



# Enabling Farmers for Agricultural Transformation

The Enabling Farmers for Agricultural Transformation (EFAT) Project, led by Winrock International and funded globally by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), strengthens agricultural extension and advisory services and systems (EAS) as a pathway to boosting agricultural productivity among smallholder farmers and helping them diversify their livelihoods and strengthen their resilience in the face of adverse climate conditions. EFAT addresses these objectives through three interrelated activities:



Catalyze pilot EAS delivery models to learn how to organize and incentivize public, private, and civil society organizations to effectively work together to provide inclusive, demand-driven advisory and complementary services to smallholder farmers, particularly women and youth.



Provide technical assistance to USAID missions and supported projects globally to strengthen EAS, with buy-ins available for deeper levels of engagement.



Strengthen a global community of practice (CoP) on EAS to promote learning, knowledge exchange and scaling of proven EAS practices, methods, and approaches.

Our approach values, builds on and contributes to evidence on EAS practices and approaches, prioritizes strengthening the capacities of EAS providers broadly and with specific emphasis on climate change adaptation, and promotes gender and youth-responsive EAS approaches and practices. Through pilot activities and the CoP, the project will generate EAS practices and recommendations that can be replicated in a wide range of countries and contexts.



## FAST FACTS

**DONOR:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**TIMEFRAME:** October 2022 – September 2027

**FUNDING LEVEL:** Up to 15 million USD

**LOCATION:** Senegal for initial pilot activities; Global for Mission support, buy-ins, and the CoP

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## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**Pilot pluralistic EAS delivery models** In Senegal, EFAT will facilitate local EAS providers to co-create and design two to three pilot EAS delivery models, each with different partnership arrangements (e.g., led by public sector extension, private sector actors, local governance bodies, or joint leadership). EFAT will monitor the implementation of pilot EAS delivery models, strengthen the capacity of implementing staff and organizations and facilitate learning by partners and stakeholders to identify best practices, improve performance and replicate approaches at scale in other regions and countries.

### **Support USAID missions globally on EAS programming**

EFAT will respond to requests for technical assistance from USAID missions to improve EAS in their programming. Assistance may involve designing and implementing full projects with significant EAS components, as well as specific, time-bound tasks. Tasks may include capacity strengthening, design of activities, landscape assessments, gender analyses, stakeholder consultations, private sector engagement, partnership formation, performance evaluations, or data meta-analyses.

### **Support a vibrant global community of practice to promote knowledge exchange, learning and scaling of proven EAS approaches**

EFAT will expand an existing EAS knowledge platform in partnership with the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS), host webinars on relevant, timely themes and provide on-line training modules. EFAT will also use social media to encourage EAS knowledge sharing, technical support, and networking. The project will commission a meta-analysis of agricultural extension and advisory strengthening approaches that will provide a comprehensive, systematic analysis of recent EAS literature to assess what approaches and methods work, in which contexts and conditions, and whether they are inclusive, scalable, and sustainable.



## PROJECT GOALS

EFAT contributes to addressing the multiple challenges EAS faces in developing countries including poor coordination among pluralistic service providers and limited capacity among individual extension providers and their organizations.

EFAT will provide support to EAS stakeholders in pilot countries and globally along a layered and sequenced pathway as depicted in the diagram.

