Experiences on policy dialogue and advocacy

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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/advocacy
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!