

KICKSTARTING LAO'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TO PRODUCE SAFE AND ORGANIC FOOD



Foods produced in Lao PDR are rarely certified. On the one hand, this is because producers, traders and consumers are not sufficiently aware about the importance of food standards. On the other hand, public and private institutions fail to provide adequate support services. With increasing economic integration within ASEAN, standards for food production and processing will be attributed even more importance. The lack of certification thus puts Lao's agricultural sector at an economic disadvantage compared to its neighbors.

OBJECTIVE

Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P.) for fruits and vegetables, and organic farming for rice and field crops are verifiably applied. In the process, farmer awareness is strengthened and regional market linkages are established.

To reach this objective, GIZ has partnered up with DPS Group Co., Ltd. Phutawen Farm project that combines several activities including food production, grocery shop and restaurant with ingredients sourced from their own farms, agrotourism, and a learning center. GIZ will provide support in creating model farms for the G.A.P. certification process in the Nasai Village farm and for the organic certification process in the Hai Village farm.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The Nasai Village farm is granted the G.A.P. certification, and rice and field crops at the Hai Village are certified Lao organic
- Regional market linkages are strengthened
- Best practices and knowledge of organic agriculture is shared with other producers
- At least 50 farmers and 20 university students are trained on production according to G.A.P. and organic standards

OVERVIEW

Term	October 2016 – February 2018
Country	Vientiane, Lao PDR
Partner	DPS Group Co., Ltd. - Phutawen Farm Project Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Volume	70 000 Euros



"To improve Lao's agricultural sector and turn the country to be the supply source of quality safe produce, we would like to start first from our own farm. This farm will be used as a model farm where others can learn. With Germany's support, we believe it will be of benefit to all related stakeholders as well as Laos's agricultural sector."

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