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Natural Fertilizer of Utdomsorya Cooperative

IMPROVE VEGETABLE PRODUCTION BY USING **BOKASHI** FERTILIZER

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Upgrading Strategy for Small-Scale
Farmers in Cambodia



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- 17 Years in Cambodia on vegetable vegetable value chain
- Supporting Farmer Organization





1. Importance of Bokashi in vegetable production
1. Why Agricultural Cooperative or Farmer Organization should produce and sell Bokashi?



Fertility is the heart of the agriculture and It is the bottleneck of promoting Agroecology



Natural Fertilizer is very important for vegetable growing



COMPOST

- 4-6 months
- High labor
- Required different amount of inputs
- Most of farmers don't have habit to produce such compost



SAVING COMPOST

- Easy
- Less effective



- In our case, farmers need generally 15 tons/year of natural fertilizer
- However, farmers could produce only 7-8 tons/year of saving compost

how do the farmers deal with the problem?

Chemical Fertilizer

Buying natural fertilizer from outside

What is Bokashi ?

Fast compost (Microorganism+Fermentation Technic)



Microorganism

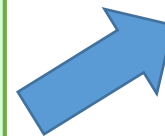


Preparing inputs



Mixing

Components



Semi-Aerobic



Anaerobic

In 2015, the program has tested the Bokashi

Results on Long bean	Bokashi	Compost
Duration of production(day)	20	120
Quantity usage (kg/m ²)	0.5	1.5
Cost(riel/m ²)	500	705
Yield, first harvest(kg/m ²)	1.093	1.05



Market survey and Business Plan

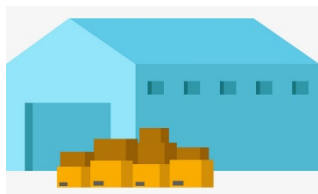


Selecting Production Partner, Otdom Soriya Cooperative

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Research and development to improve the quality and reduce production cost



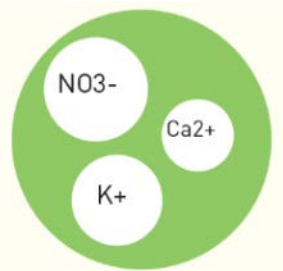
Production facilities, workshop, equipment/materials, transportation

Advantage of Bokashi over traditional compost



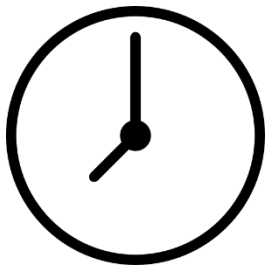
Level of Microorganism

2-3 times higher



Nutrition: Nitrogen,
Potassium, Phosphorus
and calcium...

Enrich with more nutrition
because of different selected
inputs and proper production
method



Duration of production

20 days compared to 120 days



Cost

1/3 lower

Advantage of Bokashi over traditional compost

Fruit, vegetable...

- Better taste
- Bigger leave and fruit
- Better appearance
- Better resistance(live longer)

Why FOs should produce and distribute this fertilizer ?

- Respond to the needs of members
- Changing habit of ACs/FOs
- Promoting Agroecologoy
- Increasing efficiency of local inputs used in natural fertilizer
- Collective Commercialization + Improve access to market of local inputs

Thanks !

