

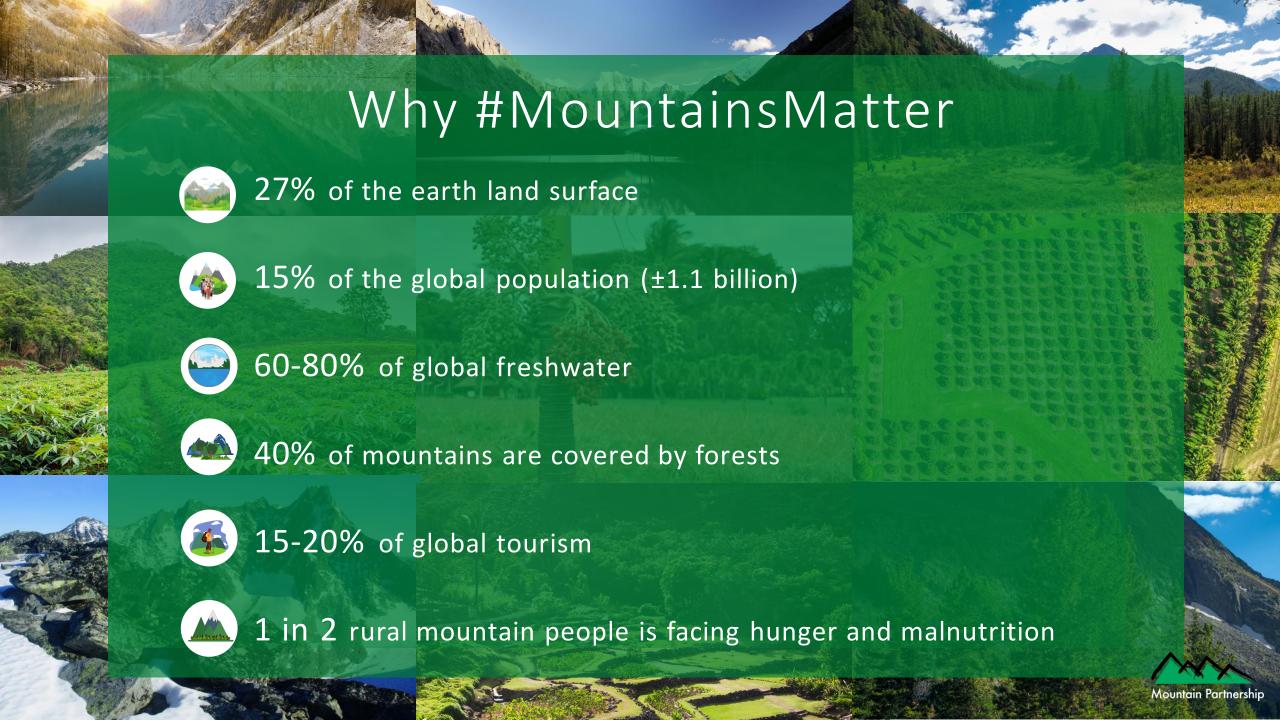
The Mountain Partnership (MP)

Founded in 2002, the MP is the only United Nations alliance of governments and civil society organizations dedicated to protecting mountain environments around the world.

459 members in 98 countries

- **61** Governments
- 18 Intergovernmental Organizations
- 368 Major Groups & Organizations
- 12 Subnational authorities

Secretariat hosted by FAO, supported by Andorra, Italy and Switzerland





Mountains under pressure

Mountains are under pressure for climate changes, hunger, poverty, migration, etc.

Mountain peoples are among the poorest and most malnourished in the world

Since 2000, vulnerability to food insecurity has constantly increased in rural mountain areas

In developing countries, a great majority lives below the poverty

- line, and more than 1 in 2 rural mountain people faces food insecurity (\pm 350 million)
- COVID-19 has compounded the vulnerabilities of mountain communities, disrupting mountain livelihoods based on agriculture, tourism and remittances



Mountain Partnership Products Initiative Certification and labelling scheme for ethical, fair & organic mountain products

WINNER OF EXPO 2020 DUBAI'S GLOBAL BEST PRACTICE PROGRAMME

- <u>Labelling</u>: A narrative label to raise awareness about products' environmental, cultural and social values
- <u>Certification</u>: The first international network of Participatory Guarantee Systems to empower mountain communities
- Marketing: Smallholder producers better equipped to promote their products in the market











Commercial development



PROMOTING SOCIAL BUSINESSES IN FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS

OBJECTIVE

Increase the resilience of mountain and island communities enhancing innovative entrepreneurship by providing:

- grants
- technical assistance
- capacity development

3 types of support:

- 1. Grant Financial support: from USD 15 000 up to 50 000
 Applicant's matching contribution 50% of the requested grant (cash and/or in-kind);
- 2. Business Incubator Technical support: improve business plan to increase the feasibility, sustainability, potential impact, replicability, and economic efficiency
- 3. Business Accelerator Capacity development: boost businesses, by seizing existing growth opportunities

10 countries:

- Dominican Republic
- Guatemala
- Fiji
- Kyrgyzstan
- Malawi
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Peru
- The Philippines
- Uganda



Eligibility and priority criteria:

- Applicants: Producer Organizations or NGOs
- Grant allowed to purchase mainly fixed assets (machinery, equipments)
- Promote social businesses approaches
- Promote value chains that generate positive externalities for ecosystems and biodiversity
- Promote mountain and island products as well as short value chains as a strategy for food security
- Promote organic certified products

