

ESUP Project

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Project period: 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2024

Granted amount: 2.973.646 kr.

Local partner: Vietnam Organic Agriculture Association (VOAA)

Overall objective:

Organic small-scale farmers livelihood opportunities enhanced through improved organization, agricultural market share and advocacy capacity of local Participatory Guarantee Systems.

Target group and participants:

The proposed intervention is designed to achieve lasting improvements for poor and marginalized groups, including poor ethnic minority farmers and especially women. The outreach of the intervention will involve more than 6,000 farmer households and members of the PGSs. The intervention expects to reach a broad consumer span and the specific intervention activities are estimated to reach more than one million people.

Summary:

The small-scale organic farmers in this intervention are present in different local settings throughout Vietnam but the common denominator for all the farmers is that they are organized in groups and work through local Participatory Guarantee Systems.

The aim of the project is to strengthen a network among local Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGSs) into a formalized National Organic PGS network in Vietnam, which will enhance the voice and power of organic small-scale farmers to advocate better for policy frameworks in favour of their livelihood activities. To support the overall objective, the intervention will focus on organization and capacity building of PGSs including development of advocacy capacity and improvement of the marketing capacity.

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The main target groups of the proposed intervention are the organic small-scale farmers in five provinces across Vietnam who have already formed their local PGSs. The geographical focus is thus expanded from earlier ADDA interventions promoting organic agriculture and PGSs in Northern Vietnam now to include farmer groups/PGSs in the Mekong Delta and the Central Coast.

Despite the development of policies to support organic agriculture, many challenges remain. The proposed intervention is taking up the challenges to advocate towards national and local authorities to ensure that the legislation is put into practice taking PGS into account to create real opportunities for the smallholder farmers.

Organic PGSs represent a low-cost alternative to third-party certification and are the main channel for small-scale organic farmers to access organic agricultural extension service, quality monitoring and market. Furthermore, the organic PGS network and VOAA are the core organizations to voice their concerns towards all related stakeholders.