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IMPORTANT NOTES

FAO'S HAND-IN-HAND INITIATIVE

The investment opportunities presented in this document derive from government-led investment plans developed under FAO's Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative. The Initiative supports countries in identifying high-impact agrifood system investments through a combination of data-driven territorial analysis, value chain assessments, and close collaboration with national counterparts. Using the Hand-in-Hand Geospatial Platform, the Initiative integrates geospatial, biophysical, and socio-economic data to identify priority "green zones" where agricultural potential and poverty incidence overlap, creating strong opportunities for transformative investment. Based on these analyses, national governments lead the development of investment plans that identify priority value chains, key bottlenecks, and potential investments required to accelerate agrifood system transformation. These investment opportunities aim to raise incomes, improve nutrition, and empower poor and vulnerable populations, while strengthening resilience to climate change and supporting the sustainable management of natural resources. The Initiative focuses on territories where targeted investments can generate the greatest impact in reducing poverty and hunger, contributing to progress towards Sustainable Development Goals SDG1 (No Poverty), SDG2 (Zero Hunger), and SDG10 (Reduced Inequalities), while balancing economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS

The opportunities presented in this document are derived from government investment plans and reflect national development priorities identified through the Hand-in-Hand Initiative. FAO provides analytical and technical support in the identification and assessment of these opportunities and facilitates engagement with potential partners. The concepts presented are indicative and require further structuring and discussion with the relevant governments and potential investors. This document therefore presents a pipeline of government-prioritized agrifood investment opportunities that have been pre-screened using FAO's Hand-in-Hand analytical tools. FAO can support interested partners by facilitating technical exchanges and follow-up discussions with relevant government counterparts.

IMPACT TAGS

Investment cases are classified across four impact areas to highlight their primary development contributions and ensure comparability across countries and value chains.

Livelihoods	Income, productivity, jobs, and market access
Gender & Youth	Inclusion and opportunities for women and young people
Planet & Environment	Climate resilience and sustainable resource management
Digital	Use of technology to improve efficiency and access

ANGOLA

A corridor-connected agrifood economy with untapped land, water and policy momentum behind it

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KEY INVESTMENT SIGNALS

POPULATION

36.6M

(MILLION)

GDP (2025)

USD 128.0B

(BILLION)

FOOD IMPORT BILL (2025)

USD 1.0B

(BILLION)

INVESTMENT CASE

STRATEGIC REGIONAL GATEWAY

- Lobito Corridor rail link connects Angola with the DRC and Zambia
- Direct access to a regional market of over 140 million consumers
- Deep-water Atlantic ports support efficient, low-cost export logistics
- Signatory to AfCFTA and SADC, widening preferential market access

UNTAPPED NATURAL RESOURCES

- Abundant fresh water, extensive coast and fertile land
- Vast arable land base with only a small share currently cultivated
- Climatic diversity supports many high-value crops
- Significant scope to raise yields well above current averages

ENABLING POLICY ENVIRONMENT

- PRODESI drives production, export diversification, import substitution
- Credit guarantees and blended finance via FGC, FSDEA, FACRA, BDA
- Multi-year tax incentives: reduced duties, faster depreciation
- One-stop window (AIPEX/JUI) speeds registration and approvals

ANGOLA: INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

A replicable portfolio of export-oriented value chains anchored along the Lobito Corridor

INVESTMENT PLAN **ANGOLA**	INVESTMENT CASE **1. COFFEE**	INVESTMENT CASE **2. AVOCADO**	INVESTMENT CASE **3. PALM OIL**	INVESTMENT CASE **4. SOYA BEANS**
IMPACT TAGS	IMPACT TAGS	IMPACT TAGS	IMPACT TAGS	IMPACT TAGS
INVESTMENT **USD 1.3 billion**	INVESTMENT **USD 500.0 million**	INVESTMENT **USD 400.0 million**	INVESTMENT **USD 108.6 million**	INVESTMENT **USD 287.0 million**
NPV **USD 2.4 billion**	NPV **USD 1.1 billion**	NPV **USD 585.0 million**	NPV **USD 125.0 million**	NPV **USD 618.0 million**
AVG IRR **21.5%**	IRR **27.0%**	IRR **20.0%**	IRR **19.0%**	IRR **20.0%**
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **89.0 thousand**	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **40.0 thousand**	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **8.0 thousand**	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **8.0 thousand**	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **33.0 thousand**
INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES **536.0 thousand**	INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES **240.0 thousand**	INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES **48.0 thousand**	INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES **48.0 thousand**	INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES **200.0 thousand**
AVG PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE **+USD 3,975**	AVG PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE **+USD 2,400**	AVG PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE **+USD 9,700**	AVG PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE **+USD 2,600**	AVG PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE **+USD 1,200**
GHG IMPACT **-4.6 million tCO2-e**	GHG IMPACT **-1.1 million tCO2-e**	GHG IMPACT **-3.6 million tCO2-e**	GHG IMPACT **-81.6 thousand tCO2-e**	GHG IMPACT **+169.2 thousand tCO2-e**

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1. COFFEE

Reviving Angola's legacy as a leading African coffee origin

INVESTMENT PROFILE (INDICATIVE)

INVESTMENT
USD 500.0M
(MILLION)

NPV
USD 1.1B
(BILLION)

IRR
27.0%
(%)

RATIONALE

- Rebuilding Angola's historic position as a major African coffee origin
- Rising global demand for certified, sustainable, single-origin coffees
- Intercropping with pulses generates early, additional farmer cash flow
- Clear route to premium export markets through group certification

KEY BOTTLENECKS / PROPOSED INVESTMENTS(*)

Key bottlenecks	Proposed investments
1. Inadequate production systems (outdated facilities, low productivity)	Private, Public • Modern production systems, drip irrigation & solar power for 100,000 ha (USD 500.0 million) • New, modern coffee nurseries supporting the 100,000 ha expansion
2. Inadequate technical/vocational training	Public Training & technical assistance for 200 technicians and 40,000 farmers
3. Limited financing (credit access, collateral)	Public Public instruments to mobilize investment: FGC guarantees, FSDEA equity, FACRA venture capital, BDA/FADA loans
4. Market/marketing challenges (agreements, coordination, price volatility)	PPP Certification, traceability and compliance for 40,000 producers

SUSTAINABILITY BENEFITS

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
40.0K
(THOUSAND)

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
240.0K
(THOUSAND)

PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE
+2,400
(USD/PERSON)

GHG IMPACT
FAO EXACT CARBON TOOL
-1.1M
(MILLION tCO2-e)

Note: (*) Opportunities reflect government priorities identified through the FAO Hand-in-Hand Initiative and require further structuring with relevant public and private stakeholders.

2. AVOCADO

Positioning Angola as a new global source for premium avocado exports

INVESTMENT PROFILE (INDICATIVE)

INVESTMENT
USD 400.0M
(MILLION)

NPV
USD 585.0M
(MILLION)

IRR
20.0%
(%)

RATIONALE

- Ideal highland agroclimate for high-yield, export-grade avocado orchards
- Strong links to established European import markets and logistics chains
- Peru's export trajectory shows a clear path to becoming a top global exporter
- Diversified revenue potential across fresh fruit, oil and cosmetics uses

KEY BOTTLENECKS	PROPOSED INVESTMENTS(*)
1. Low productivity, older orchards, traditional practices	Private Four certified nurseries, grafted saplings and GAP training (20,000 ha) (USD 156.8 million)
2. Limited access to quality inputs, poor distribution	Private Input supply chain and technical assistance for 8,000 growers (USD 43.2 million)
3. High post-harvest losses (20-40%) due to improper handling, storage and refrigeration gaps	Private, Public 40 Integrated Agricultural Service Centres: cold chain, grading, packaging and aggregation for 8,000 producers (USD 200.0 million)

SUSTAINABILITY BENEFITS

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
8.0K
(THOUSAND)

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
48.0K
(THOUSAND)

PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE
+9,700
(USD/PERSON)

GHG IMPACT
FAO EXACT CARBON TOOL
-3.6M
(MILLION tCO2-e)

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2. AVOCADO (cont'd)

Positioning Angola as a new global source for premium avocado exports

INVESTMENT PROFILE (INDICATIVE)

INVESTMENT

USD 400.0M

(MILLION)

NPV

USD 585.0M

(MILLION)

IRR

20.0%

(%)

RATIONALE

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KEY BOTTLENECKS	PROPOSED INVESTMENTS(*)
4. Poor rural infrastructure and logistics	**Public** Rehabilitation of 160 km secondary roads + 4 rural logistics centres
5. Limited access to finance for smallholders/SMEs	**PPP** Financial framework: FSDEA, Venture Capital Fund, FGC guarantees, BDA/FADA
6. Inadequate extension services	**Public** Expansion of extension services for 8,000 growers

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GHG IMPACT

FAO EXACT CARBON TOOL

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(MILLION tCO2-e)

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3. PALM OIL

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Building a competitive, import-substituting palm oil industry for Angola and the region

INVESTMENT PROFILE (INDICATIVE)

INVESTMENT
USD 108.6M
(MILLION)

NPV
USD 125.0M
(MILLION)

IRR
19.0%
(%)

RATIONALE

- Reduces reliance on imported edible oils and cooking products
- Fast-growing domestic and regional demand across food and industrial uses
- Modern extraction technology captures more value from existing plantations
- Intercropping with pulses supports early-stage household income

KEY BOTTLENECKS	PROPOSED INVESTMENTS(*)
1. Low crop productivity, ageing plantations, underused agroecological zones	**Private** — Rehabilitation and expansion across 20,000 ha (hybrid varieties, irrigation, GAP) (USD 78.0 million)
2. Long maturation period, high initial establishment costs	**PPP** — Financial framework for capital raising and risk-sharing (FSDEA, guarantees)
3. Lack of coordination between producers and processing plants	**PPP** — Supply agreements (outgrower schemes) linking 8,000 producers and 20 processing units
4. Insufficient oil extraction capacity, processing delays	**Private** — Modern palm oil extraction plants (12 t/h), 20 units (USD 30.6 million)
5. Inadequate technical extension services	**Public** — Expansion of technical support for 8,000 producers

SUSTAINABILITY BENEFITS

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
8.0K
(THOUSAND)

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
48.0K
(THOUSAND)

PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE
+2,600
(USD/PERSON)

GHG IMPACT
FAO EXACT CARBON TOOL
-81.6K
(THOUSAND tCO2-e)

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4. SOYA BEANS

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Establishing Angola as a strategic regional supplier to the food and feed industry

INVESTMENT PROFILE (INDICATIVE)

INVESTMENT
USD 287.0M
(MILLION)

NPV
USD 618.0M
(MILLION)

IRR
20.0%
(%)

RATIONALE

- Fast-growing domestic demand from the animal feed and poultry industries
- Reduces reliance on soya meal and oil imports along the Lobito Corridor
- Strong fit for large-scale, mechanised production on the Central Highlands
- Crop rotation with maize supports long-term soil health and resilience

KEY BOTTLENECKS	PROPOSED INVESTMENTS(*)
1. Low productivity (soil acidity, limited certified seed, low mechanization)	**Private** • Soil rehabilitation and high-yield production packages (USD 87.0 million) • Irrigation systems (centre-pivot) (USD 170.0 million)
2. High input costs, financial risk tied to the growing season	**PPP** Financial framework for capital raising and risk-sharing (FSDEA, FGC, BDA/FADA)
3. Inadequate logistics and post-harvest infrastructure along the corridor	**Private** 10 grain collection and logistics hubs (silos, dryers, cleaning facilities) (USD 30.0 million)
4. Limited local industrial crushing/processing capacity	**Private** Integration of production with crushing and animal feed facilities (100,000 ha)
5. Insufficient technical extension/agronomic support	**Public** Expansion of extension services for 33,000 farmers

SUSTAINABILITY BENEFITS

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
33.0K
(THOUSAND)

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES
200.0K
(THOUSAND)

PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASE
+1,200
(USD/PERSON)

GHG IMPACT
FAO EXACT CARBON TOOL
+169.2K
(THOUSAND tCO2-e)

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