

## AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN ASEAN

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## OUTLINE

- Agriterra in ASEAN
- GROW Coop Project
- Agri-GRADE Initiative



# **AGRITERRA IN ASEAN**



## **AGRITERRA IN ASEAN**

- Dutch international development organization specialized in professionalizing agricultural cooperatives through peer-to-peer approach
- Presence in 3 countries: Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam
- Regional office: Manila, Philippines
- Focus: making agricultural cooperatives bankable, creation of new enterprises, increasing internal capitalization
- Services: advice, training, exchange on governance, financial management, business development, lobby and advocacy
- Approach: farmer led business, sustainable services to members, farmer lobby
- Industries/commodities: rice, dairy, cassava and yellow corn for animal feeds, coco sugar, muscovado sugar, pineapple, abaca fiber, banana, coffee, tea, horticulture, spices, etc.
- Priorities: new business enterprises through mobilized loans, sustainable services and value chain market linkages, climate resilience, digitalization, youth, women empowerment



## **COOPERATIVES IN ASIA**

### Asia – 22,000 agricultural cooperatives

#### Indonesia

- 1,000 agricultural cooperatives
- We are active in 7 provinces

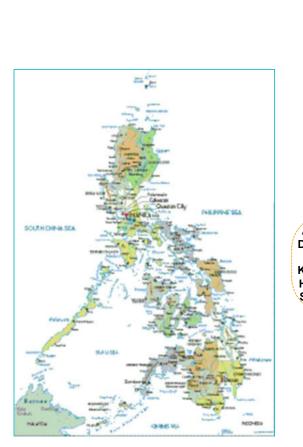
#### Philippines

- 5,500 agricultural cooperatives
- We are active in 15 provinces

#### Vietnam

- 15,500 agricultural cooperatives
- We are active in 12 provinces







### **OUR ADVISORY SERVICES, TRAININGS, AND EXCHANGE**



Farmers – Client to Client Sharing Experiences Knowledge Exchange



Training Cooperatives - Marketing Strategy



Farmers – Extension Advice (Seed Planting)



Cooperatives -Business Planning



Training Cooperatives – Finance and Book Keeping



# **GROW COOP PROJECT**

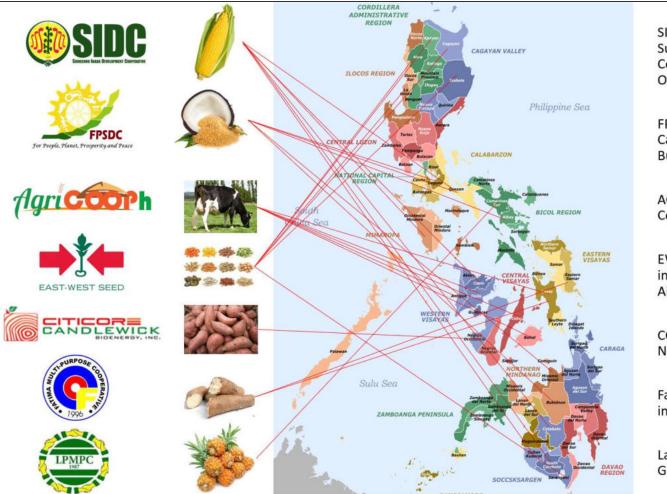


# **GROW COOP PROJECT**

- Implemented in the Philippines, funded by USAID
- Big brother/sister small brother/sister approach to agricultural cooperative development
- 7 Agricultural Cooperative Champions (big brothers/sisters) coop federations, primary coops, private companies
- 38 Growth Oriented Agricultural Cooperatives (small brothers/sisters) micro, small and medium scale
- Services to improve organizational and business performance (health checks)
- Increased participation in value chain (purchase agreements)
- Improved socioeconomic conditions and expanded rural opportunities
- COVID Response: coops4food coop to coop food trade, agro-enteprrise clustering
- Cooperative Resilience Mechanism (capacity building, fund creation, lobby and advocacy)
- Agricultural Cooperative Development Agenda



## **AREAS AND VALUE CHAINS COVERED**



SIDC (yellow corn) – 6 GOACs in Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, Cotabato; 10 clusters in Quezon, Occidental Mindoro, Capiz

FPSDC (coco sugar) – 6 GOACs in Cagayan de Oro, Laguna, Bukidnon, Albay, Quezon

AGRICOOPH (dairy) – 7 GOACs in Cebu, Bohol, Leyte, Iloilo, Antique

EWS (vegetable seeds) – 7 GOACs in Isabela, Cagayan, La Union, Abra, Apayao, Saranggani

CCBI (sweet potato) – 6 GOACs in Negros Occidental

Fatima MPC (cassava) – 2 GOACs in Leyte, Eastern Samar

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Labo PMPC (pineapple) – 3 GOACs in Camarines Norte

## **IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS**

- 7 agricultural cooperative development champtions (ACDCs) capacitated in the 8-step result management process and received ToTs in coop management, governance, financial management, marketing, female and youth leadership and entrepreneurship
- 38 cooperatives reached through scoping, assessment, business advice, consultations
- 17 agro-enterprise clusters formed
- 38 purchase agreements completed
- \$633,450.88 non-donor investments leveraged
- Coops4Food coop-to-coop trading launched
- E-commerce for agricultural cooperatives launched
- Agricultural Cooperative Development Agenda drafted
- Cooperative Resiliency Mechanism being incubated



# **AGRI-GRADE**

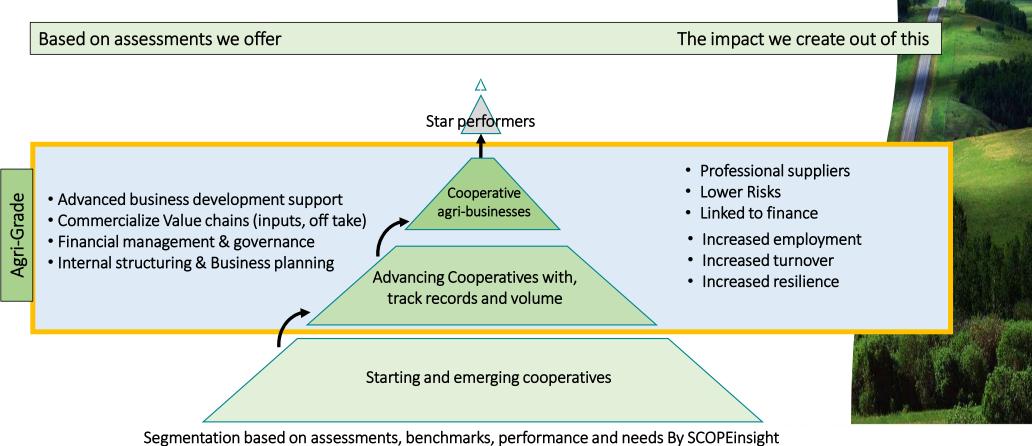


## **AGRI-GRADE**

- Scaling up agricultural cooperative development through scoping, segmentation, and graduation to higher levels
- Agricultural cooperative as a demand of the cooperatives and governments
- Presented to ASEAN, IFAD, EU delegation, European Commission
- Looking for funding support
- Agri-GRADE concept as a model for scaling up agricultural cooperative development in the region



# The cooperative landscape has different segments and each segment receives customized support



### Example how this would work at the National level

**Country**: A country in a specific Agri sector - 500 cooperatives are assessed on their levels of professionalism

**Outcome:** A national benchmarks and database, data analysis and four segments of cooperatives TA trajectories per segment, give tailored support and graduate to agri-businesses



Segment 1: Starting Cooperatives: International and local service providers offer basic support

Segment 2: Advancing Cooperatives Agri-Grade service providers offer advanced support

#### Segment 3: Cooperative agribusinesses

- Agri-Grade service providers for commercialization and access to finance and inputs
- Value chains optimalization, commercialized and reduction of service delivery costs and risks
- Link finance ready cooperatives to (local) financiers

## Building strong and professional agricultural cooperatives in ASEAN

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