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SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO MAKE A LIVING:

Climate-resilient livelihoods

Poor, rural and disadvantaged communities are more likely to struggle with the environmental shocks that come from weather-related natural disasters. In particular, climate change will have an immediate and measurable impact on the way goods are produced and sold, and on these communities' ability to make a living. Investments in climate-resilient livelihoods support people to make a living in such a way that they are able to cope with, and recover from, the effects of sudden or slow-onset changes in weather patterns.

There are many ways to invest in making people's livelihoods more resilient to climate shocks. These could include:

- Supporting street vendors to keep their produce cool in the face of increasing temperatures.
- Providing shelters for livestock that are affected by heat stress.
- Creating alternative transport routes in times of flooding.
- Setting up savings and insurance schemes.
- Helping community members to diversify the ways they generate an income so that they are less affected by the negative impacts of climate change.

In some cases, it may even be possible to take advantage of the effects of climate change. By introducing and enhancing innovative climate-resilient livelihoods, vulnerable communities can buffer themselves against the impacts of climate change, and safeguard development.

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