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#### **MYANMAR**

# Farmers-Led Innovation Implementing Good Agriculture Practices through SALT



### Relevance

Kayan Farmer Enterprise (KFE) will apply innovative, comprehensive value chain development intervention, and inclusive business modality to facilitate sustainable economic development of farmers and their families, while ensuring consumers' safety and rendering positive effects on the environment. The partnership will implement farmers-led innovation to cultivate chili by applying Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT) practices.

## **Objective**



- Chili farmers groups adopted Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT) to facilitate adaptation to climate change.
- New quality value-added chili products are produced and sold through high-end markets.
- A mutually beneficial contract farming system for 50 smallholder farmers is established and operated.
- An innovative, digitalised manufacturing and installation of an accounting software system will strengthen the efficiency of the KFE's manufacturing and accounting system.

## **Project Overview**

Partner Kayan Farmer Enterprise Limited Duration September 2021 to September 2022

Total Volume 42,428 EUR



Intervention to Mitigate Climate Change Impacts. To address climate change impact, KFE promotes practices of shifting slash and burn chili farms into 20 acres permanent farms by applying SALT practices in Pekhon township. Support will include permanent farms set up to enable farmers to cultivate chili and other long-term cash crops. Moreover, KFE will adopt Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) and maintain a group GAP certificate for the partner farmers. Farmers will receive support in applying SALT and GAP through various training and meetings to develop plans and actions.

**Developing new value-added chili products and setting up digital system for operations.** KFE aims to produce new high-quality products using the premium Kayan chili and Kayan Matkhar. A solar dryer is utilised to ensure safe production and to dry while maintaining the moisture level of chili. Moreover, KFE will install a digital manufacturing and sale accounting system to upgrade the capacity of key staff members to improve the operation efficiency.



Smallholder farmers, including women and youth, will improve their livelihood. Their role in their households and communities will be strengthened. At least 78 smallholder chili farmers and approximately 400 family members reap benefit through added value and profit from chili products and their capacity are improved.

Harvesting Kayan Chili

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