

By 2015, we will be:

The largest, most credible, transparent, trustworthy, and active organization of small scale women and men farmers in Asia working happily and harmoniously together towards the realization of our vision, mission and peasant agenda.

To achieve this, we will:

1. Enhance networking activities and forge concrete partnerships with various organizations (e.g., other FOs, CSOs, GOs, NGOs, academe/ research, business) in advocacy and other services to members (e.g. land tenure, agro-ecology, marketing and enterprise, women, gender equality, agri-health-nutrition-water-energy-food link, and youth).
2. Make AFA an effective Knowledge and Learning Hub - capturing and sharing knowledge and lessons among FOs. We will document our stories, produce knowledge products such as manuals, case studies, videos, radio/tv programs as well as conduct study tours, farmers' exchange visits, learning and sharing sessions and farmer-to-farmer extension.
3. Diversify our funding sources via internal and external resource generation and effective secretariat management.

"There is a saying that, 'The dream of one person may quickly die, but the dream of many will someday surely come true.' It is our dream in AFA to make farmers' groups in Asia cooperate tightly, help each other, and make their collective voices stronger. AFA can be the core of all Asian farmers fighting for survival and better quality of lives. We hope you share our dream, and together, we can share this dream to as many farmers' groups in Asia as possible." (Seo, Jung-Eui, AFA Chairperson, 2006-2008)

Our Programs

Advocacy

- Consultation among members.
- Policy information, analysis and formulation.
- Lobbies and dialogues with decision-makers and influential persons and organizations.
- Campaigns and direct actions.

Knowledge Management and Sharing

Development of knowledge and skills of our leaders and members by:

- Capturing the knowledge generate from on-ground experiences of members.
- Sharing these experiences through online and offline activities.

Enterprise Development

- Technical and managerial support to member's initiatives in agricultural production, marketing, and enterprise development.
- Enterprise development at the regional level.

Governance

- Maintenance and upgrading of transparent, democratic, effective, efficient and sustainable organizational systems and processes for decision making and management.

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ASIAN FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Empowering small scale women and men farmers in Asia

Aliansi Petani Indonesia (API)

API is a national farmers' organization established by farmers' groups in 2001 after a series of farmer exchange visits organized by its partners AsiaDHRRRA and InDHRRRA (now Bina Desa). It was officially registered in 2003 and now has 167,000 member households from 39 peasant unions, from 39 districts in 14 provinces, many of whom were established long before API. It was formed because of the need for a national farmers' movement to advocate against unjust policies that marginalize millions of small farmers, pushed from their lands by large Industries. Its activities are focused on advocacy for agrarian reform; management of production activities; improving market access; and building solidarity among its members.



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Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA)

PAKISAMA is a national peasant confederation and movement towards the empowerment of small farmers, fishers, rural women, youth, and indigenous peoples. It envisions a humane, gender-sensitive and environmentally sound rural society where peoples control and own the basic means of production and exchange; critically and actively participate in governance; protect and care for the environment; and live the values of authentic humanism in a Philippine society characterized by justice, freedom, democracy and national sovereignty. Established in 1986 with the assistance of PhilDHRRA, to date it has 30 full time staff in one national and four regional offices.

PAKISAMA renders services to its 54 member organizations in 45 provinces through the following programs: Membership and Gender Development; Asset Reform; Sustainable Agriculture and Aquatic Development; Resource Building and Livelihood Development; Legal and Policy Advocacy.



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Farmer and Water Net (FWN)

FWN (“Kasekor Neng Teuk” in Khmer) is the first national network of Farmer Water User Communities (FWUCs) in Cambodia and was registered in the MOI on December 6, 2011. It currently has more than 26,000 members and covers 23,000 hectares of irrigated area. The mission of FWN is to mobilize FWUCs of rehabilitated or constructed irrigation systems at local and national levels in order to strengthen their capacity by learning from each other, build up good collaboration among them and find more support from stakeholders.



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Farmer and Nature Net (FNN)

FNN was established in December 2003 after a process of consultation among village-based farmers associations supported by its partner NGO, CEDAC. It acts as an umbrella organization representing and providing technical, management and capacity building services to its around 62,906 members (more than 60% are female) in 1,080 village-based farmer associations, 266 communes, 60 districts in 16 provinces. Total saving capital are around 19,000,000 USD. It is led and managed by a national committee elected by farmer representatives during the general assembly. It is committed to strengthen FOs through promotion of innovation in ecological agriculture, community business and collective marketing, saving-credit and increase of social cooperation. It implements programs and activities such as formation of local associations and mobilization into local village clusters and training of FOs.



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Ainoukai

Ainoukai was formed in 1945 to help construct ideal rural villages where love and peace prevail. It has around 300 members, 100 supporters, and 700 magazine subscribers who believe that the conservation and sound development of agriculture is indispensable to the attainment of world peace. It conducts a course on organic farming, acts as a certification body for the Japanese JAS organic agriculture food standard, conducts training program in forestry and agriculture technology based on the Ainou spirit, publishes a monthly newsletter, organizes an international exchange program, and matches youth who want to go into farming with villages who want to have new farmers.



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Viet Nam Farmers' Union (VNFU)

VNFU was established in October 1930 in order to represent the country's farmers politically and socially before the government; and now has more than 10 million members organized down to the commune level. Its mission is to protect the farmers' rights and interests, provide necessary support and services for farmers and help improve their living standards. Its programs and activities include building a new type of country side, socio-economic development, and job creation for farmers. It provides technical and occupational training for members, support and services such as loans, fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, marketing of agricultural products, legal aid and service, social monitoring, feedback and participation in formulating mechanisms and policies, and agro-tourism; and supports poor members, especially in ethnic minority and mountainous areas with capital, training, seedlings, houses, and means of production.



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Korean Advanced Farmers' Federation (KAFF)

Established in December 1987, KAFF has around 176 member organizations and 130,000 individual members. It is dedicated to farmer care and upbringing and supports farmers through education and lobbying for favourable government policies. It works towards improving the situation of rural communities in the country. It carries out activities such as nationwide protests against free trade agreements and for higher price of rice, campaign to reform the national agricultural cooperative federation, annual Lee Kyung Hae commemoration and marathon, operation of a center to provide legal and financial services to farmers, conduct of a general assembly every two years, operation of a farmers' education center, rural communities exchange program to teach the youth about the importance of agriculture, and networking with other agricultural organizations in Asia.



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Women Advanced Farmers' Federation (WAFF)

Established in August 1996, WAFF is a federation of 70,000 women farmers in South Korea. It envisions unity, harmony, and development of women farmers. It provides education services; organizes exchanges between city and farm villages; upholds the protection of farmers' rights; cooperates with other farmer organizations; advocates for good agricultural policies; and administers the needs of its members. Besides, WAFF received the top prize for its business academy educational program from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 2005.



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Taiwan Wax Apple Development Association (TWADA)

Formed in 1999, TWADA has around 270 members. It aims to promote cultivation and management techniques for wax apple, develop marketing channel for domestic and export market, promote an integrated development and culture for the wax apple industry, and help raise the wax apple farmers' incomes. Its activities include promotion of organic planting methods for wax apple, increasing international markets and communications, and participation in international organizations. Some of its members have received various agricultural awards from the government.



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Taiwan Dairy Farmers' Association (TDFA)

Established in September 21, 1994, TDFA has a membership of around 570 dairy farms all over the country. It aims to strengthen the association of and promote the cooperation among dairy farmers, guarantee the legal benefits and dignity for dairy farmers as well as maintain the needs of the society, facilitate the information channel and feeding technology for dairy farmers, and build up a sustainable development environment for the dairy industry. It helps members solve their production and marketing problems, collects product information, carries out government plans, publishes proceedings & monthly news, jointly purchases goods, materials and equipment, and facilitates members' communication.



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National Land Rights Forum (NLRF)

NLRF is a national people's organization uniting those who are deprived of their land rights – bonded laborers, tenants, the landless, farmers, *haruwa*, *charuwa* and trust land farmers – and inciting them to action. Since its establishment in 2004, NLRF has been working towards its vision of a society where all tenants and landless farmers live dignified lives. NLRF operates in 50 of Nepal's 75 districts, comprising 42 district-level and 2,072 village-level people's organizations. NLRF's 98,133 members – 49,098 women and 25,531 Dalits ("untouchable" caste) – are led by 4,718 community leaders. Its main activities are organizing and educating land poor farmers, policy advocacy, mass mobilization to put pressure on government, mass conscientization, development of community leaders and practicing community-led land reform and sustainable farming.



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Central Tea Cooperative Federation Ltd. (CTCF) Nepal

CTCF was established in 2010 to address farmer's needs through tea cooperatives. It is a member-based national apex body of tea farmer's cooperatives and their district federations. Currently, there are 90 tea cooperatives from 5 districts tea cooperative federations in 11 districts. The vision of CTCF is economic development through tea cooperative promotion. It works to improve the situation of the cooperatives and the livelihood of its individual farmer members through lobby and advocacy, capacity strengthening, facilitating access to finance and to market, technical trainings and business planning, national and international linkages.



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Farmer's Federations Association for Development Thailand (SorKorPor)

Established in June 2000, SorKorPor has around 35,000 members. It envisions an organization that supports knowledge and local wisdom, helps improve the standard of living through sufficiency economy, and protects farmers' benefits and rights through alliance building. It aims to influence the government's policy making processes in agriculture, and to strengthen its members' capacities to link with government bodies, monitor national agricultural policies, and protect farmers' rights and benefits. At present, it is strengthening its organizational processes, information and data base systems, and members' capabilities in agriculture and self-help activities.



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Kendrio Krishok Moitree (KKM)

Kendrio Krishok Moitree-KKM (Central Farmers' Alliance) is a platform of more than 21,000 farming families, 60% of which are represented by women. The goal of the alliance is to take forward the mandate of smallholder farming families and advocate for their rights, ensure food security, get recognition and dignity of women farmers, ensure sustainable livelihood and formulate pro-poor agriculture policy and thereby move towards a solvent and dignified life. The alliance has three tiers; at the grassroots 813 villages based farmer's organizations, at the Union level 30 Union based farmer's alliance and the central alliance. They are working towards making linkages with the national and international networks on food rights and sustainable agriculture.



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National Association of Mongolian Agricultural Cooperatives (NAMAC)

NAMAC is devoted to creating sustainable and prosperous rural development by strengthening agricultural cooperatives through training and support. The precursor of NAMAC was the Supreme Council of Agricultural Cooperatives, which was founded in 1967 and re-organized by its first General Assembly in January 1992. As of 2014, NAMAC has 22 branch offices in 21 provinces and the capital city, and 600 primary and 10 secondary member cooperatives serving a total of 110,000 individual members. NAMAC represents its members at the national & international levels, protects their common interests and rights, focuses on capacity building of cooperatives & human resource development & self-cultivates members.



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Union of the Water Users Associations of the Kyrgyz Republic (UWUA)

UWUA is a professional organization promoting the interests of its member at the national and local levels, protecting their rights and proposing effective and innovative solutions in response to emerging issues for their development. It envisions itself as an experienced, competent and reliable partner of the government and WUAs in the sustainable and inclusive development of the agricultural sector, providing high-quality services on integrated water resource management resilient to climate change and preventing conflict and improving rural livelihoods. Established in 2006, UWUA now has 1365 male and 209 female members from 225 WUAs from all the seven provinces of the country.



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Agriculture and Farmers Federation of Myanmar (AFFM)

Established on October 25, 2011, AFFM is an association that aims to improve the living and working conditions of farmers all over the country without discrimination as to race, gender or social origin. It supports both rural and urban development in Myanmar with farming as a primary focus and area of expertise. AFFM works diligently to support the environmental and agricultural requirements for building and sustaining healthy communities. Its mission is to educate and raise the awareness level and skills of agriculture workers on their rights by providing trainings on various subjects, especially legal awareness and protection. AFFM also develops basic level, township level and regional level organizations so that they will have the strength to represent themselves within the community.



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