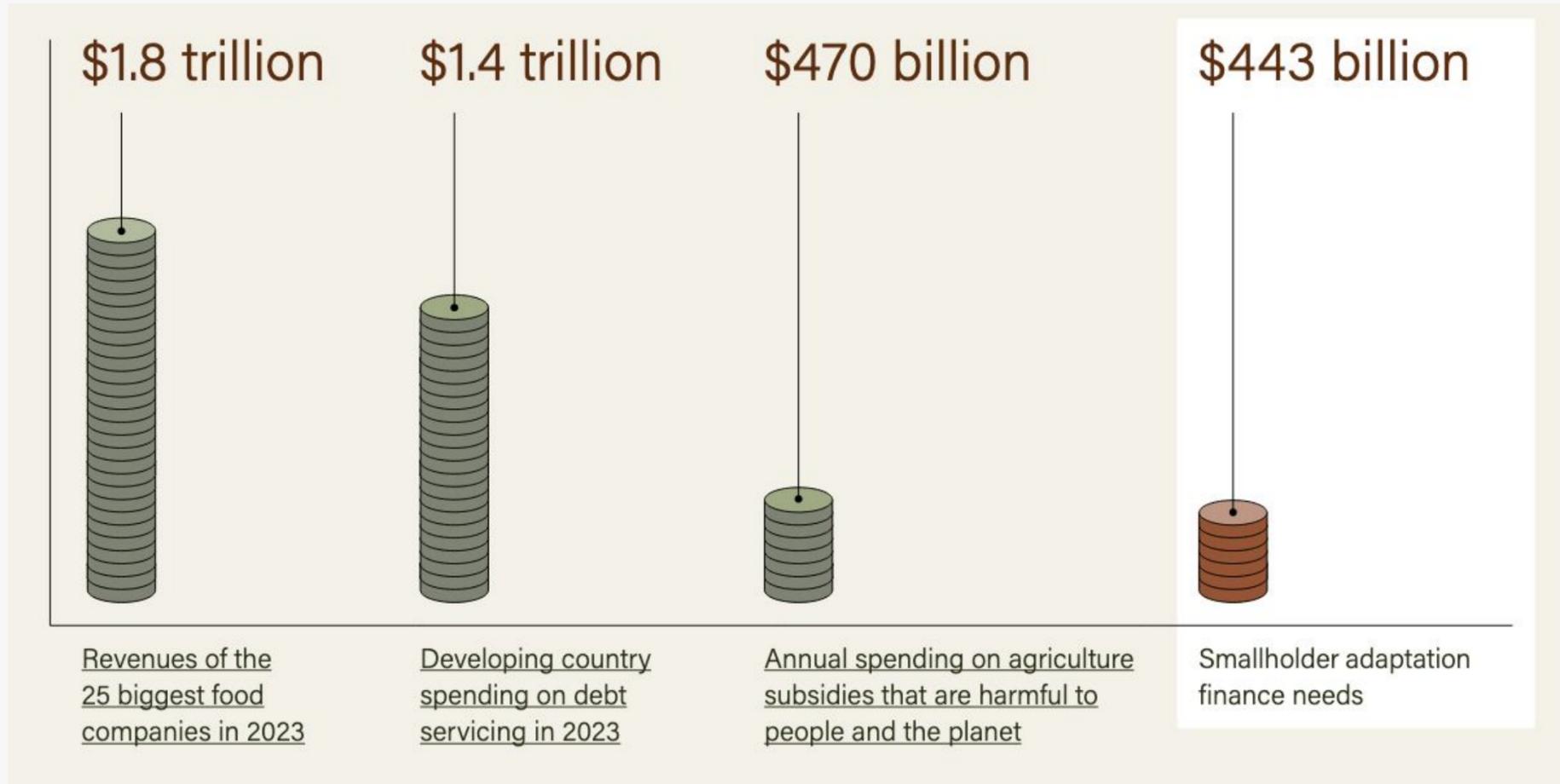
Small-scale farmers are most impacted.



Source: FAO (2025)



Finance needs of about 498 million small-scale family farmers



Source: FFCA and Climate Focus (2025)

- **US\$800** per hectare to incentivize climate-resilient and low-emission practices.
- **US\$141** per farmer to secure resilient livelihoods through adaptive safety nets and early warning systems.
- **US\$12** per farmer for digital climate provision.





Finance needs v. finance received across regions:

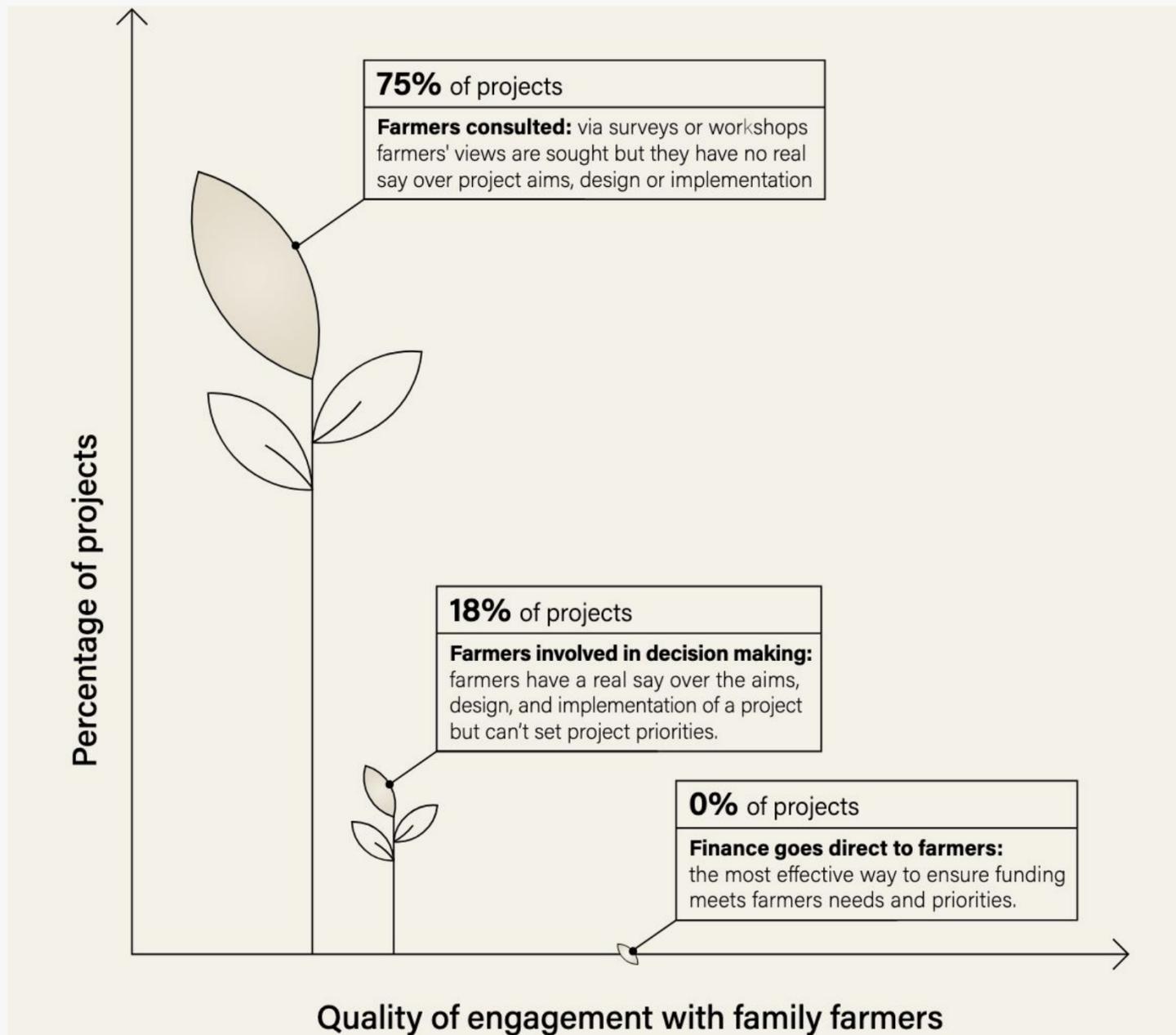
Region	Finance for smallholders and rural communities (US\$ billion)	Total finance needed (US\$ billion)	Total finance spent as a percentage of finance required
Central Africa	0.02	2.92	0.61%
Central America & Mexico	0.07	12.09	0.59%
East Africa	0.18	34.60	0.51%
Middle East	0.00	6.42	0.03%
North Africa	0.22	8.89	1.35%
Pacific	0.00	0.08	1.47%
South America	0.21	12.95	1.59%
South Asia	0.21	150.30	0.13%
Southeast Asia	0.28	189.18	0.15%
Southern Africa	0.22	13.21	1.69%
Caribbean	0.01	1.23	0.71%
West Africa	0.17	11.11	1.49%
Total	1.59	442.98	0.36%

Source: FFCA and Climate Focus (2025)





Farmers are not adequately included in climate financing.



Review of 40 projects funded by Green Climate Fund and Global Environment Facility.
 Source: FFCA and Climate Focus (2024).



What to do?



ONE

Include farmers in decision making.

TWO

Include farmers in climate financing by removing barriers to access.

THREE

Deliver more and better finance to farmers.

FOUR

Deliver direct financing to family farmer organizations.



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Read farmers' stories and asks here:





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Quiz Game

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QUIZ





What percentage of global climate investments is currently directed toward adaptation?

- 1.** Less than 2%
- 2.** Around 20 %
- 3.** Less than 10 %





Where are small-scale farmers most impacted?

1. Asia
2. Europe
3. Americas





What percentage of climate-related projects deliver finance directly to farmers?

- 1.** 10%
- 2.** 0%
- 3.** 35%





PANEL 2: Reflections and Recommendations on Strengthening Inclusion of Family Farmers Organizations in Climate Finance

PANELISTS



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Elizabeth Nsimadala
President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)



Steven Lang
Head of Regenerative Finance, Planetary X



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Elizabeth Nsimadala

President, Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)

Elizabeth Nsimadala is a Ugandan young agripreneur and smallholder farmer, she is the President of the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation, Board member and past President of the Pan Africa Farmers Organization and former Africa representative on the Board of World Farmers Organisation. She is a task force member for AU- EU Cooperation in Agriculture, serves on the boards of; Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, Africa Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services, ACTESA/COMESA & Chairs the Advisory Board of the National Alliance of Agricultural Cooperatives in Uganda. Elizabeth holds a MSc. In Project Planning and management from Ndejje University Uganda.





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Family Farmers for Climate Action: Calls for Inclusive Climate Finance

Elizabeth Nsimadala (President, EAFF)



FFCA - speaking as one for more than 95 million family farmers around the world



ASIA 16 countries, 24 national organisations, 12 million smallholder farmers represented

AFRICA - presence in 49 countries, 73 national organisations, 80 millions smallholders



LATIN AMERICA: 7 countries, 10 national organisations members, 4 million family farmers



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 Confederación de Organizaciones de Productores Familiares del MERCOSUR



PACIFIC: 13 countries, 30 national organisations members, 95'000 smallholder farmers



GLOBAL: 269 Organic FOs in 72 countries representing 2.5 million farmer families and WRF has 33 members at regional, national and local levels.





Why are
we here

GLOBAL VOICE, UNITED CALL: FARMERS MUST HAVE AN EQUAL SEAT AT THE TABLE





Delivering on climate,
biodiversity,
inclusivity &
sustainable
development goals

- **FOs are farmers:** know what farmers need; have long-term partnerships; reach 'beyond the tarmac' via subsidiarity/cascade approach- youth, gender, indigenous communities, marginal communities, fragile states; and through global crisis
- **FOs pioneering innovative solutions** to climate mitigation, adaptation & biodiversity; expertise in food productivity, nature based solutions, regenerative agriculture and agro-ecology.
- **FOs deliver multiple integrated & mitigating benefits:** social, economic, food security; land rights, landscape restoration; empowerment of youth, women and migration.
- **FOs work from local to global:** bridge the gap between top-down climate finance mechanisms, support blended finance models, scale bottom-up community needs & contribute to policy development at all levels



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ffca Family Farmers
for Climate Action.



We need more and better
finance for family farmers
organisations organisations

We want a seat at the
decision making tables

We call for more investment
for climate resilient
agriculture

**WE WANT TO SEE PROPER
NATIONAL AND GLOBAL REFORMS**

**WE PUSH FOR A DEDICATED FARMER
RESILIENCY FUND, THAT IS FARMER-LED
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 ACROSS LATIN
 AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA
 & THE PACIFIC
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Steven Lang

Head of Regenerative Finance, Planetary X

Steven specialises in financing to accelerate transition to regenerative agricultural systems in developing markets and particularly blended finance mechanisms that are farmer focused. He is leading a major financing initiative backed by GCF to deploy adaptation finance to large numbers of smallholder farmers in sub-Saharan African landscapes. In his role at PlanetaryX he is focused on harnessing advanced technology such as AI, Blockchain and remote sensing to overcome barriers to direct and outcome based financing for smallholder farmers and indigenous communities.





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Michel Laforge

Consultant, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC)

Michel Laforge is a French-Peruvian professional activist who has worked for over 30 years in almost all of Latin America on agricultural development projects. More recently, he has focused on strengthening the capacities of social organizations representing marginalized people to change policies that affect them, and as such, has supported the creation and consolidation of what is now called the “Global Alliance of Territorial Communities”-GATC.





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Senior Adviser, Global Alliance on the Future of Food (GAFF)

Matheus Zanella is Senior Adviser at the Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF), where he coordinates the strategy of this philanthropic alliance in international negotiations. He has more than 15 years of experience in global food policies and a parallel career as chef and in sustainable wine making.



Toiata (Vainalepa) Apelu-Uili

**Assistant Chief Executive Officer - Renewable Energy
at Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment -
Samoa**

Toiata has a strong background in environmentalism and social geography with extensive experience working at Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment since 2008.

She is passionate about addressing environmental and social geographical issues, particularly in renewable energy development and climate change mitigation. Remarkably, she is a proud mother of nine children, demonstrating excellent time management and multitasking skills.





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Leel Randeni

Director, Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka

Leel is dedicated to mobilizing communities for strong, dynamic collective climate action. Without such drive, resilience is not possible. That gives meaning to his life.

Leel is the National Focal Point of Sri Lanka to the UNFCCC. Implementation of the National Climate Action Programme of Adaptation, Mitigation and Means of Implementation/Climate Finance in Sri Lanka. Leel is responsible for Sri Lanka National Climate Change Policy and Strategy and Action Plans. He is the Project Director for NAP.





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Njagga Touray

Deputy Executive Director, National Environment Agency (NEA), Gambia

Njagga Touray is Deputy Executive Director of the National Environment Agency (NEA) of The Gambia. His professional journey is rooted in a deep commitment to environmental governance, climate resilience, and sustainable development for the people of The Gambia.

Over the years, he has devoted his career to building systems, partnerships, and innovations that protect ecosystems, empower communities, and strengthen institutions at the national and regional levels.





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Key Takeaways from Participants

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Key Takeaways





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What is your key recommendation for farmers' organizations to directly access climate finance?



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**Use one word to describe how you feel
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Closing Remarks



Paula Moreira

**Country Engagement Manager for the Voices for
Climate Action, HIVOS, Brazil**



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Esther Penunia
Secretary General

Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA)



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