



Sustaining smallholder farming systems
opportunities and constraints

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who are smallholders

*-a man or woman cultivating the land
and rear some farm animal, together
with family members*

-3 has in lowlands; 10 has in uplands

*-may be owner cultivator, lessee, tenant
-also called small scale farmer;*

family farm



appreciation of small holder farming
system

***-responsible stewards of land
-core of food security***

vital source of livelihood in rural areas

***widespread poverty among
smallholders***

constraints

- small holders struggling to feed family
- young people not interested in farming
- lack of access and control over natural resources: land water seas seeds
- poor participation in decision making
- poorly organized
- lack of information, capacity building

Opportunities

Recognition of the value of
small scale farmers, organic
agro-eco methods

Recommended policy options

- land tenure security policies
- adequate support services
- mainstream integrated, diversified, friendly agriculture
- support the formation and capacity building of FOs and agri coops

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our actions: organizing and capacity building

- help in building capacities of women farmers to organize at local, national, regional levels for advocacy work, for production and marketing activities (e.g commodity clusters)
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- help build capacities of farmers to find their markets at local, national and international levels
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men and women
farmers should be organized and
made capable

our actions: advocacy

- engagement with national government and regional inter-governmental bodies like ASEAN for appropriate policies and programs in support of SA – from policy to budget to implementation to monitoring and evaluation
- tap resources from ASEAN Foundation and other donors and funding agencies to support upscaling and mainstreaming SA practices
- help in making markets ready for organic products

our actions: networking

- NGOs, researchers, academe, farmers working together to find alternative approaches
- regional level cooperation on certification standards
- NGOs, farmers work with research institutions and scientists for SA technology and advocacy work

expression of 1-4: regional project cooperation

- continue, even expand existing regional project cooperation on advocacy, capacity building, production and marketing activities

Do this faster !



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