



**Updates on status implementation of FAO Regional Vegetable IPM Programme  
in South and Southeast Asia-Phase II<sup>1</sup>  
(FNPP/GLO/002/NET, GCP/RAS/191/AUL & GCP/RAS/209/NOR)**

**Brief Description Phase II (2002-7) Programme**

This project builds on the success of the Phase I of the FAO Inter-Country Programme (ICP) for Vegetable IPM in South and Southeast Asia, which, since April 1996, has carried out applied research, extension and farmer education activities to promote and support Integrated Pest Management in vegetables by Asian smallholder farmers. During Phase I, the ICP focused on enhancing the Governments' and NGOs' capability to implement training programmes in seven countries using the "Training of Trainers" (TOT) and "Farmer Field School" (FFS) approach. More than 600 trainers and 30,000 farmers have been trained since the beginning of Phase I.

Phase II (2002-7) of the ICP emphasises vegetable IPM farmer participatory training and research in five countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region, with a sharper focus on major crops and pests. Specifically the Programme will: 1) Strengthen and expand the capability of government agencies and NGOs to carry out IPM training and continuing field activities, 2) Create and strengthen groups of smallholder farmers so that they can take collective action in support of ecologically-based vegetable production and marketing, and 3) Institute sustainable arrangements for the solution of technical crop production and protection problems. Phase II is programmed to be more sensitive to quality control of participatory training and research activities, gender, impact assessment and regional issues. The project provides advice, organises training, arranges for exchange of expertise, and funds field studies and follow-up activities in the field. Lessons learned from field work will be used for policy advice to national governments for better policies in the field of farmer education, crop protection, rural development and, as a result poverty alleviation.

These activities will be carried out in close collaboration with other regional, national and local IPM-related projects funded by governments, donor agencies and NGOs.

**On the commodity focus....**

The Phase II Vegetable IPM Programme remains focused on assisting member countries to develop IPM for a range of locally important *vegetable* crops. This includes work on important cash crops such as cabbage, tomato, potato, eggplant and various cucurbits and legumes. However, through an AusAID funded addendum to the Programme, FAO will support some limited work in *rice* (mainly on exploring the potential of System of Rice Intensification) in Vietnam and Cambodia.

**On the geographical focus...**

Following recommendation from earlier Review Missions, the Phase II Programme focuses its activities and support for vegetable IPM activities in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS). This includes Thailand, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Cambodia and Yunnan Province of China PR. Myanmar, another member of the GMS, is currently not a member of the FAO Vegetable IPM Programme but inclusion could be considered given the recent expression of keen interest by the Myanmar Government on the presumption that additional funding for such inclusion can be obtained. Other member countries of the Programme continue to include Philippines, Indonesia and Bangladesh. In these latter countries, the programme supports exchange of experiences through participation in workshops, meetings and training assignments. The Programme also supports innovative activities in these countries that could have a potential role in supporting innovation of vegetable IPM programs in the Greater Mekong Subregion countries. It is foreseen that the geographical focus of this Regional Programme will remain as above but, as more financial resources become available

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from a wider variety of donor sources, other Asian member countries might join the Programme in future.

#### **On cross-border and cross-cutting themes...**

FAO-IPM Programme work is on-going with regards to several cross-cutting themes of relevance to vegetable IPM programme implementation in all of the key member countries. These themes include: novel and cleaner options for pest management, organic production/marketing, action research, gender issues, monitoring/evaluation and assessment of impact of project training activities in terms of effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability for better policy advice to national governments.

#### **On staffing and management...**

The Regional Office of the Phase II Programme was relocated to FAO-RAP in Bangkok as of March 2003. The Team Leader (Jan Willem Ketelaar) of the Programme is based in Bangkok, providing overall supervision for programme implementation on the Regional level and in Thailand. Other international staff assigned to the Programme include Elske van de Fliert ([elske@fpt.vn](mailto:elske@fpt.vn)), who is based in Hanoi and is responsible for Programme Development in Vietnam and China PR. Randell Arnst ([ipmrandy@online.com.kh](mailto:ipmrandy@online.com.kh)), who is now based in Phnom Penh is responsible for Programme development in Cambodia and Lao PDR. All international staff members have regional programme development responsibilities, with national experts and counterparts in each of the countries having primary responsibility for programme development in each of their respective countries. Various consultants, regionally and nationally recruited, provide technical and training-process inputs to the programme on a regular basis.

#### **On the financial status...**

The Phase II of the FAO Vegetable IPM Programme started in July 2002 with an initial grant of USD 1.4 Million from the Netherlands Government for the first year of programme implementation. The project code associated with this grant is: FNPP/GLO/002/NET. The Australian Government subsequently joined the program in January 2003 and made available an almost equal contribution of USD 1,856,712. The project code associated with this grant is: GCP/RAS/191/AUL. Funding support from the Royal Norwegian Government under project GCP/RAS/209/NOR (USD 4,269,000) was obtained in April 2005 and this support brings the total funding available for Phase II implementation to date up to USD 7,525,712.

#### **On contacts for further information and queries...**

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