Prospects of Organic Farming in Nepal

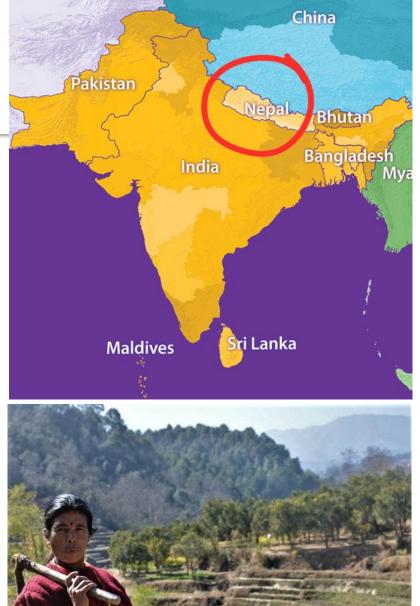
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Background

- 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











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- 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: Micro Irrigation - Drip Technology





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

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