

# The EIB and Agriculture

## African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions

Agriculture is a **key contributor to economic growth**. Smart management of the food chain ensures that people have better lives.

The African, Caribbean and Pacific regions have many **economic, political and environmental challenges**. The European Investment Bank is making the future brighter for small farmers, private enterprises, innovators, microfinance institutions and society as a whole.

### Food storage

In Malawi, we financed new food storage facilities that will help feed up to **one million people a year**

### Better fertilisers

In Nigeria, we helped build a new fertiliser plant and taught around

**200 000 farmers**

how to maximise yields



## ACP Smallholder Financing

Around **20%** of the EIB's overall microfinance activities in the ACP regions support people working in agriculture. A special EUR 120m vehicle is also available to institutions focusing on this sector.

## Agricultural equity funds

The EIB has **invested EUR 15m** to help smallholder farmers and small rural firms get funding through financial institutions



## Case study

### Improving food supply

Around 70% of the population of eSwatini, formerly known as Swaziland, earns its living from agriculture. One region of the landlocked Southern African country, in the valley of the Usuthu River, is prone to water shortages. The EIB is investing EUR 36m in the Lower Usuthu Smallholder Irrigation Project II to bring more water to farmers. Previously, we helped create a reservoir thanks to the construction of the Lubovane Dam.

These projects significantly help local farmers, allowing for year-round agriculture, which brings food security to one of the driest and poorest parts of eSwatini. We also are creating 1,000 jobs and bringing affordable water services to 2,300 households, using a tariff plan devised through EIB technical assistance.

The EIB has invested  
in agriculture in  
Sub-Saharan Africa  
since

**1965**

Agriculture financing directly  
helps the **Sustainable  
Development Goals**

The ACP Investment Facility  
and Impact Financing  
Envelope make the EIB a  
versatile partner in agriculture

The EIB partners with  
FAO, IFAD and UNIDO for  
agriculture projects

The Bank has signed

**EUR**  
million **349**

**in loans to**

**32**

agriculture projects  
since

**2000**

**79%**

of these operations have been  
in the private sector

**21%**

in the public sector

**Cameroon, Mauritius,  
Senegal and Malawi**

will receive the most  
investment from the EIB  
for agriculture



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