

Learning alliance approaches to scaling out vegetable value chains in the southern Philippines



Key details

Location

Philippines

Duration

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End Dec 2021

Budget

AUD 257,000

Commissioned organisation

The University of Queensland

Partners

Visayas State University, Philippines

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Program

Agribusiness

Project code

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Overview

This project aimed to understand how farmer associations in the southern Philippines can be transformed to self directed learning entities through developing social and human capitals.

Additionally, the project examined capabilities and assets required to support value chains, and improvement in community well-being and women's contribution.

Philippines has a predominantly rural society with more than 80 percent of the population relying on agriculture for their livelihoods. Agriculture is the primary source of income for rural communities, most of whom depend on subsistence farming and fishing for their livelihoods.

Project outcomes

- Understood capacity of farmer associations through livelihoods framework with an emphasis on social and human capitals.
- Developed capabilities and assets of five communities to support vegetable value chain development.
- Improved community well-being from vegetable value chain development through learning alliances with private sector, grower groups, community, government and research stakeholders.