



Experiences on policy dialogue and advocacy

Kristen Rasmussen – Country Director
Celia del Campo Aragonés – Technical Adviser

Policy Dialogue Group Meeting
ALISEA
10TH of December 2021

Outline

- Introducing Dan Church Aid (DCA)
- DCA work on agroecology
- Fundamentals of advocacy
- Experience on advocacy and policy dialogue in related fields to agroecology:
 - disaster risk reduction
 - access to natural resources
 - women's empowerment
- Best practices (Key strategies, actors, networks) / Barriers and opportunities
- Key agroecological initiatives to address through policy dialogue/advocac

Dan Church Aid

- International organization working in Cambodia since 1979.
- Strong local partnership model
- Main areas of intervention:
 - **Saving lives**
 - **Building Resilient Communities**
 - **Fight Extreme inequalities**



DCA work on agroecology



- Develop the **capacity of farmers** on agroecology through FFS
- **Capitalize farmers' knowledge and practices** (farmers' handbook, ecokasekor app)
- **Equip farmers with infrastructures** that support agroecological transition (seed banks, bamboo-green house, Agroecology Community Center, etc..)
- Support the **creation of agroecological markets** with focus on short market circuits through Participatory Guarantee Systems, sustainable contract farming, Consumers' days, farmers' markets, selling points in the communities..

DCA work on agroecology

- Provide **TVET on agroecology for youth**
- Support **women farmers empowerment** in the agroecological value chain
- Support the **access of farmers to natural resources (land, seed..)**
- Engage in relevant **networks** (ALISEA, Farmers' Forum, NGO Forum..)



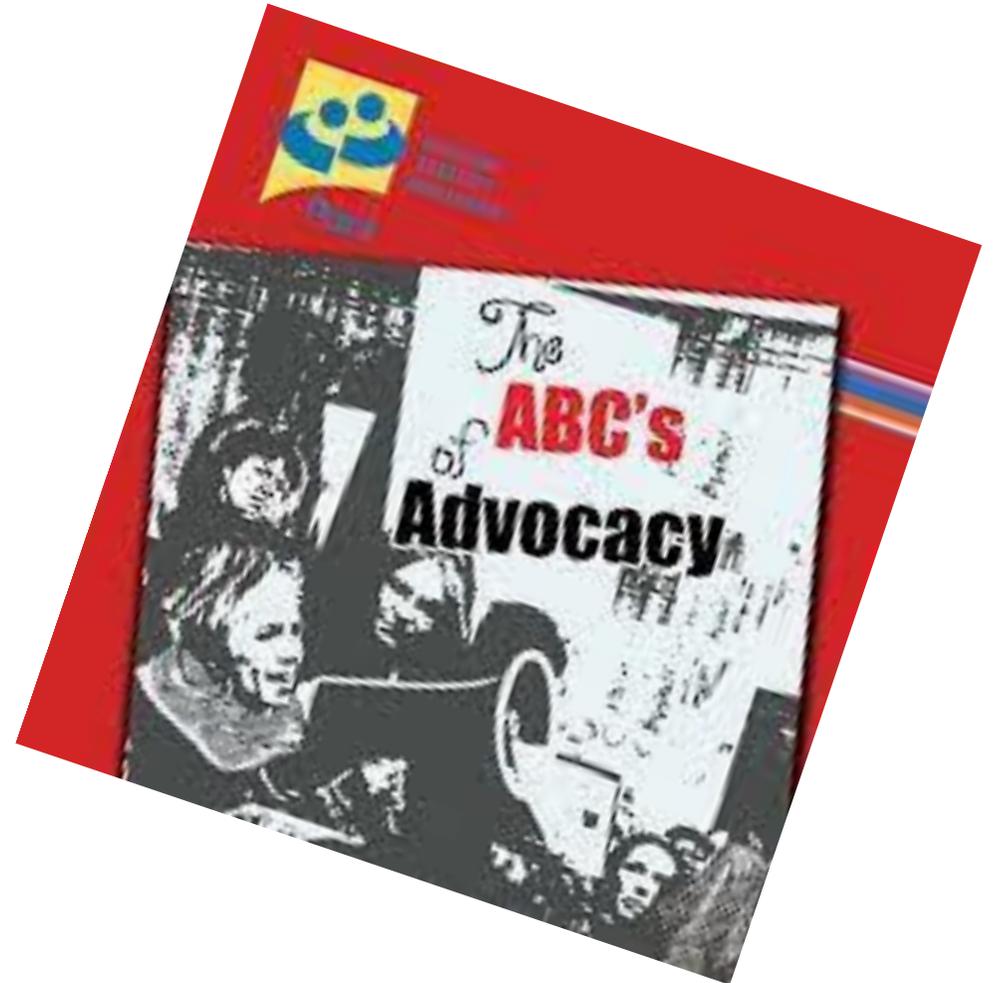
Fundamentals of Advocacy



- Methods: networking, lobbying, campaigning, awareness-raising or informing
- Different levels of focus for change: micro, meso, macro
- Stakeholders or targets
- Advocacy champions

DCA experience on advocacy and policy dialogue

- DCA as a rights-based organisation addressing structural challenges
- Advocacy on a range of issues with a number of stakeholders employing a range of approaches
- Recent examples: COP26, Danida strategy



DCA experience on advocacy and policy dialogue in related fields to agroecology: **disasters risk reduction, climate change and humanitarian action**

- Engagement with NCDM and PCDM on importance on investment in risk reduction
- Capacity building of 'women DRR champions'
- Awareness raising of roles and responsibility of government in risk reduction and response
- Research on gender aspects of DRR and humanitarian response



- Local to Global: engaging with local communities on community-led response
- COP 26

DCA experience on advocacy and policy dialogue in related fields to agroecology: access to land

- [DanChurchAid | Land Portal](#)
- Land as a fundamental necessity for resilient livelihood and right protected by Constitutions and other legal frameworks
- International lobbying for reparations or compensation –e.g. OECD Watch



DCA experience on advocacy and policy dialogue in related fields to agroecology: **women empowerment and gender equality**

- Promoting women's leadership in agricultural cooperatives and producer groups
- VSLAs and women's empowerment
- Nordic efforts to integrate gender equality in climate finance – Nordic event at COP 26 hosted by DCA General Secretary



Key agroecological initiatives to promote through policy dialogue

- Create economic public incentives for farmers to apply agroecological practices: payment of ecosystem services – not necessarily from carbon credits international markets, but also from the national taxes system (i.e: social benefits, taxes deduction..)
- Legally binding regulation to protect informal seed saving, production and sharing of small-scale farmers.
- Recognize the title of TVET on agroecology to provide rural youth with good quality educational program.



Key agroecological initiatives to promote through policy dialogue

- Apply taxes over imported and conventional goods to protect local agroecological produce in the markets
- Develop national standards for ‘Participatory Guarantee Systems’
- Develop regulation to set up labeling and traceability: origin, techniques, number of intermediaries.
- Raise awareness of consumers: agroecological national procurement system (i.e: schools, ministries,...), consumers’ association..



THANKS!

