

ALiSEA Network Vietnam  
Online thematic session to share experience on PGS

Development of PGS and environmental education for  
children in Ben Tre and Dong Thap Provinces  
- Challenges and opportunities -

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# Current situation of Agriculture, rural area, and farmers in Vietnam

- Reduction of the number of agricultural workers ⇒ serious impact to food security, environmental protection, preserving local culture
- Applying new technology, mechanization ⇒ reducing opportunities for poor households to get part-time jobs or working places
- Widening the gap between rich and poor
- Increasing risks of climate change, environmental pollution, pandemics...

⇒ **Helping small-scale farmers stabilize their lives through strengthening mutual cooperation among different stakeholders, applying measures to protect the environment and adapt to climate change, producing high-quality agricultural products, building value chains, and improving the access to new markets.**

# Impact of Climate change





# Why do small-scale farmers need to apply organic agriculture and PGS?

- Growing organic market in the world.
- Reducing the number of farmers, farmers' income has not increased.  
⇒ Motivation for farmers to get more cash income.
- Consumers need information about the producers, the method of production and which standard applied.  
⇒ Monitoring/inspection and certification and traceability systems are required
- Producers must change farming practices to reduce the risks of climate change and produce sustainably.  
⇒ Producers need to apply environmentally friendly agricultural methods

# Mekong Delta



# PGS Bến Tre and PGS Đồng Tháp

	PGS Bến Tre	PGS Đồng Tháp
<b>Founded year</b>	2014	2020
<b>Number of Inter-group</b>	3 : Bình Đại, Ba Tri, Mỏ Cày Nam Districts	3 : Cao Lãnh City, Thanh Bình, Hồng Ngự Districts
<b>Number of farmers (Number of farmers' group)</b>	26 hhds (8)	12 hhds (5)
<b>Area</b>	5.74 ha Organic : 1.26 ha Conversion : 4.48 ha	1.42 ha
<b>Product</b>	Vegetables, coconuts, chicken	vegetables

# Bến Tre Province



# Training on Organic farming

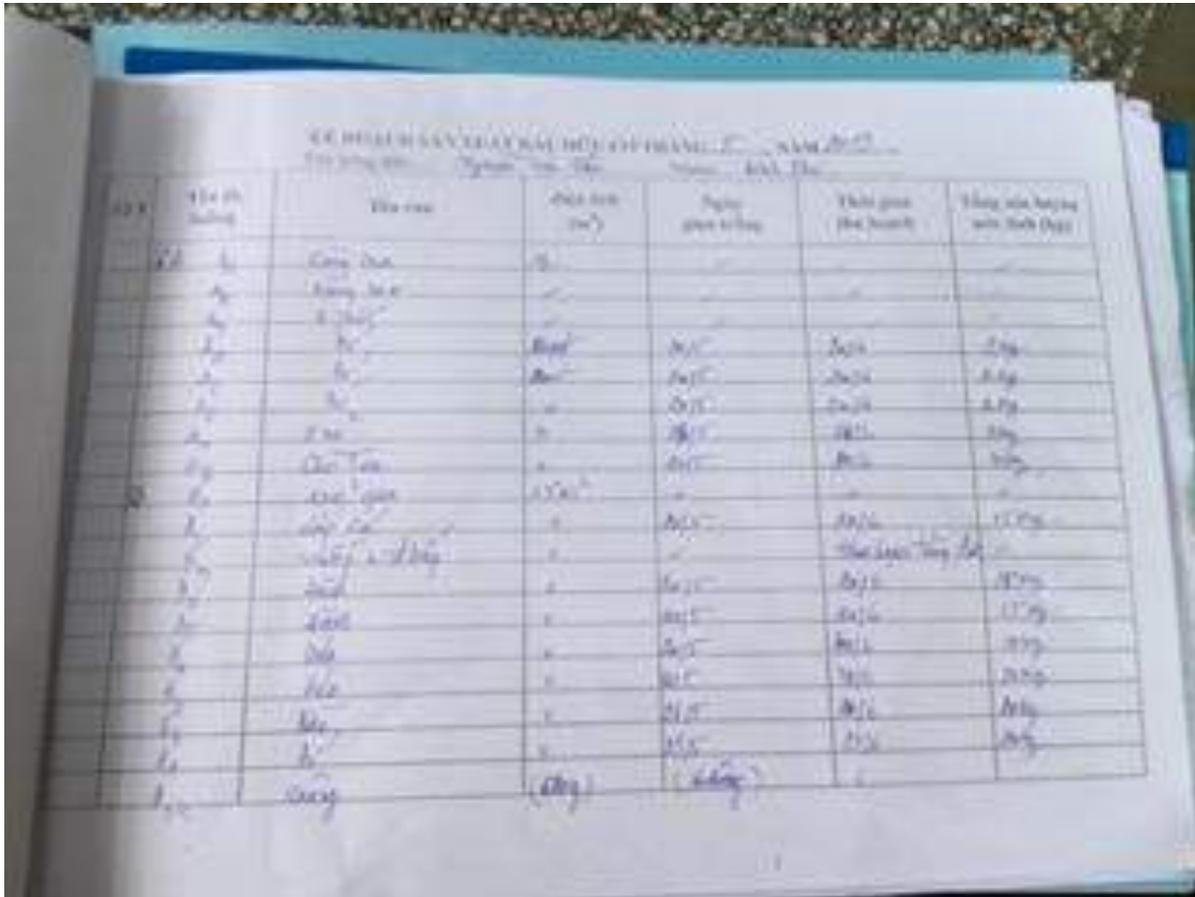




# Inspection



# Daily operational records



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# Providing PGS certification



# Developing logo of PGS Bến Tre with students



# Logo of PGS Bến Tre



# Building facility for packaging vegetables

## Joining weekend market held in HCM City



# Promotion of organic vegetables



# Organic coconut farmers' group

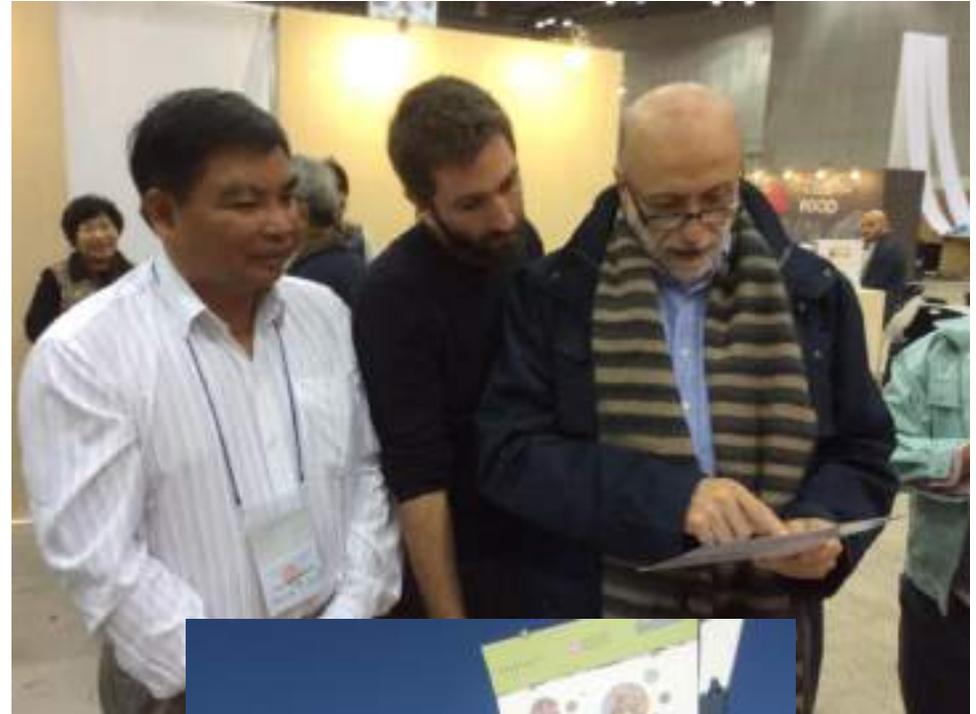


# Organic coconuts Processing facility



# Organic coconuts chips were sold at super market in HCM City





# Environmental education for students







# Đồng Tháp Province



# TOT training



# Training on Organic farming



# Collaboration with PGS Bến Tre



# Environmental education for students



# Achievements

- **The cash income** of small-scale farmers has increased (Average is **2-3 times higher** than before joining PGS)
- **Enhancing the capacity** of small-scale farmers through the production of high quality agricultural products such as organic PGS certified products, keeping daily operational records, and direct cooperation with retailers and consumer groups.
- **Strengthen relationships and collaboration among stakeholders** through group works.
- **Young farmers and young staff of counterpart** became the core members of PGS Bến Tre and PGS Đồng Tháp and they maintain and develop PGS activities.

# Challenges

- Finding vegetable/coconut/fruit gardens that qualifies as organic production is difficult.
- Finding clean water resources is getting difficult.
- There are markets. Farmers' income has increased. ⇒ The number of farmers applying organic agriculture has not increased much.
- Reduction of workers in rural areas ⇒ Production costs increase, implementation of organic agriculture is difficult.
- The effects of climate change are becoming more obvious, so farmers need to improve their infrastructure.
- Need more human resources to maintain PGS activities and active participation of local government, restaurants and hotels

A group of geese, including several white ones and a few brown ones, are gathered on a dirt path in a rural, lush green setting. In the background, there are trees, a small hut with a thatched roof, and mountains under a clear blue sky. A utility pole is visible on the right side of the path.

# Thank you very much!

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