



### FUNDAMENTALS OF M&E 1 COURSE IS NOW OPEN!

The wait is over! From November 1 to December 3, PRiME will be conducting the first part of the Fundamentals of M&E online course, which will be open to the general public.

Register and be one step closer to using evidence for decision-making processes. Write us to [ifad-clear@cide.edu](mailto:ifad-clear@cide.edu) to get further information.



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### RURAL BLOG



**IFAD's Role for Rural Development and the Importance of Evidence in its Activities**  
**Author:** International Fund for Agricultural Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (IFAD LAC)  
  
The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has a clear mission: to ameliorate the lives of rural communities by improving their income and ensuring their food security. In addition, monitoring and evaluation has become a cornerstone of this duty. In this blog, IFAD's division for Latin America and the Caribbean explains its goals for the region and shares some of the results that the funded programs have achieved.  
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**Tourism: An Opportunity for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (Part 2)**  
**Author:** Coralie Marti  
**Country:** France  
  
After learning about the fundamentals of rural tourism, Coralie gives us the counterpart of this activity. In this blog, find out the negative externalities, how to avoid them, and some indicators to monitor and evaluate rural tourism initiatives.  
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**Tourism: An Opportunity for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (Part 1)**  
**Author:** Coralie Marti  
**Country:** France  
  
When talking about 'rural development', the first thing that comes to mind are economic activities related to livestock, agriculture, and fishing. But what about rural tourism? In this blog, Coralie Marti explains the potential of the tourism sector to boost the development of rural areas.  
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### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU !

Remember that our blog is open to your M&E and rural development experiences. If you are interested in publishing an article, please contact us at [ifad-clear@cide.edu](mailto:ifad-clear@cide.edu) for more information.

### RESOURCES



**The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021. Transforming Food Systems for Food Security, Improved Nutrition and Affordable Healthy Diets for All**  
  
In collaboration with IFAD, World Health Organization (WHO), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Food Programme (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) released its global report on food systems, malnutrition and food security. This is the first global assessment of food insecurity and malnutrition for 2020, which offers an indication of what hunger might look like by 2030, taking into account the effects of COVID-19. [\(In brief versions\)](#) are also available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian). [Access the full digital report.](#)



**The Ethnographic Action Research Training Handbook**  
  
This virtual manual is both a guidance on the use of participant observation as a research method and a tool to conduct workshops on this field. The site shows several topics related to this method, namely: participant observation and field notes, in-depth and group interviews, participatory techniques, short questionnaire-based surveys, journals, feedback, 'self-documentation', published information and documentary material. All the information is accompanied by more links and resources to deepen the knowledge of qualitative methods. [Learn more.](#)

### EVENTS

#### UN Food Systems Summit 2021

In September 2021, the UN Secretary-General will convene a [Food Systems Summit](#) aimed at increasing the co-benefits of a food systems approach across the 2030 Agenda and addressing the challenges of climate change. In parallel, the Summit will feature governmental and organizational events in the following months, ranging from educational webinars to global conferences. [Learn more.](#)



### OTHER NEWS

#### Evaluation for Transformational Change Award

The IFAD's Independent Evaluation Office, with the support of the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) of the World Bank and the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS), invites evaluators or evaluation teams to participate or nominate evaluations of development interventions that led to transformational change linked to the SDGs. Evaluations conducted since 2015, written in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, or Arabic are considered eligible. You have until September 22 to participate! [Learn more.](#)

