



Myanmar Ministry of Commerce

Reaching International and tourism markets, Training and Capacity Building

Breakout session 2

STDF/PG/486 PROJECT ON “IMPROVING FOOD SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE WITH SPS MEASURES TO INCREASE EXPORT REVENUES IN THE OILSEEDS VALUE CHAIN”

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Questions – training for farmers

- **What:**

- Two one-day inception workshops for 50 farmers per region (3 regions)
- 4-day for 25 farmers (8 batches) Theoretical and practical training courses on
 - GAP
 - Pest and diseases management,
 - Usage of quality production inputs (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides),
 - Harvest and post-harvest practices,
 - Phytosanitary and food safety standards
- Coaching and monitoring by extension officers /experts
- Refreshment courses

Questions – training for farmers

- Who can be the focal point for exporters as link to the farmers? Will the focal point participate in the inception workshops?
- Is there a need to add Hands-on training in integrated pest management & training in record keeping?
- Any other topics to be added?
- Are any experts you would like to recommend?
- What GAP standard to use?
- Are the training modules already available to build on?
- When to conduct the training (Vs seasons/crops) and duration for farmers?
- How to arrange and engage the farmers groups? Legal entity?
- FFS?
- How to facilitate access to finance for farmers?
- Where to conduct the training?
- What is the support to get from the institutions?
- How to engage the trained extension officers / experts?
- What would be the model for monitoring through the trained extension officers?
- What are the challenges to consider?

Questions – training for storages / collectors

- 2 sessions of one week each of theoretical and practical plus regular monitoring
- Topics: control of contamination, GHP, grading, sorting
- Manual for quality control
- Equipment – moisture meter, probes/samplers, drums
- Regular Follow up by national experts

Questions – training for storages / collectors

- Do the storage facilities have appointed operators for quality control?
- Are training manuals / modules for sorting, grading, GHP to build on?
- Any other training topics to be added?
- How to set up the monitoring mechanism by the trained extension officers on GAP or trained TcC assigned to the processors?
- What is the mechanism to put in place to ensure proper and regular monitoring?
- When to conduct the training sessions?
- Do you have suggestions on Rapid test for mycotoxins and pesticides
- Are the rapid test currently used at the storages facilities?
- Any challenges to consider?
- How to ensure financial capacity for upgrading the storage facilities
- What support from institutions can be obtained?
- How to facilitate lab analysis and for which parameters?

Questions – processors/exporters

- How to engage the processors