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Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS)

FAO's Pilot Project "Small-Scale Farmer Inclusion in Organic Agriculture Development through Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS)"

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What is Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS)?



- PGS is an alternative to 3rd party certification to ensure the quality of organic food
- Ideal for short supply chain and local markets
- Suitable for smallholder farmers
- Participation of different actors

PGS Pilot Project Overview

- Title: “Small-Scale Farmer Inclusion in Organic Agriculture Development through Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS)”
- Started in Sep 2015, until Dec 2017
- Implemented in two countries



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Lao PDR

- Government counterpart: General Directorate of Agriculture of the MAFF
- Key partners



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PGS Pilot Project Overview (cont.)

The pilot project's outputs:

- Assess the national legal and regulatory framework and how to “fit in” the PGS
- Technical support on the capacity building
- Support the creation of PGS groups (13 groups formed, 177 farmers- 89 are women)
- Support of direct marketing through Google map on PGS <https://pgs.ifoam.bio/>
- Raise awareness about the opportunities, benefits and limitations of organic production through PGS



Google map on PGS (<https://pgs.ifoam.bio/>)

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IFOAM ORGANICS INTERNATIONAL PGS PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEMS WORLDWIDE

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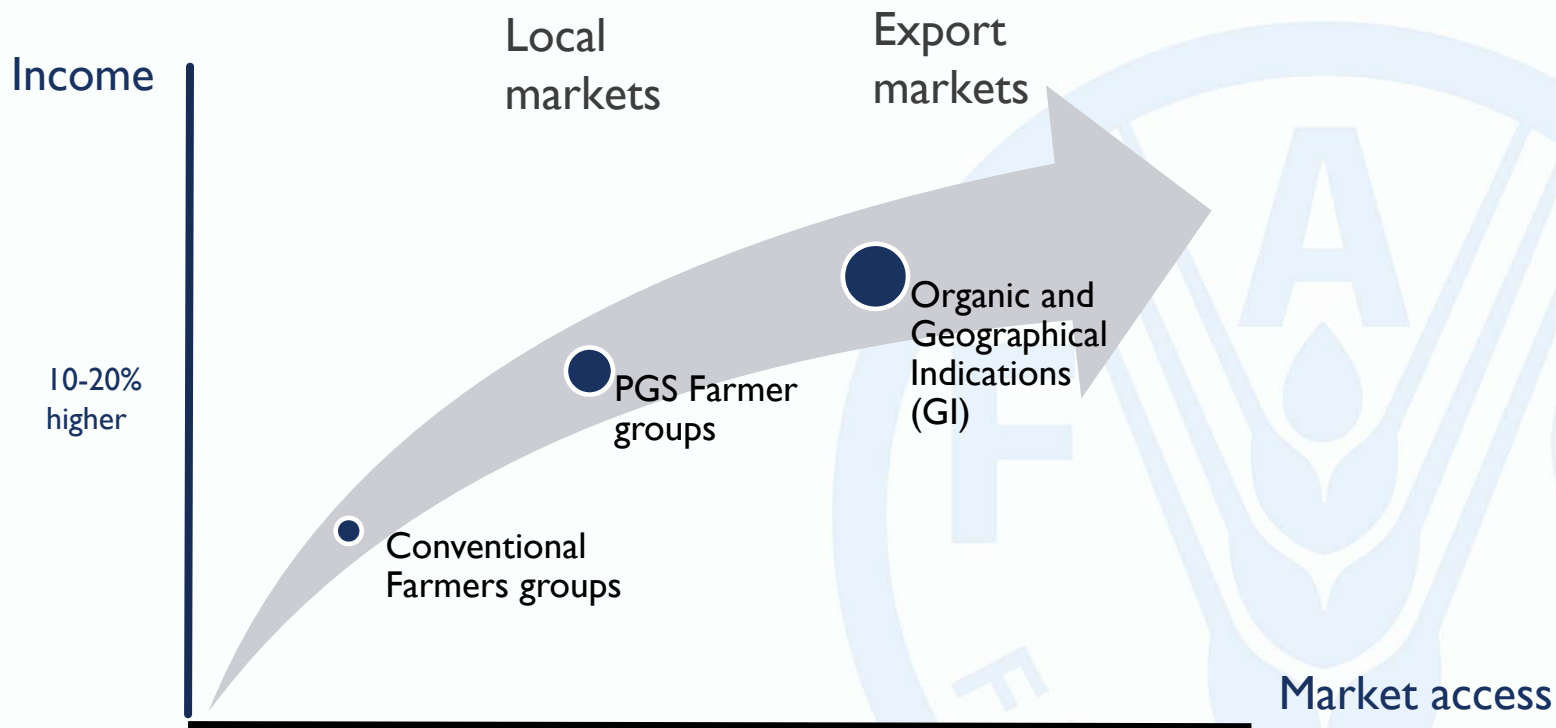
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PGS Pilot Project Overview (cont.)

Enhance Local and Sustainable Food Systems



Case Study

Smallholders farmers

Ms. and Mr. Nov

- Better price for products(10-20%↑)
- Regular and reliable income
- PGS income USD5 600/year
- Better education for their four children
- House expansion
- Better nutrition
- Social recognition
- Saving money



Expected Impacts of the Pilot Project

Consumers

- Better availability of local products
- Local food systems
- Fresh products and food safety

Small entrepreneurs/small-scale farmers

- Income opportunity
- Ensure the quality of the PGS organic products
- Constant supply of PGS organic products
- Attract consumers' willingness to pay “Premium Price”

Environment

- Short organic supply chain
- Sustainable agricultural practices



Lessons Learnt

- Guidance for organic agricultural practices/production
- Platform for knowledge sharing, negotiation power, and stronger production for smallholders farmers
- New and attractive concept for small-scale farmers and consumers
- Market access
- Trust building
- Traceability



Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?



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