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**The AVANTI initiative**

* AVANTI is a global initiative funded by IFAD that works with national partners to facilitate systematic self-assessments (called "AG-Scans") of country’s capacities to manage for results in the rural sector.
* The results of these self-assessments will be captured in national Action Plans with suggested areas of action that can be used by governments, IFAD (through its country strategic planning) and/or to plan coordinated actions with other development partners.
* AVANTI's goal is to strengthen National Governments’ ability to report against the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through improved monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning capacities; adopting a Management for Development Results (MfDR) approach.
* AVANTI facilitates better government decision making for rural policies and strategies by**improving monitoring and evaluation (M&E)** systems’ ability to capture SDG progress through improvements in areas like leadership, planning, statistics and sharing of good practices.
* AVANTI is a global initiative that aims at covering up to 20 countries across all IFAD regions by 2021.

Find out more at <http://www.avantiagriculture.org>

**AVANTI is steered by the participating country teams in collaboration with:**

* **IFAD** - The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is an International Financial Institution and specialized UN agency that works on reducing poverty and food insecurity by investing in rural people for agricultural and rural development.
* **HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation** - A learning-oriented INGO focused on poverty reduction of Disadvantaged Groups through project implementation, capacity development and advocacy.
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* The Ministry of Agriculture…