

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Young Farmers of AFA Case Story Series



Purpose

AFA is launching a **Young Farmers Case Story Series** to shine a spotlight on the inspiring journeys, struggles, and innovations of our young farmer members. Through these short write-ups, we aim to celebrate their contributions, share learnings across the region, and make a strong case for investing in youth in agriculture.

We are calling on all AFA member organizations to submit a 1-page case story featuring young farmer member/s from your network. The purpose of the call is to create a collection of short, compelling stories of young farmers that:

- Showcase their farming practices or innovations;
- Highlight their challenges and how they overcome them;
- Present their hopes, aspirations, and contributions to any of the following: **sustainable agriculture, agroecology, climate resiliency, land restoration, land rights, agripreneurship, or cooperative development;**
- Inform advocacy and visibility efforts at the national and regional levels.

Submission Guidelines

We invite AFA members with young farmers / young farmers groups and committees to submit their case stories. Submissions should:

- Be original and based on your own experiences.
- Focus on a specific project, innovation, or challenge.
- Highlight the impact of your work on your community and/or the environment.
- Be written in clear and concise English.
- Adhere to the provided template (see below).

Content to Cover

Your case story should include the following:

Background: Briefly describe your farm/organization and your role.

Challenge/Opportunity: What problem were you trying to solve, or what opportunity did you see?

Innovation/Solution: What innovative approach did you take, or what solution did you implement?

Implementation: How did you put your idea into practice? What were the key steps?

Results/Impact: What were the outcomes of your project? How did it benefit your farm, your community, and/or the environment?

Lessons Learned: What did you learn from this experience? What advice would you give to other young farmers?

Submission Instructions

Please submit your case story, along with a high-resolution photo of the young farmer individual or group featured, to afanikka@asianfarmers.org and copy afairish@asianfarmers.org

In the subject line, please write: "Submission: Young Farmers Case Story – (Country, Organization)".

Submissions should be in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.

Case Story Template

Title: (Catchy and informative title)

Name:

Age:

Farm/Organization: (Name of your farm or organization)

Location: (Country, Region)

Background: (Briefly describe your farm/organization and your role. Max. 150 words)

Challenge/Opportunity: (What problem were you trying to solve, or what opportunity did you see? Max. 200 words)

Innovation/Solution: (What innovative approach did you take, or what solution did you implement? Max. 250 words)

Implementation: (How did you put your idea into practice? What were the key steps? Max. 250 words)

Results/Impact: (What were the outcomes of your project? How did it benefit your farm, your community, and/or the environment? Max. 250 words)

Lessons Learned: (What did you learn from this experience? What advice would you give to other young farmers? Max. 150 words)

Photo Caption: (Provide a brief caption for your photo.)

Note: If you need help with framing your story or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Nikka Rivera at afanikka@asianfarmers.org. We encourage all eligible young farmers to participate and share their valuable experiences. Submitted applications will get a chance to be featured on AFA social media platforms and the AFA Young Farmer Podcast.