

MELIAF Institutional Integration

Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning, Impact Assessment & Foresight

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Problem Statement

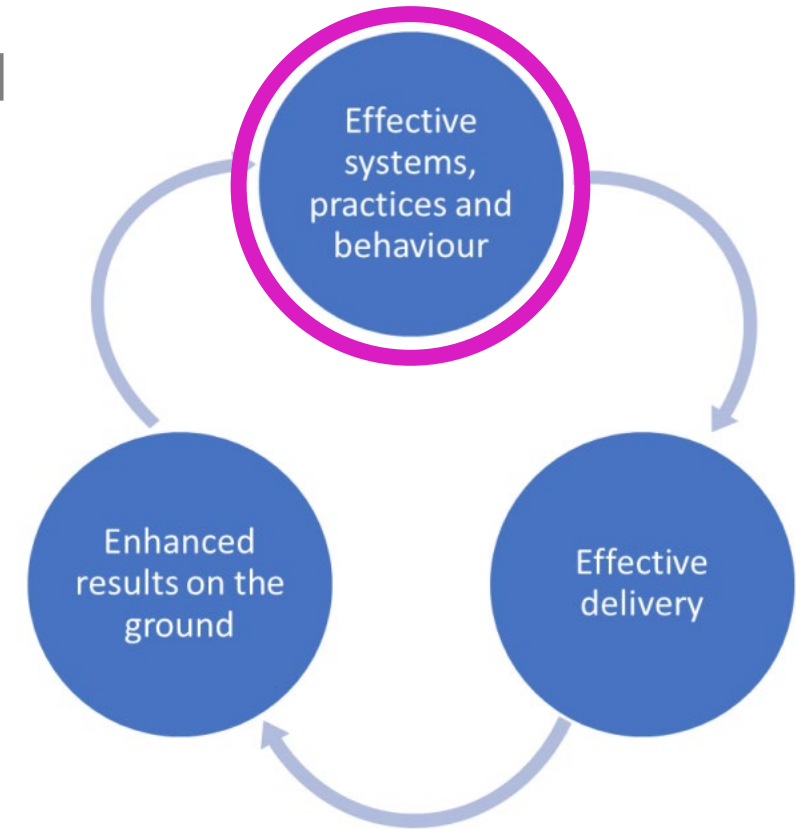
CGIAR's current MELIAF functions are fragmented, inconsistent, and not systematically linked across Centers, Programs, and the System and Independent functions. This fragmentation results in:

- Lack of standardization in indicators and impact measurement.
- Duplication of efforts and inefficiencies in MELIAF activities.
- Limited capacity for adaptive learning and cross-Center knowledge sharing.
- Challenges in translating MELIAF data into actionable insights for decision-making.
- Limited visibility of CGIAR's research impact and contribution to global goals.
- The whole is less than the sum of its parts.

MELIAF Powers success

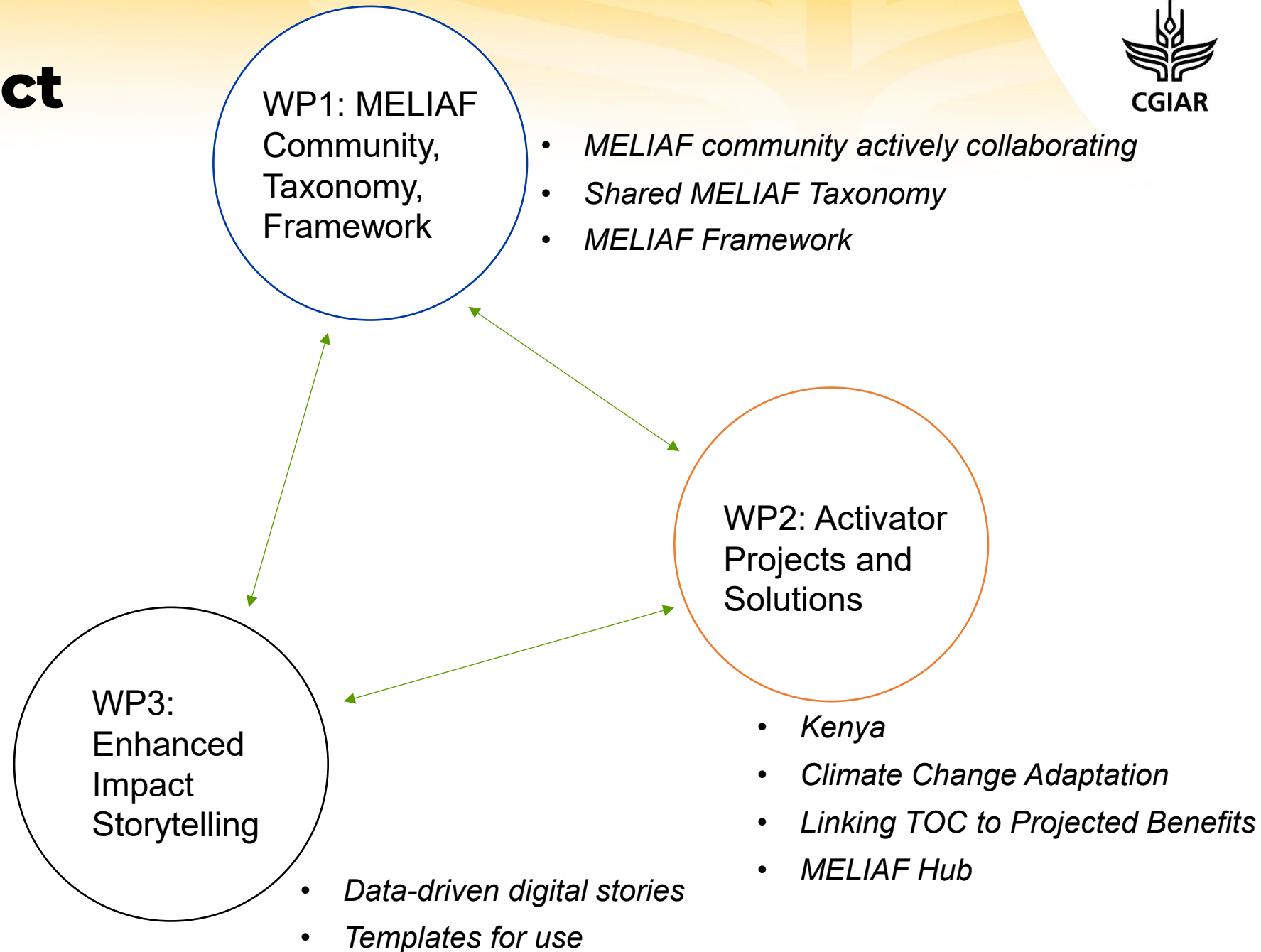
This project is gearing CGIAR for success by making MELIAF a driver of effective delivery and enhanced impact.

- Building a stronger MELIAF Community
- Creating a shared MELIAF Taxonomy
- Assembling and using a MELIAF Framework
- Addressing critical pain points
- Communicating in a more engaging way
- Establishing learning loops to make CGIAR more impactful



MELIAF Project

- Gates Foundation
- USD4m
 - Community building, Activator projects, digital MELIAF hub and Framework 2.8m
 - Lexicon of Sustainability 1.2m
- 3-years 2025–27
- Kickoff June
- Delivery coordinated through PPU
- X-CGIAR



MELIAF Framework and Taxonomy

Framework: Blueprint for how different parts of CGIAR's MELIAF functions should work together in a coordinated, efficient, and effective way. Underpins closer alignment across MELIAF functions by creating a structured way for all MELIAF-related activities to connect, align, and support CGIAR's goals.

Taxonomy: Shared language and structure that helps different teams across CGIAR understand, organize, and connect their MELIAF work. Acts like a map for MELIAF-related concepts, data, and activities. Creates clarity and consistency by defining key terms, indicators, and how they relate to one another. The MELIA glossary will feed into the MELIAF Taxonomy.

Activator Projects expected deliverables

- **Inception report (project start + 6 months)**
 - Baseline/current state of the MELIAF issue they will solve for
 - Stocktake of stakeholders and their MELIAF data flow
 - Description of solution(s) and delivery plan matched to budget
 - Anticipated contribution to the MELIAF hub
 - Anticipated integration of taxonomy
 - Stakeholders to be engaged, how
- **Mid-point report (year 2)**
 - Progress on above, emerging insights & lessons
- **End report (year 3)**
 - End point on above, insights and lessons

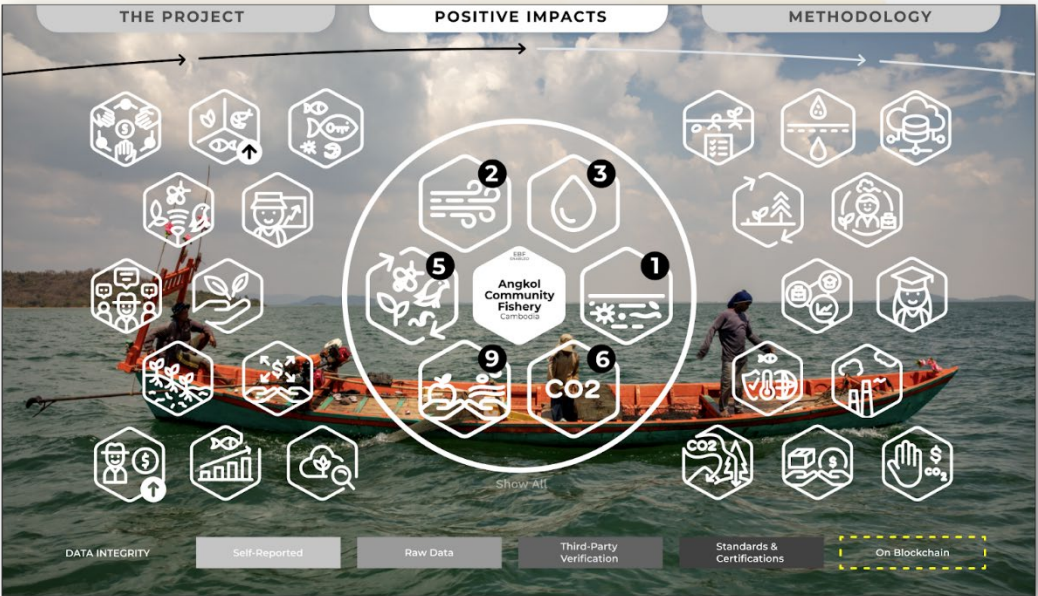
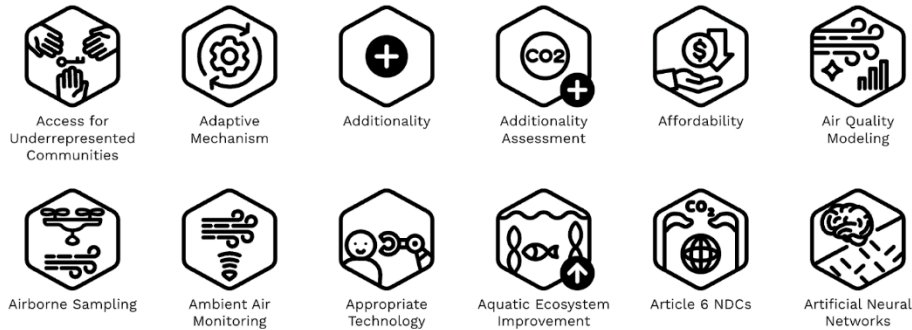
MELIAF Hub

Digital hub providing ready access to standard CGIAR Results Framework indicator definitions, protocols, data collection tools, and support networks to MELIAF and project development teams across Centers, Programs, the System and Independent functions.

It will:

- Embed the MELIAF taxonomy into CGIAR's MELIAF and broader business intelligence data and product delivery flow
- Leverage the Digital Accelerator, CG360 digital infrastructure, existing MELIA Glossary and Control Lists (CLARISA), the Open and FAIR Data Assets Policy, and CGIAR systems (e.g. Performance and Results Management System)
- Provide ready to use solutions (indicator definitions, data collection tools, protocols, contacts/support)
- Power MELIAF Community action

Enhanced Impact Storytelling




Trapaeng Ropov and Preak Kreang Village
Prek Thnot Commune, Bokor District
Kampot, Cambodia

THE FISH CLEANERS

Cambodian fisheries depend on women who prepare fish for cooking or sale by first removing scales, guts, and bones.

GENDER EQUITY
Cambodia's Sustainable Coastal and Marine Fisheries (SCMF) initiative develops diverse business activities that provide women with the space to participate in decision making while benefitting from economic resources and opportunities.

THE SCMF'S GENDER ACTION PLANS AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORKS FOR WOMEN AIM TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR BY ENSURING WOMEN HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO



Explore The Interactive Story
Learn more about challenges, interventions and outcomes of ABD projects by clicking on the hotspots and showing the EBF on the map.

CHALLENGES
Cambodian fisheries face challenges despite significant contributions to GDP. Overfishing, habitat degradation, and climate change threaten sustainability.

This project will catalyze

- More coordination in outcome and impact assessment leading to aggregation of CGIAR impacts
- Linking of cost data with benefits assessments will lead to better return on investment analyses
- Outcome and impact assessments will refine projected benefits methodologies, which in turn will guide prioritization and theory of change development
- Outcome reporting will better respond to needs for evaluation studies
- Adaptive management will more systematically integrate monitoring, evaluation, impact assessment and foresight studies
- Efficiency in all MELIAF aspects enhanced through integration of AI

Useful links:

[Innovation Portfolio Management
P&R Hub](#)

[Results Dashboard](#)

[2022 CGIAR Technical Reports](#)

[2023 CGIAR Technical Reports](#)

[2024 CGIAR Technical Reports](#)

[CGIAR Technical Reporting Arrangement](#)

[CGIAR Performance and Results Management
Framework \(PRMF\)](#)

[Scaling Readiness website](#)

[Online course on Innovation and Scaling](#)

[Scaling Readiness Calculator](#)

[Evaluation and Management Response Actions
Tracker](#)