



SUPPORTING SMALL-SCALE FARMERS

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POLICY AGREEMENT IS THERE

- Empowering smallholders and supporting their environmentally sustainable approaches to agriculture is a long-term solution to reducing hunger and poverty and tackling inequalities
- Women farmers play a transformative role but are undervalued and under-supported
- FNS and sustainable agriculture are among EU's top development priorities; 2010 EU Food Security Policy Framework
- Maputo and Malabo commitment to allocate at least 10% to the agriculture sector in national budget
- Agenda 2063; women to access min. 30% of agricultural financing

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...but what is the reality of agriculture and climate finance?

Two recent Oxfam studies:

➤ Missing out on small is beautiful

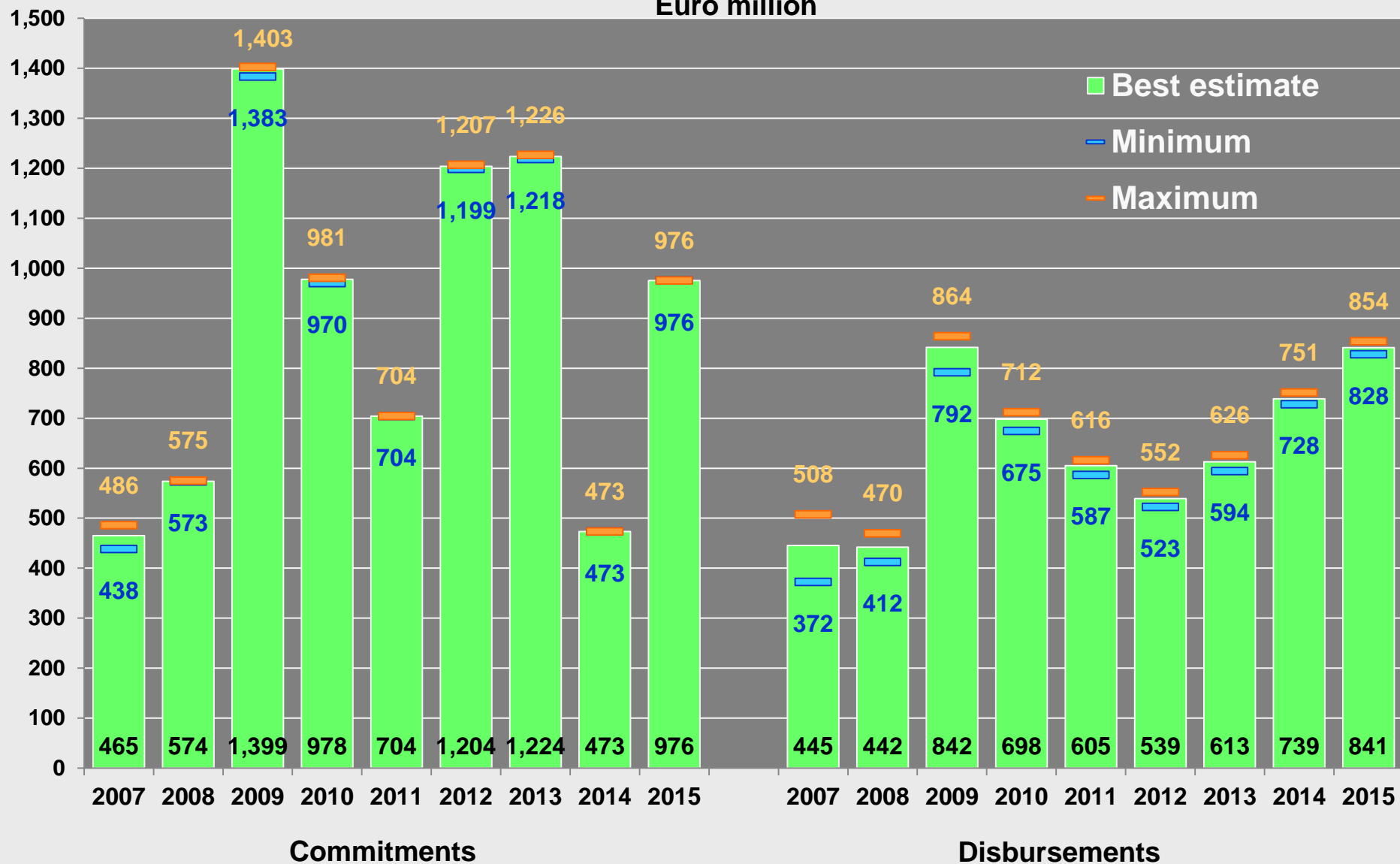
“The EU’s failure to deliver on policy commitments to support smallholder agriculture in developing countries”

➤ Financing women farmers

“The need to increase and redirect agriculture and climate adaptation resources”

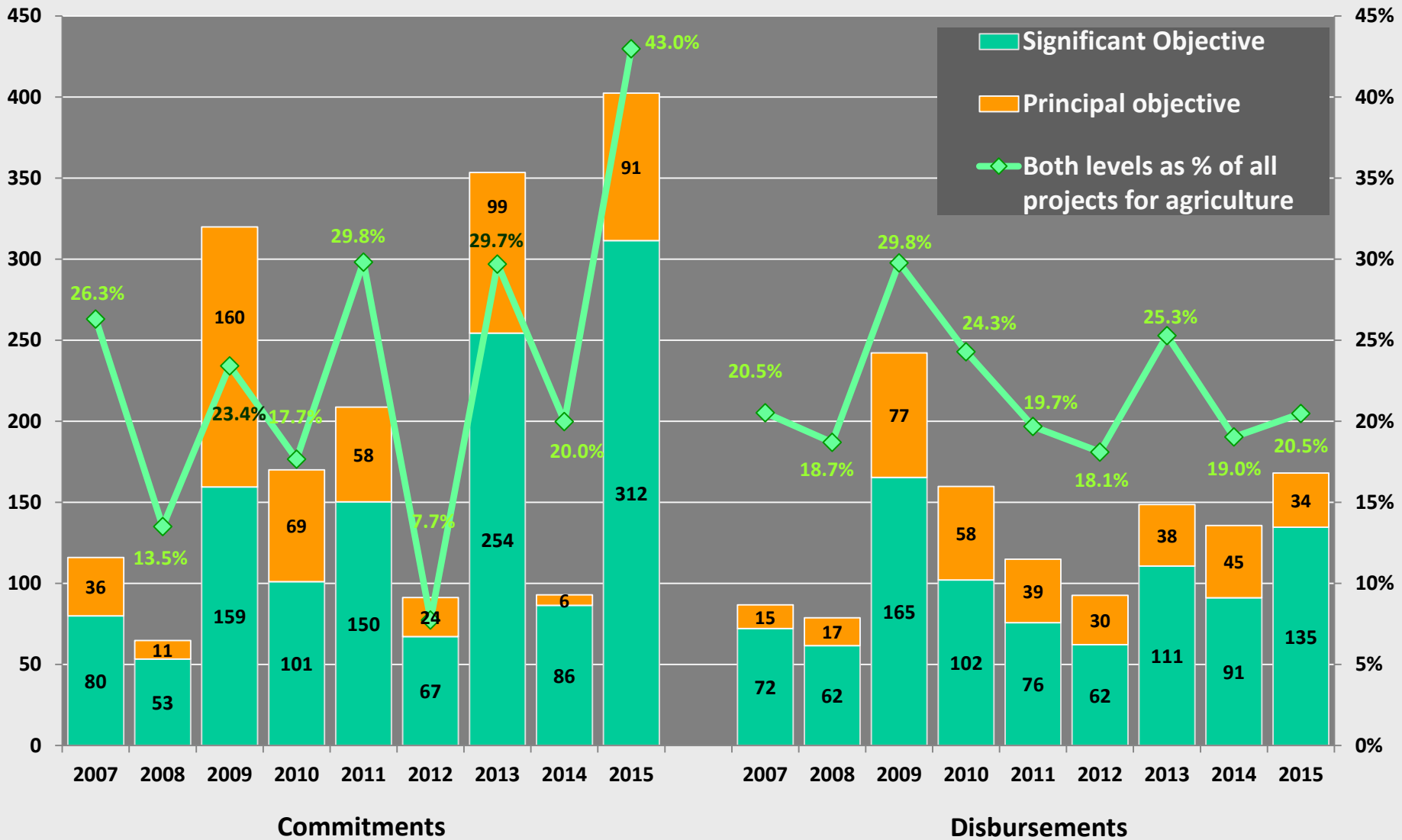


EU: Best Estimates of Bilateral ODA for Agriculture with Maximum and Minimum, Euro million



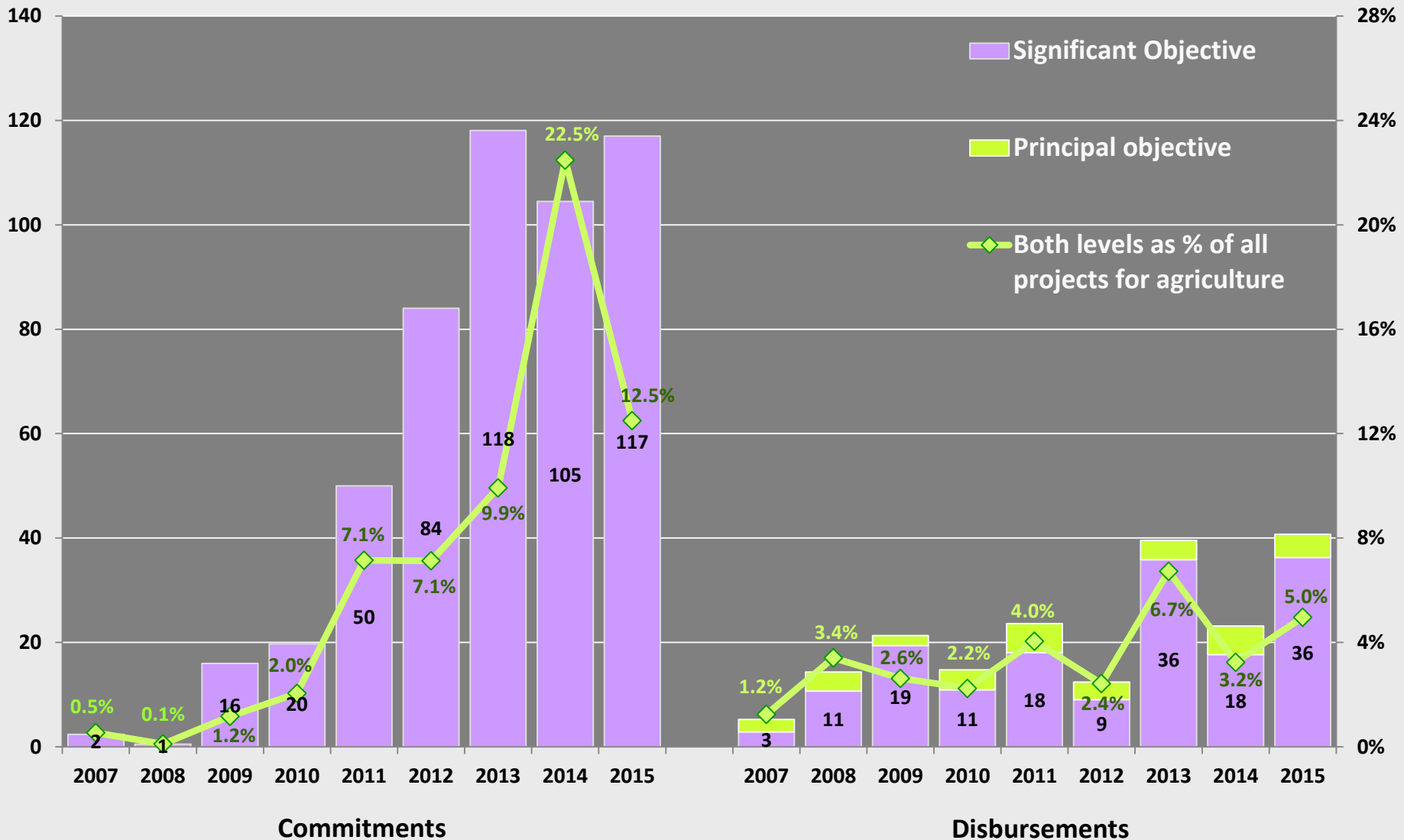
EU: ODA for Agriculture in Support of Smallholder farmers

Euro million



EU: ODA for Agriculture in Support of Gender Equality

Euro million



Preliminary results regarding smallholder, gender equality and ecological sustainability

- 25 projects in 12 countries evaluated
- Overall results:

Support of Policy Objectives	Smallholder Support	Gender Equality	Ecological Sustainability
Principal objective	20%	4%	0%
Significant objective	56%	76%	56%
No specific activity	24%	20%	44%

*Programme supports 68 national farmers' organizations in 49 countries

FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE – GLOBAL

Countries:

Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana,
Ethiopia, Philippines,
Pakistan, EU, The
Netherlands

Scope of research:

- National budget allocations for agriculture and climate change
- ODA/international finance for agriculture and climate change adaptation



KEY FINDINGS

- Various good projects implemented..... yet:
- Most countries are not reaching Maputo target of 10%
- Funding skewed to infrastructure and other capital investments, rather than balanced with investments toward small scale farmers
- No concrete evidence of money reaching women farmers, and gender-specific data is very limited or not available



COUNTRY FINDINGS THAT STOOD OUT

- Only **Ethiopia** has reached the Maputo target; this was already before the Maputo Declaration
- **Nigeria**: Allocation of 1.9% of annual budget to agriculture (2010-2015 average)
- **Tanzania**: Agriculture received an average of 2.2% of national budget (2007-2017)
- Of 3,000 farmers surveyed in **Tanzania**, about 80% reported not receiving extension services
- **Ghana**'s women's ministry received on average 0.1% of government's climate change budget (2010-2015)



WHAT CAN THE EU DO AS A DONOR?

1. Direct funding to where it is most needed:

- Place empowerment of small-scale producers at the heart of agricultural projects (cf. post-2020 MFF)
- Allocate resources specifically to women farmers, rather than assuming that resources trickle down to women
- Provide long-term funding for CCA to help diversify farmers' livelihoods
- Support bottom-up approaches to ensure projects respond to farmers' and women's needs



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2. Improve reporting on international aid:

- Ensure biannual EU FSPF implementation report is a meaningful exercise; to allow drawing lessons learnt
- Post complete project data and documentation with clear coding in online databases (cf. OECD WP-STAT; IATI guidelines)
- Monitor gender-related investments through budget tagging
- Increase accountability by involving target groups in all stages of the design, implementation and monitoring of projects; disaggregate data by gender



CLOSING REMARKS

Goal: Improve accountability for funding and the governance of those flows (how they are used);

- Press for stronger integration of investments for CCA and agriculture
- Continue to put women farmers at the center of the conversation
- Focus on generating evidence and insights to inform policy debates



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