



# ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems (ASEAN SAS): Cambodia

Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems (ASEAN SAS) aims at providing solutions for long-term food security in the region through development of regionally-coordinated policies and strategies for sustainable agriculture. This also includes promotion of cross-border value chains in concert with public decision-makers, agricultural enterprises as well as farmers' and private associations. Agrifood systems are sustainable if they are profitable along the value chain.

**Objectives:** To enable ASEAN Member States to implement the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and its Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS) by focusing on the promotion of sustainable food production at the national level. Adopted by the ASEAN leaders in 2014, the AIFS Framework (2015-2020) was developed as a response to the need for an integrated approach and multi-stakeholder efforts towards long-term food and nutrition security in the ASEAN region.

**What We Do:** Building upon the results and experiences of the ASEAN Biocontrol project (2011-2013), ASEAN SAS (2014-2017) works to promote:

- Policy framework: Development of regionally-coordinated policies, strategies and dialogue concepts for a sustainable agrifood sector;
- Production technologies: Promotion of the use of sustainable inputs and crop management practices through capacity development;
- Market linkages: Promotion of sustainable cross-border value chains in collaboration with the private sector.

**Focus topics:** Biological Control Agents (BCA), Soil and Nutrient Management, and Farm Economics

**Priority crops:** Rice, vegetables, and fruits

**Approach:** The project works at a regional level and has established six offices in the ASEAN region (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam). ASEAN Member States are being supported through the provision of (inter) national expertise and the implementation of pilot projects. In addition, various Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) accompany the project.

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## Our Work in Cambodia

- Translate the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework into a national language to support its awareness raising and the implementation of the country's national policies and strategies;
- Conduct high level 'Policy Dialogue' to identify priority actions and cooperation mechanism to foster collective efforts in implementing national policies and strategies in accordance with the AIFS Framework;
- Implement the 'ASEAN Guidelines on the Regulation, Use, and Trade of Biological Control Agents (BCA)' to harmonize of regulations of BCA, and thus stimulate the availability and usage of BCA as alternative to chemical pesticides in Cambodia;
- Establish the National Expert Group on Soil and Nutrition Management to provide inputs for the development of the 'ASEAN Guidelines on Soil and Nutrient Management (SNM)';
- Establish the Eco-Agri Center Cambodia as a 'Hub' for the green sector to offer input and service to achieve organic and GAP agricultural value chains;
- Cooperate with development partner on human capacity development for the application of BCA, vegetable value chains, ecological pest management in rice, rice seed policy, and the Sustainable Rice Standard; and
- Maintain close linkage with related GIZ projects for Food Trade, Food Security, Climate Change, and Stress Tolerant Rice Varieties.

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