



WHAT IS WATER AND ENERGY FOR FOOD?

Water and Energy for Food (WE4F) 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, 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 2022 IMPACT



135

innovations supported



\$8.5 million+

in private sector investment mobilized



520,000+

end-users impacted



24 million+

kilowatt-hours of energy saved



57 million+

tons of CO2e saved



291 million+

liters of water consumption reduced



1.2 million+

tons of food produced



72,000

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-food-energy 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 professionals.

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.

