Prospects of Organic Farming in Nepal

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1. In Nepal, hilly area is regarded as organic by default
2. Temperate, tropical climate and bio-diversity allows Nepal to produce a variety of crops
3. Uncontrolled imports of contaminated fruits and vegetable of concern
4. Govt. has set a standard for level of bio-residues and quarantine facilities at the border
5. Some provinces have declared the province as organic
6. Public awareness towards importance of safe food is growing
Follows: Five Holistic Components of Poverty Reduction

- Organisational Development and Capacity Building
- Income Generation
- Infrastructure Development
- Environmental sustenance
- Resource Generation and Mobilisation
SAPPROS Experience in Green Development

1. Organic Agriculture
2. Renewable Energy
3. Eco-tourism
4. Information & Communication Technology for Development
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Challenges for making Nepal an organic country

- Lack of clear programmes and policies
- Promotion of high level of subsidy on chemical fertilizers
- Lack of technologies to enhance soil fertility
- Limited adherences to organic agriculture standards and certification facilities
- Misconception that organic food is low yield and high priced
- Lack of consumers awareness about safe production and consumption of food
Experiences...
Experiences: Low Cost Plastic Tunnels
Experiences: Micro Irrigation - Drip Technology
Experiences..
UpScaling the programme

• Need of an integrated approach to organic farming
• Mobilization of stakeholders (Govt, bank and financial institutions, Private and community)
• Innovative incentive mechanism to promote organic farming
• Linking organic with eco and agro –tourism
• Promotion of export of organic products (Tea, Coffee, Fruits and Vegetables)
Upscaling...

- Encouraging youth to engage in organic farming
- Establish stakeholders network through digital net
- Testing various technologies and selecting most appropriate one
- Demonstration of proven technologies and training of farmers
- Making Govt. Policies responsive to the needs of organic producers
- Creating and strengthening knowledge resource centre
A precious smile

Thank you!