

## Livelihoods

FOR MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE

## Critical Development Challenges

Reducing poverty, livelihood insecurity, gender and social inequality, and vulnerability in the Hindu Kush Himalayas



## Contributing Towards Improved Wellbeing of Mountain People

- Generating and customizing knowledge about evolving livelihoods, drivers of change, their impacts on mountain poverty, and emerging challenges and opportunities
- Developing appropriate and innovative strategies, approaches, and methodologies
- Mobilizing regional and global expertise to provide strategic inputs on mountain livelihoods to the Regional Programmes



## Priority Research Areas

- Drivers of mountain livelihoods: Enhancing understanding of the human-environment interface, rural-urban linkages, driving forces of change, and their underlying causes
- Strengthening mountain livelihood opportunities: Developing and promoting pro-poor livelihood options and strategies and developing appropriate frameworks, approaches, and methodologies to bring higher benefits to mountain people from natural resources
- Gender and social equity: Integrating social inclusion and gender equity concerns to better address livelihood opportunities, access to services, and social and technological needs of women and marginalized groups
- Governance: Enhancing understanding of current governance structures relating to property regimes, access and benefit sharing, and management of natural resources such as water, biodiversity, forest, and rangelands
- Economic analysis and policy research: Analysing the relationship of policy and institutions to poverty, livelihoods, and economic growth; generating knowledge to inform mountain-specific development strategies; and developing mechanisms to harness mountains' comparative advantages

## Expected Results

- Evidence-based strategies for improving livelihoods which can be adapted and up-scaled
- Enhanced understanding of socioeconomic and climatic drivers of change and the impacts of change on livelihoods of mountain communities
- Strengthened expertise on mountain livelihood issues to support Regional Programmes, other Thematic Areas, and partners in regional member countries
- Appropriate frameworks for innovative livelihood solutions