



Agricultural Cooperative Development in Cambodia

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Presentation Outlines

- **Policy and Regulations on Promoting AC**
- **Government Support Mechanism to Promote AC**
- **Updated data of AC by 2021**
- **AC promotion activities in 2021**
- **Impact of COVID19 Pandemic to AC development**
- **Challenges in AC development**
- **Recommendation for regional cooperation**



Policy and Regulations on Promoting AC

- *Law on Agricultural Cooperatives (2013)*
- *Sub-decree on Contract Farming;*
- *Model statute and internal regulation of Agricultural Cooperatives*
- *Model statute and internal regulation of Agricultural Cooperative Union*
- *Model statute and internal regulation of Agricultural Cooperative Alliance*



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- *Ministry's Proclamation on the Establishment and Registration Procedure of Agricultural Cooperatives*
- *Ministry's Proclamation on the Establishment and Registration Procedure of Agricultural Cooperative Unions*
- *Ministry's Proclamation on the Establishment and Registration Procedure of Agricultural Cooperative Alliance*

Ongoing Preparation of Legal Framework

- *Sub-decree on Agricultural Cooperative Development Fund (ACDF, Submitted to Govt)*
- *Sub-decree on Policy Board for Agricultural Cooperatives (Submitted to Govt)*



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- *A National Policy on Agricultural Cooperative Promotion (Version 4)*
- *Agricultural Cooperative Strategic Promotion Plan 2023-2030 (ongoing preparation)*



Government Mechanism for Promoting Agricultural Cooperatives

1. At National Level

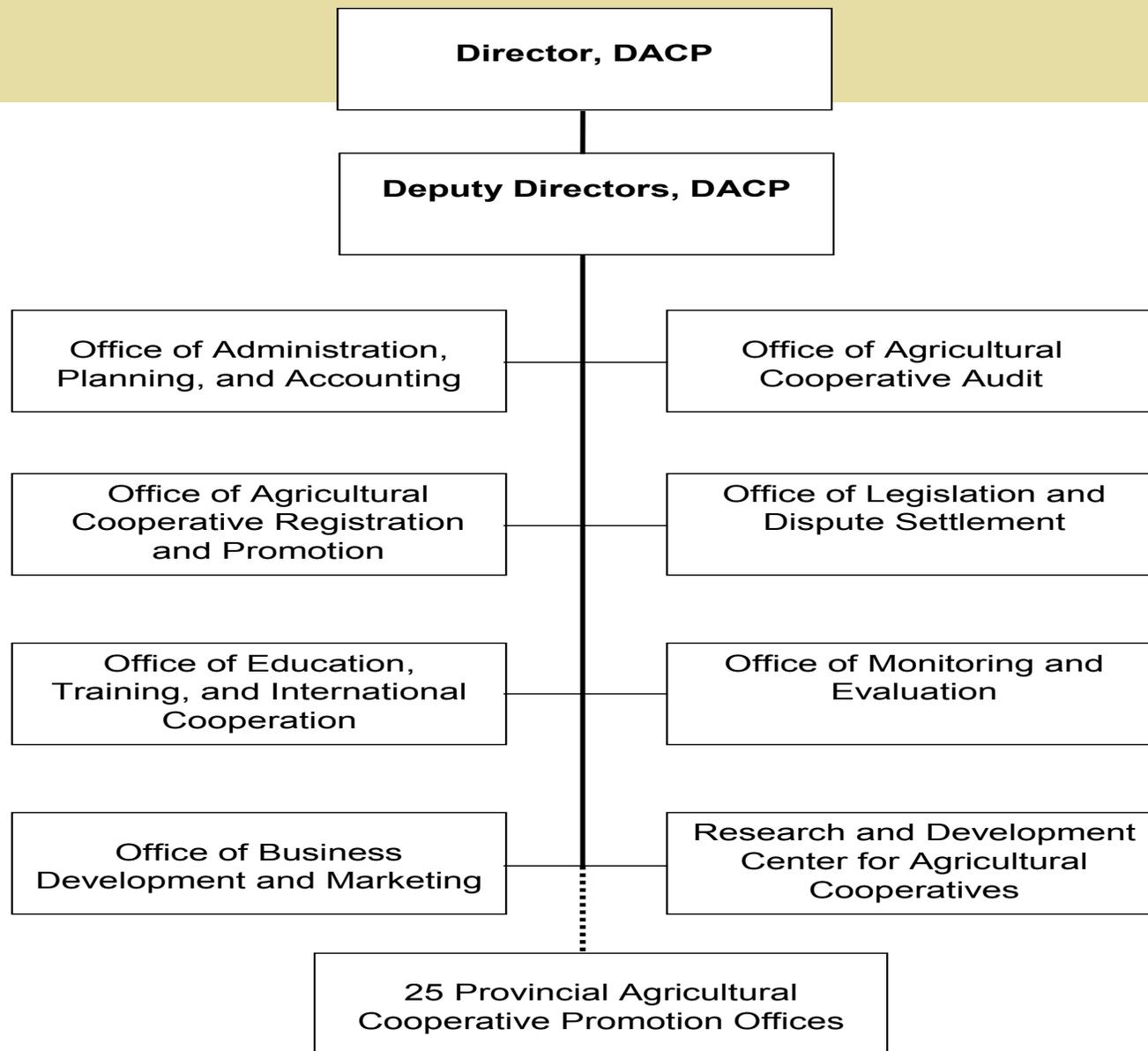
- *Department of Agricultural Cooperative Promotion (DACP)*

2. Sub-National Level

- 25 Provincial Offices of Agricultural Cooperative Promotion(OACP) under the provincial Departments of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.



Organizational Structure of DACP





Updated AC data in 2021



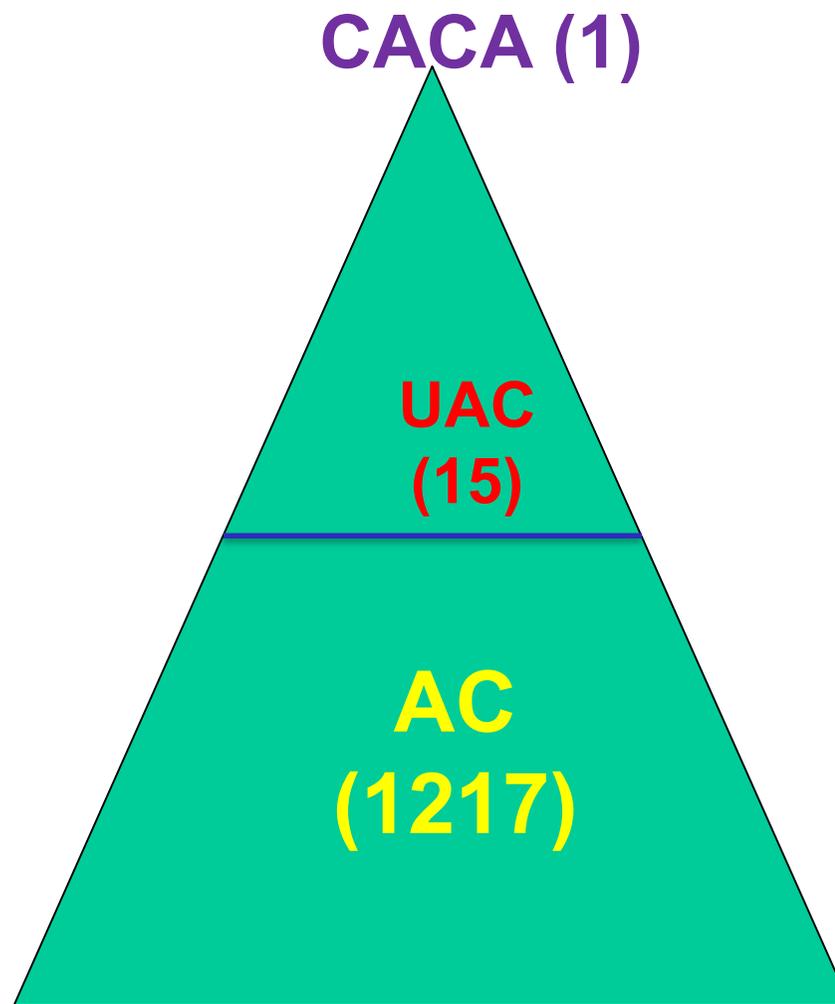
Updated AC data by 2021

Description	Number/Amount	Average/AC
Agricultural Cooperatives	1,217	
Membership	155,859 farmers	128 (persons)
Female membership	98,900	81 (63.4 %) female farmers)
Working capital	25,597,513 \$	21,033 \$

Sources: DACP's Annual Report in 2021

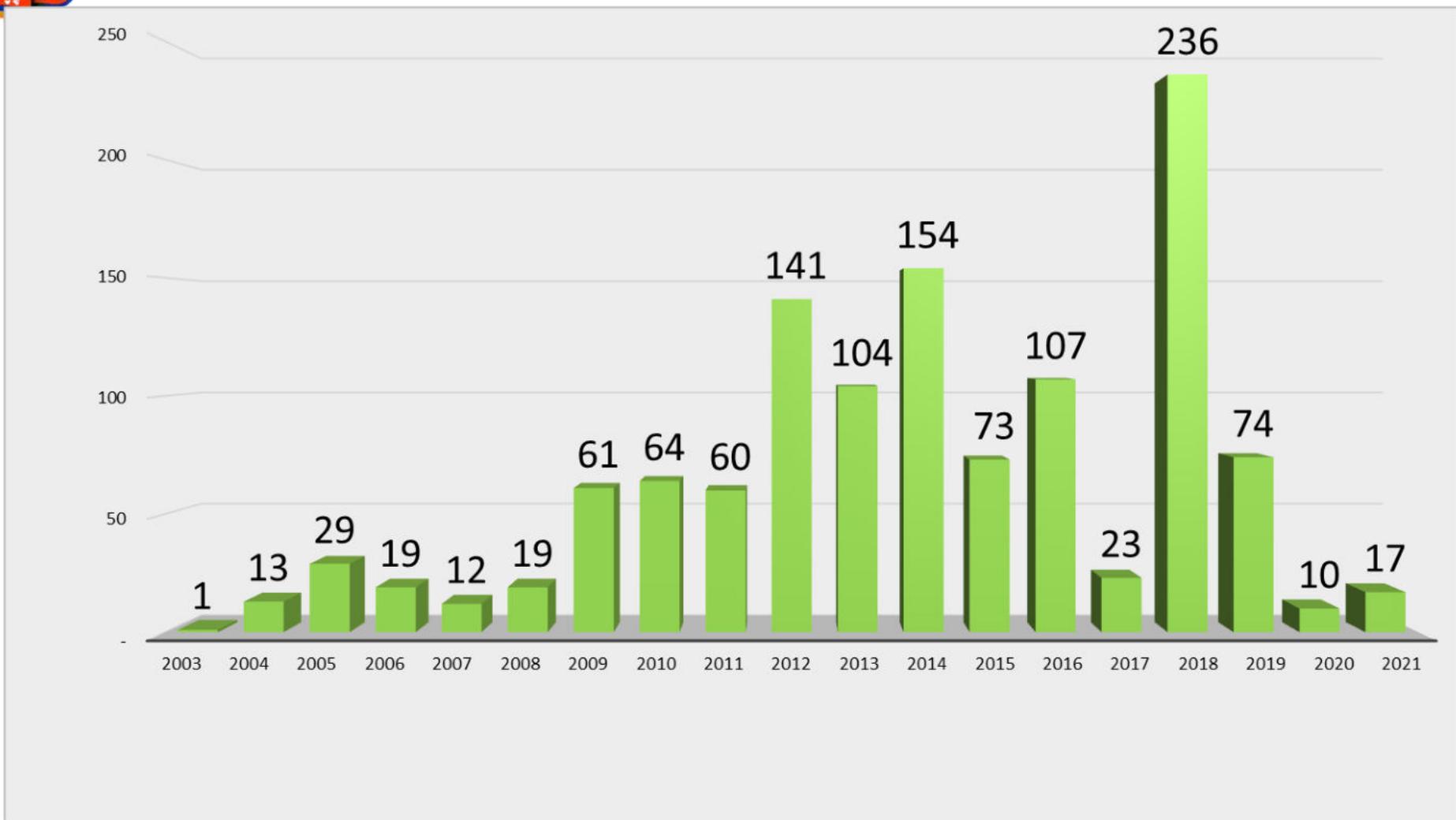


AC Structure/Tiers in Cambodia



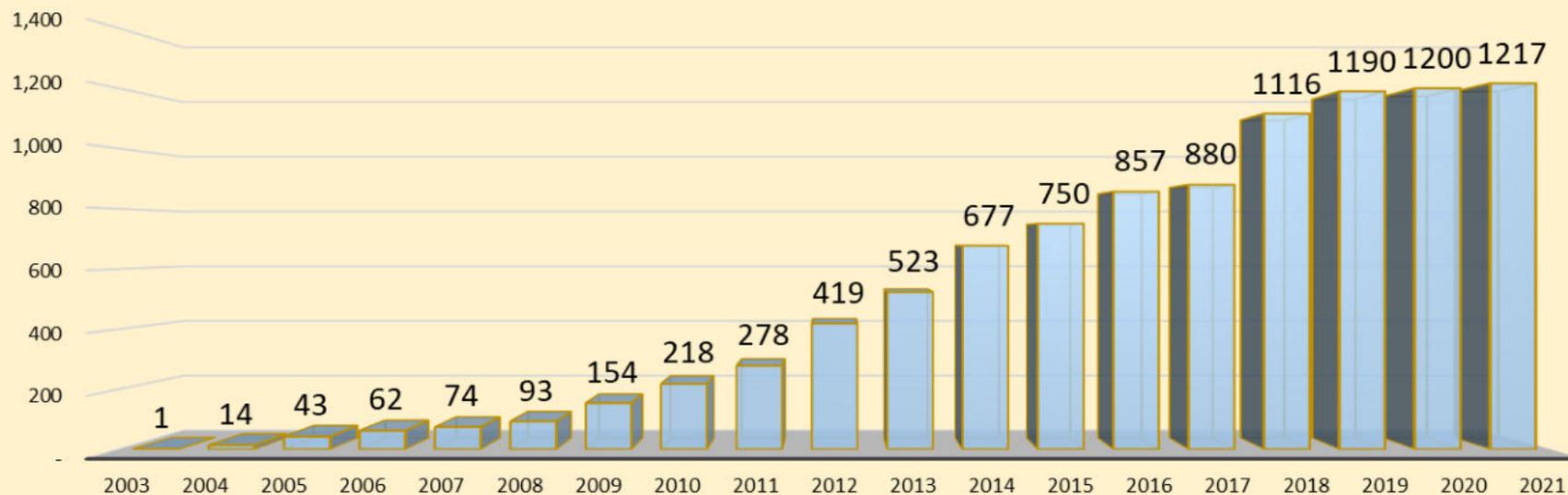


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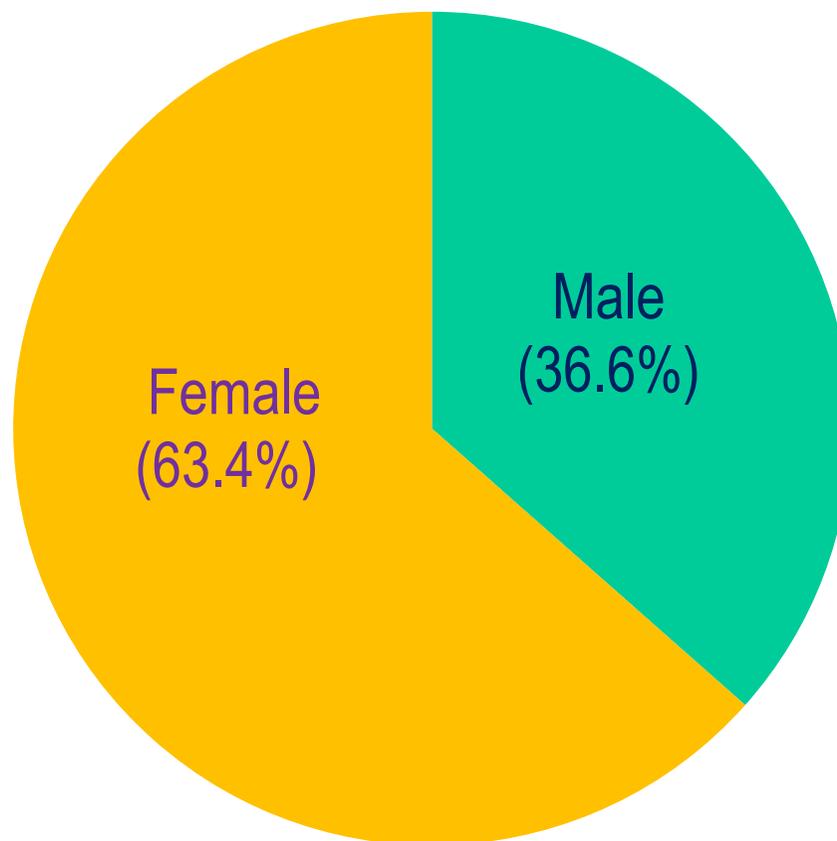


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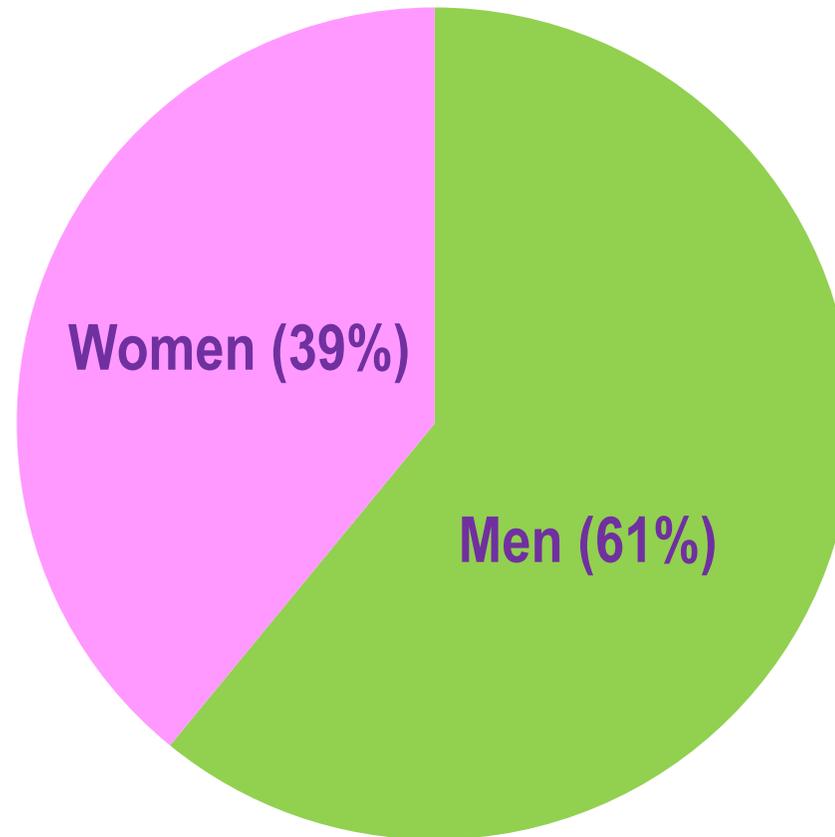


Membership of AC in 2021



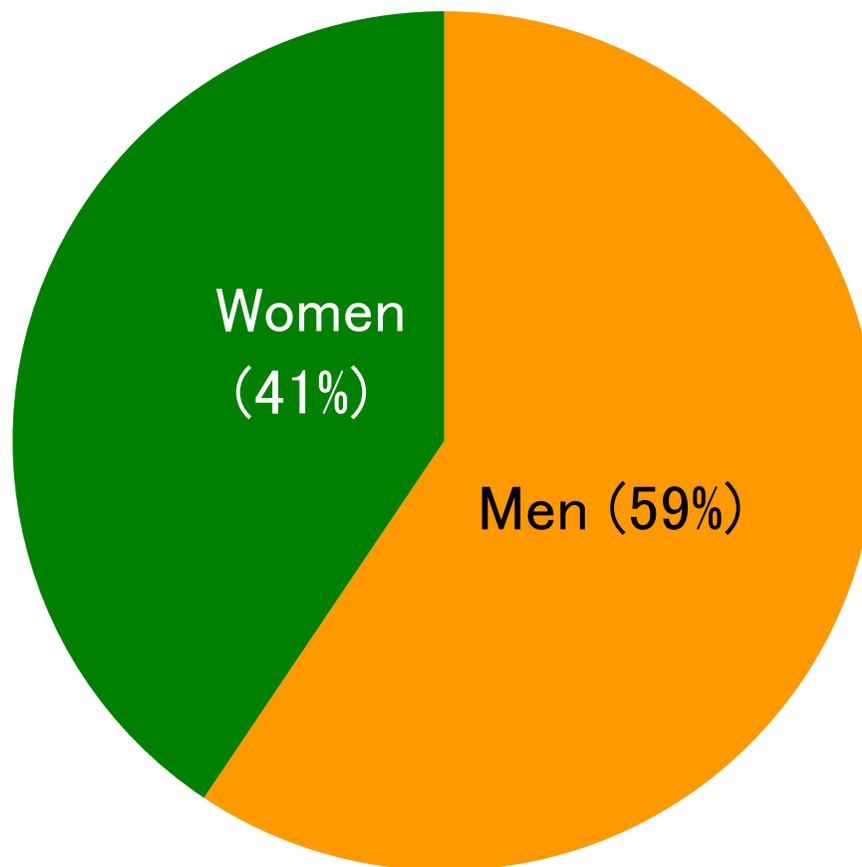


Women in Board of Directors in 2021





Women in Supervisory Committee in 2021





AC Promotion Activities in 2021

- *Development of policy and legal documents under AC law*
- *Dissemination of AC law to local authorities*
- *Conduct TOT with AC promoters*
- *Strengthening institutional capacity of AC*
- *AC business promotion*



Draft AC policy Formulation Workshops





Meetings on formulation of legal documents under AC law





AC law dissemination workshops to local authorities





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TOT with AC promoters





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Strengthening Capacity of AC





AC Business Forums





AC Business Promotion





AC Business Promotion





Impact of COVID 19 Pandemic to AC development

- *Some AC promotion activities were postponed or cancelled*
- *Some AC could not run their businesses smoothly*
- *Annual net surplus of AC decreased*
- *Some AC could not organize their annual general meetings*



Challenges to promote ACs

- **Lack of National Policy on AC promotion**
- **Lack of AC strategic promotion plan**
- **Lack of national and regional training centers for ACs;**
- **Limited training materials;**
- **Limited human resources in the field of AC promotion;**
- **Limited financial resources;**



Main Challenges of AC

- Have small membership (around 100 farmers)
- Have small working capital due to low investment from members;
- Have limited institutional capacity;
- Lack of business knowledge and Entrepreneurship
- Have difficulty to access loan from commercial banks;
- Less participation of youth in ACs;



Recommendations

1. Policies, Cooperative laws, and regulations should be shared among AMS.
2. Regional AC promotion projects



Thank You Very Much!