



**BUILDING COMMON  
GROUND:**

*THE PARTNERSHIP  
FOR HEALTHY SOILS*

**JOIN US TO INVEST IN  
SOIL HEALTH FOR  
SUSTAINABLE FOOD  
SYSTEMS AND FOOD AND  
NUTRITION SECURITY**

# Our joint mission

The partnership aims to improve soil health as a prerequisite for food and nutrition security

## Why healthy soils are important

Soil health is a growing concern for farmers and other food value chain actors around the globe. Soils provide 95% of the food we eat, are the largest terrestrial reservoir of carbon, and host up to a quarter of the planet's biodiversity (FAO, 2021). Despite this, 33% of the Earth's soils are already degraded and over 90% could become degraded by 2050 (FAO and ITPS, 2015; IPBES, 2018) - a trend accelerated by unsustainable agricultural practices.

## What the partnership does

In recognition of the importance of soil health, a group of Dutch stakeholders with different backgrounds - development organisations, private sector and research - are now developing collaborative interventions with partners in specific countries.

Our ambition is to jointly generate more impact on the ground in view of improved farming and food systems resilience. Individual partners will collaborate on initiatives within their specific areas of expertise.

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# Dutch expertise

## A collaborative approach to soil health

### What partners work on

The Netherlands has a large body of actors working on soils with partners in different parts of the world - each within their own area of expertise and with their specific approaches and relations. Linking these different experiences, knowledge and expertise enhances actors' ability to develop interventions at scale for soil health.

Our partners' areas of expertise include: agronomic practices; database systems; remote/close sensing; soil-water integration; recycling and circularity; value chain and sector development; business models. All partners work from a food systems perspective on soil health, in view of contributing to innovative solutions that work both on technical aspects of soil health and on related economic and social aspects.

### Collaborations

To connect Dutch expertise to global initiatives for healthy soils, the partnership invests in specific joint action with international partners as building blocks for systemic soil interventions. Our joint action is aligned and often co-developed with international partners, such as the Coalition of Action 4 Soil Health (CA4SH), the Global Soil Partnership (GSP), and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Country members of FAO or GSP may be specific partners. But in the end, we partner with anyone working to improve soil health.

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# Our partners

## How Dutch expertise can match your needs

This overview shows within which domains of soil health the partnership can support local interventions. It also gives insight into the expertise of individual partners for support on more specific initiatives.

|                                                                                                                                | Climate change mitigation | Business and finance | Policy | Communication and awareness | Soil data systems | Use of inputs | Soil fertility | Soil restoration |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
|  <b>Eijkelkamp</b><br>Meet the difference     | X                         | X                    |        |                             | X                 |               | X              | X                |
|  <b>JUSTDIGGIT</b>                            | X                         |                      |        | X                           |                   |               | X              | X                |
|  <b>IFDC</b>                                  | X                         | X                    | X      | X                           | X                 | X             | X              | X                |
|  <b>Rabobank</b>                             | X                         | X                    |        |                             | X                 |               | X              | X                |
|  <b>FERM O FEED</b>                         | X                         |                      |        | X                           |                   | X             | X              | X                |
|  <b>WAGENINGEN</b><br>UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH | X                         |                      | X      |                             | X                 | X             | X              | X                |
|  <b>Verbos</b><br>Business Development      | X                         | X                    |        |                             |                   | X             | X              |                  |
|  <b>MVO</b><br>NEDERLAND                    |                           |                      | X      | X                           |                   |               |                |                  |
|  <b>Netherlands Space Office</b>            |                           |                      | X      |                             | X                 |               |                |                  |
|  <b>EAST-WEST SEED</b>                      | X                         |                      |        | X                           |                   | X             | X              |                  |
|  <b>Woord en Daad</b>                       | X                         |                      |        | X                           |                   | X             |                | X                |





# Impact on the ground

## Examples of Dutch action for healthy soils

These examples show what our partners are already doing on the ground. Collaboration with the partnership will result in more such initiatives - with even bigger impact.

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### Wageningen University and Research - Fertile Grounds Initiative

This initiative concerns concerted action to improve soil fertility, increase yields and adapt to climate change. FGI collaborated with NFP's predecessor, in order to connect research with practice.

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### Rabobank - Acorn

Acorn assists smallholder farmers to transform their agricultural practices into more sustainable ones through agroforestry. Amongst other interventions, Acorn provides carbon removal units, focusing on active carbon offsetting through carbon sequestration via increased biomass and agroforestry.

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### Justdiggit - Restoring degraded rangelands and promoting sustainable land-use practice

By bringing back vegetation and protecting the rangelands, Justdiggit - in collaboration with the South Rift Association of Land Owners - can improve the livelihoods of communities and support the wildlife living in the area.

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### IFDC - Fertilizer Research and Responsible Implementation

This programme in Ghana integrates an on-the-ground implementation program to develop the fertilizer value chain, with a goal to support widespread adoption of balanced fertilizers by farmers as a means to improve their food and nutrition security

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