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Role and future of small holder farmers

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Family farmers around the world

Account for more than 90% of the farms

Occupy around 70–80% of farmland

Produce more than **80%** of the world's food in value terms

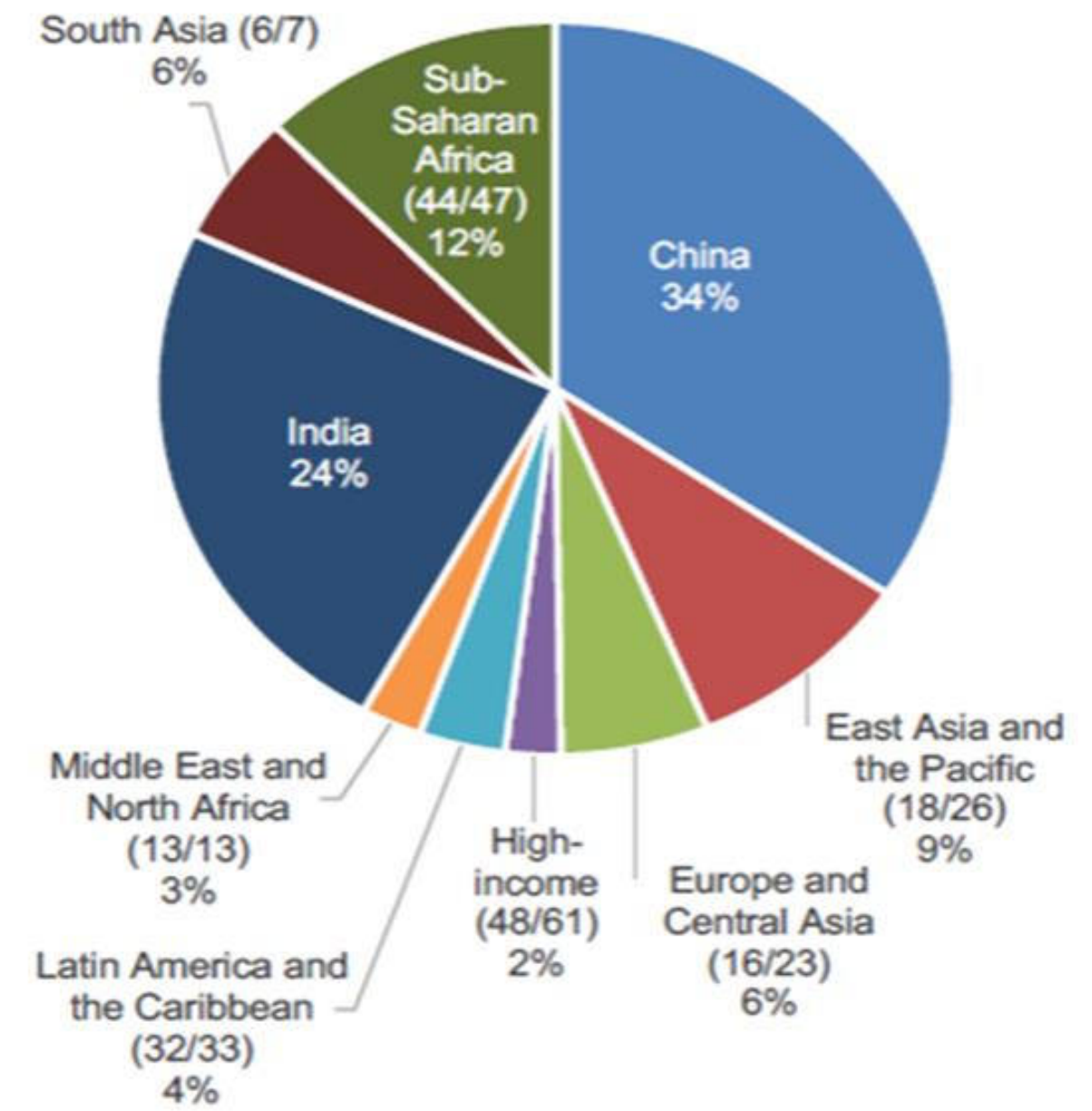
Farms of **less than 2 ha:**

- account for 84% of all farms
- But operate on only 12% of all agricultural land
- And still produce **36% of the world's food**

Family Farmers in Asia and the Pacific

Asia and Pacific region accounts for 74 per cent of the world's family farmers

Small-scale, family-based food producers account for almost 80 percent of the milk production , and 80-90 percent of aquaculture farms in Asia.



Small holder farmers in Laos?

- 77% of family households in Laos are farmers with average size of 5 people
- 65% of family households have land between 0.5-2.9 ha; and 27% has land more than 3 ha.
- 95% of family farmers engaged in rice production for household consumption, thus, rice is a very important crop.
- In addition to rice production, the farmers produce other cash crops such as coffee, tea, seasonal vegetables, maize, cassava, sugarcane and livestock for domestic and regional markets.
- Family farming is strong in Lao PDR, producing over 80% of all food consumed in the country.

What is the future of Lao small holder farmers?



Continue to be rice-based farming system

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Produce less rice but rather produce short cycle cash crops.

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Produce less rice but rather produce long term cash crops.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTeByd5HWyc>

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