

MESOAMERICAN TERRITORIAL FUND

of the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests



FTM
Fondo Territorial
Mesoamericano



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de Pueblos y Bosques
Mesoamerican Alliance of People and Forests



An alternative financial mechanism, managed directly by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPCL), who live and sustain the last great forests and natural territories in six countries of Mesoamerica.

An initiative of the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB), formed by 11 indigenous and local community organizations





Currently, our operations extend across: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama.

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Rationale

A study by Rainforest Foundation Norway¹, in 2021 confirmed that less than 1% of global climate finance² reached indigenous peoples and local communities in the global south in the last ten years.



1. 2021. Rainforest Foundation Norway. Falling Short: Donor funding for Indigenous Peoples and local communities to secure tenure rights and manage forests in tropical countries (2011–2020).

2. ODA/Asistencia Oficial para el Desarrollo.

The current climate finance model fails to invest in community territories and protect forests because:

It has been designed by and for governments and some organizations.

Focuses almost exclusively on reducing emissions.

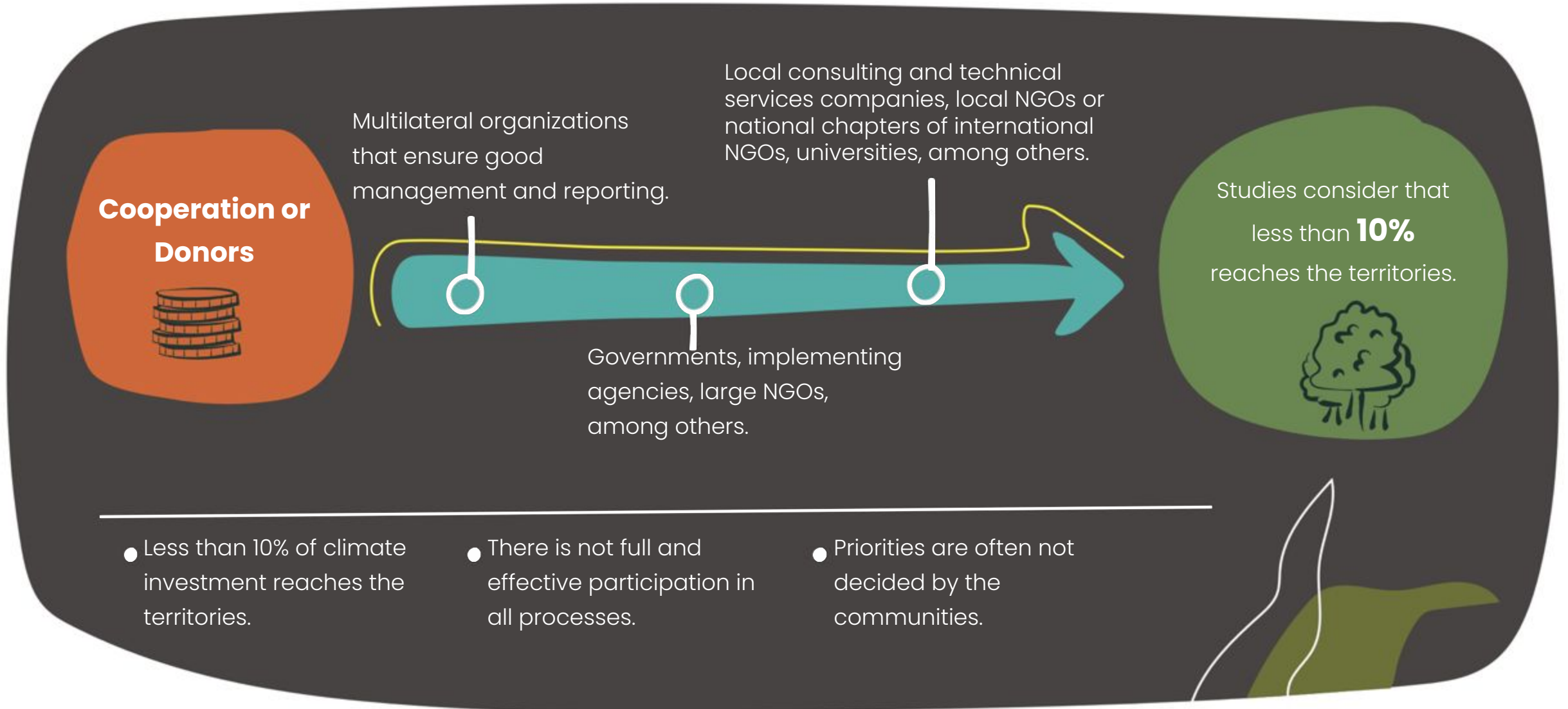
Very costly and bureaucratic financial flow channels.

Does not take into account the organizational initiatives that already exist in the territories.

A narrative of respect for rights that is rarely applied.



The current design of financial flow channels:




Pilot Phase 2020-2021

CLUA donation \$ 600 000

Call for indigenous organizations and local communities. Supported 10 projects in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Panama.

Lines of action defined by organizations



Strengthening the organization's governance of the organization



Processes for the defense of rights and territories



Local economic and productive initiatives

Direct territorial investment piloting

Cooperation, Co-investors

- Lowering the cost of intermediation
- Strengthening rights
- Strengthening territorial governance
- Deciding investment priorities together with organizations
- Ensuring investment efficiency
- Ensuring transparency

FTM pilot + an allied organization
for administration
+ allies in project evaluation

Territorial communities

GLOBAL ALLIANCE
OF TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES

Shandia approach at FTM

- Territorial communities and their organizations define priorities.
- Rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- Seeks territorial alliances with other actors.
- Design of less costly financing channels.
- Measurable and achievable results.
- Transparent use of resources.
- Contribution to the climate agenda, biodiversity and the fight against desertification and degradation.



Results

In the first pilot cycle of projects, during 2020-2021, we achieved:



10 projects supported

USD 600,000 invested

16 952 people supported

9 audits performed

6 countries

80% direct investment in the territory

6 728 women supported (39.7%)

1 overall external evaluation of the pilot

7 indigenous peoples' organizations

20% of administration, operation, and accompaniment

10 224 men supported (60,3%)

2 local community organizations

USD 47,000 average investment per project

228 communities supported

1 mixed organization: Indigenous Peoples and local communities

3 INVESTMENT AXES



GOVERNANCE

78 organizational strengthening meetings

2 internal virtual communication networks supported

9 communities strengthened in land concession processes



RIGHTS

27 processes of territorial defense and governance supported

16 training events on rights

30 meetings for dialogue and advocacy



VENTURES

25 ventures supported on food self-sufficiency

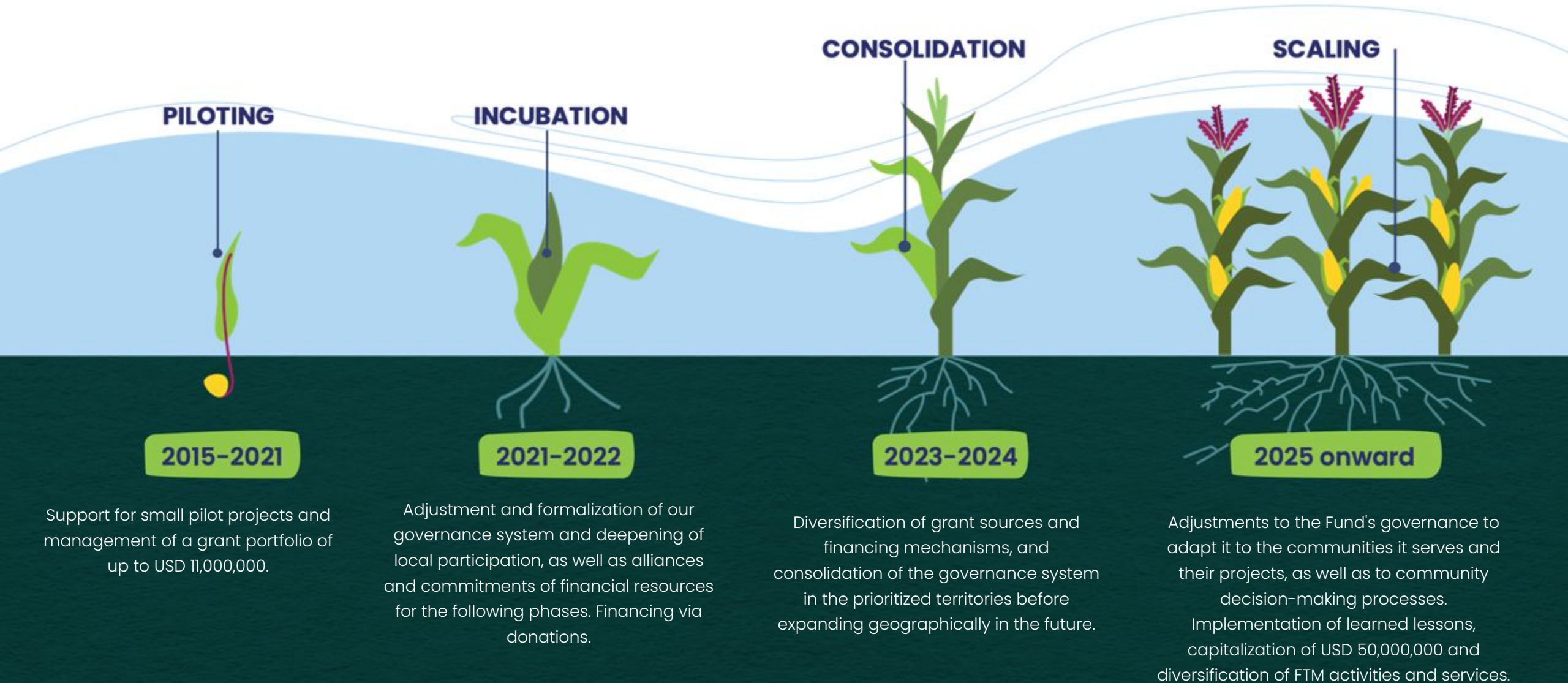
4 ventures supported on value-added timber products

6 ventures supported on alternative tourism

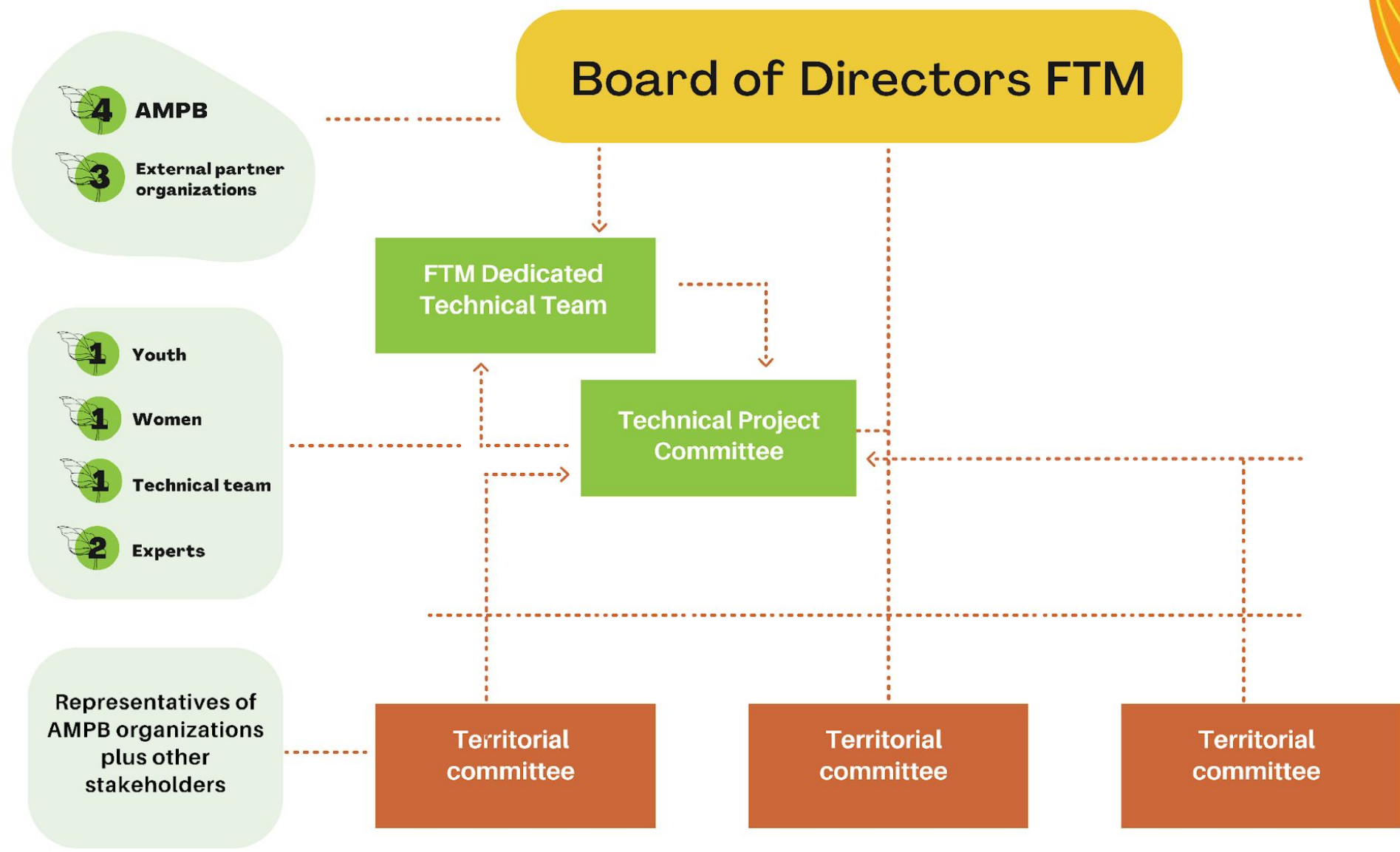
8 community forestry initiatives supported



A process that has already begun



CLUA, FORD FOUNDATION, USAID, FSC-IF



What do we finance?

1

**Climate change,
nature degradation
and biodiversity
protection**

2

**Land and
forest rights**

3

**Indigenous and
community economic
and productive
enterprises**

4

**Projects for
women**

5

**Youth
projects**

6

**Support for
emergencies and
opportunities**

5x5x5 Ambition

In  years, our Fund will reach approximately



5 000 000


indigenous and community-based people,
thereby actively conserving and restoring,



50 000 000

**hectares of forests and
biodiverse ecosystem**



A stylized illustration of a jungle scene. A large, rounded rectangular blue box is centered in the upper half of the image. The text is written in bold black font within this box. Surrounding the box are various green leaves and plants, including large monstera leaves in the top corners and a blue vine on the left. In the bottom left, there is a large orange leaf and a green fern. In the bottom right, a black silhouette of a bear is walking through green foliage.

**We invite you to invest with us
to protect the climate, biodiversity
and reverse the damage of Mother Nature**



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