

Who we are:

A supraregional beacon project of German development cooperation, Sustainet was formed in 2003 as part of the German federal government's "Programme of Action 2015: Poverty Reduction - a Global Responsibility". The Sustainet Steering Group is the project's decision-making body, and is composed of representatives from different socio-political German groups:

- The German Council for Sustainable Development, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV) representing the public sector,
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH as a government-owned company,
- Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German Agro Action), Misereor and Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World) from civil society.



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Sustainet -

a cooperative project
to ensure food security
through sustainable
agriculture





Global challenges:

For the purposes of poverty reduction, sustainable agriculture is pivotal: Three out of four poor people in developing countries live in rural areas. Agriculture is their main source of income.

Sustainet - Sustainable Agriculture Information Network - has identified sustainable examples of good agricultural practices which are capable of reducing rural poverty and have the potential for wide dissemination.

The aim of Sustainet is to support the identification and scaling up of examples of good practice in sustainable agriculture. To this end, Sustainet networks have been established among institutions at regional and international level. Sustainet is composed of a German network as well as three networks in pilot regions.

Sustainet and Sustainable agriculture:

In the context of Sustainet, sustainable agriculture must ...

- ... from an ecological perspective, contribute to conserving and improving soil fertility and water quality, obtaining and restoring biodiversity, and making economical use of energy.
- ... in economic terms, offer farmers a secure income and deliver long-term improvements in nutritional status.
- ... from the social point of view, involve disadvantaged farmers in development and take account of local knowledge, customs, traditions and norms.



The goals of Sustainet are to:

- demonstrate the importance of sustainable agriculture for global food security;
- scale-up promising pilot approaches in sustainable agriculture on a transcontinental basis to ensure they no longer remain one-off solutions;
- engage in political lobbying in order to establish firm foundations and adequate conditions for sustainable agriculture in the national context, in Germany and in the pilot regions.

Measures implemented:

- Development of an adapted self-assessment tool for local organisations / projects;
- Identification and self-assessment of 38 examples of good practices in sustainable agriculture by the local partners;
- Writing up and publication of example projects;
- Use of an analysis matrix (developed on the basis of project examples) to assess the scaling up potential of the selected good practices;
- Formulation of policy briefs as a part of lobbying activities;
- Exchange of experience and strategy dialogue with key actors based in the partner countries or involved in development cooperation;
- Establishment of local and international communication structures and networks.



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