

# SAFE-World Project/Initiative Summary

**Country: Thailand**

Project/Initiative Title: The Project for the development of Alternative Agriculture Producers and Consumers Network in Upper Northern Thailand (NORTHNET Foundation) 1993

Scale: Many communities      Nos. farmers: 144 farms      Hectares: 87ha

Improvement types

1x	2	3x	4	5x	6x	7x	8x	9x
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Success and Limits to spread

Success	Limits
5c, 7	2b, 3a

## A. Key Impacts

### **A2 – Impacts on natural capital**

Increased soil fertility and bio-diversity

### **A3 – Impacts on local community (social capital)**

Formation of farmers' groups, womens' groups and co-ops  
Reforestation management groups

### **A4 – Impacts on households and individuals (human capital)**

community benefits from raised incomes, better health and nutritional status, appropriate technology, leadership skills, more friends and safe food  
strong emphasis on adding value to produce before sales

### **A5 – Key changes in farm / regional system**

Reduced pesticide and fertiliser use  
Outstanding success; organic vegetable production and Alternative Market

## B. Types of Sustainable Agriculture Improvements

Type 1: Better use of available renewable natural capital

Type 2: Intensification of single sub-component of farm system

Type 3: Diversify by adding new productive natural capital and regenerative components

Type 4: Better use of non-renewable inputs and technologies

Type 5: Social and participatory processes leading to group action for making better use of natural capital

Type 6: Human capital building through training-learning programmes

Type 7: Access to Finance

Type 8: Add value by processing to reduce losses and increase returns

Type 9: Add value by direct or organised marketing of produce to consumers

	Yes/No	Narrative
Type 1	x	IPM, Herbal pesticides
Type 2		
Type 3	x	agroforestry
Type 4		
Type 5	x	Participatory Action Research, Groups and network organisation Gender groups
Type 6	x	Training , Demonstration, experimentation
Type 7	x	Credit and rolling funding
Type 8	x	Vegetable preserves, Soya bean paste, fermented garlic and dried banana, jams, herbal shampoo, lemon grass powder
Type 9	x	Alternative Market (direct sell) Co-operative shop

### **C. Key Lessons: Success, Spread and Constraints**

#### ***C1 – Key Lessons Learned***

Organic farming, production, processing, marketing and policy

#### ***C2 – Aspects of local/national context contributing to success***

?? Chemical crisis in agriculture

?? Consumer awareness for safe food

#### ***C3 – Limitations preventing spread***

Government policy and government officers

#### ***C4 – Policy issues***

The Government's Growth Centre Development Model: produce for sale and export, business organisations and trans-national corporations

#### ***C5 – Scaling-up***

The knowledge of organic farming extension, Alternative Markets, consumer movement and organic standard certification

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