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GROWING ORGANIC VEGETABLES THAT ARE GOOD FOR ITS CONSUMERS, FARMERS AND ENVIRONMENT



So far not enough Filipino farmers are adopting organic farming practices in order to sustain an adequate supply of organically certified vegetables for the country. Although a higher price from organic products can be yielded, many farmers lack the know-how and experience in bulk production of vegetables using organic methods. Furthermore, since many farmers and their farms are situated in remote places, they face difficulties in marketing their products to retailers.

OBJECTIVE

To establish a sustainable supply of certified organic vegetables and thereby increase consumers' access to high quality and affordable food in the Philippines.

To reach this objective, GIZ has partnered up with Lao Integrated Farms, Inc., (LIFI) a flagship family-run social enterprise that is passionate about promoting organic farming and alleviating the standard of living of marginalized farmers. With the support of GIZ, LIFI will multiply its best practices with selected farmers through increasing the productivity of organic vegetables production, organic certification as well as creating market access.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Agricultural land of 30 selected farmers are converted into organic agriculture and certified
- Equip farmers with trainings on high value crop production of organic vegetables
- Enable farmers to have a steady source of income from organic farming, with special focus on women
- Market linkages are established and organic local supply networks are created
- Information and experiences are shared as best practice in cooperation with partners

OVERVIEW

Term	February 2017 – February 2018
Country	Davao, Philippines
Partner	Lao Integrated Farms, Inc. Department of Social Welfare and Development Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Volume	64 000 Euros



"LIFI envisions Davao to be an organic hub of the Philippines and commits to its promise to provide a stable source of income to the marginalized people of the province. This project with GIZ shall become a vehicle towards the attainment of the vision."

Benjamin Lao, Owner and CEO of LIFI

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