

MENU OF SERVICES

The **Enabling Farmers for Agricultural Transformation (EFAT)**, supported by USAID Washington, is a five-year project (2022-2027) that provides technical assistance to USAID missions and implementing partners to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of **pluralistic agricultural extension and advisory services and systems (EAS)** for boosting the agricultural productivity, incomes, livelihoods and resilience of men and women smallholder producers.

WHAT CAN EFAT DO FOR YOU?



EFAT helps Missions to analyze, support and strengthen EAS programming by providing technical assistance, implementation support, capacity development, monitoring, evaluation and learning and other types of support. EFAT can mobilize consultants and volunteer technical assistance to implement assignments.

The following are examples of the types of support services EFAT can provide that can be tailored to your specific needs and contexts:

Climate-responsive extension and advisory services

EAS provided by public, private and civil society organizations support climate change adaptation and mitigation by working with smallholder producers to change behavior, promote the adoption of climate-smart agricultural innovations, and build resilient communities.

Options

Support the development of climate-responsive EAS by:

1. Assisting Missions to integrate EAS in the implementation of USAID's climate strategy;
2. Supporting activities with strong agricultural extension components to incorporate climate-specific objectives in their goals and indicators;
3. Upgrading the technical and functional capacities of EAS providers to incorporate strategies and approaches that address climate change, including climate-smart agriculture, nature-based approaches, agro-ecology, and regenerative agriculture.

Private sector extension

Local agribusinesses, individual service providers, input suppliers, and multinational companies with global supply chains all provide extension and advisory services, although their involvement varies by country and value chain. New opportunities for digital advisory services, as well as the increased need for EAS to help smallholders adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change, all require strengthened private sector extension.

Options

Strengthen private sector extension by:

1. Improving the technical and functional capacities of private extension providers;
2. Testing new types of partnerships between private EAS providers and other actors in the extension landscape, including government and civil society;
3. Developing the capacity of private sector providers to employ technologies such as drones, GIS for taking farm measurements and AI to customize advisory services.



Gender and youth responsive extension and advisory services

Globally, women, youth and other marginalized groups generally have less access to EAS and benefit less from those services than men. This gap can be improved by developing gender and youth responsive and inclusive interventions and approaches for disseminating agricultural information, technologies and knowledge, enhancing farmers' skills, and helping them access complementary services.

Options

Support the development of gender and socially inclusive EAS by:

1. Analyzing the various factors that limit the access to EAS by women, youth and marginalized populations;
2. Working with implementers to select advisory methods and approaches that meet the needs of women, youth and other marginalized groups;
3. Developing youth agripreneurship service provider models.

Localization

Public extension services in many low- and middle-income countries continue to be under-resourced and are often ineffective in helping smallholder farmers to address the multiple challenges they face. The capacity of local public, private and civil society EAS organizations and personnel is often limited, while the enabling environment does not adequately support the development of effective, pluralistic extension and advisory system.

Options

Strengthen the capacity of pluralistic extension and advisory services and systems and the enabling environment by:

1. Designing mechanisms and platforms for coordinating pluralistic advisory services at the local and national levels;
2. Updating the technical content of extension messages to include climate change adaptation and mitigation, gender equity and social inclusion, market-led extension and others topics;
3. Conducting research, evaluations and impact assessments of EAS programs and activities.



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