

Smallholder Group

Certification

Internal Control System
(ICS)

DEFINITION OF AN ICS

Documented quality assurance and quality control system that enables the organic certification requirement of ***Annual inspection of every farm*** to be delegated to a responsible internal body for the certification of smallholder farmer groups.

WHY AN ICS

Tool for small holder group to get certification

Why certification...

Organic consumer needs to “trust” that the product is “organic”.(organic quality)

This requires traceability from field to final product based on standards

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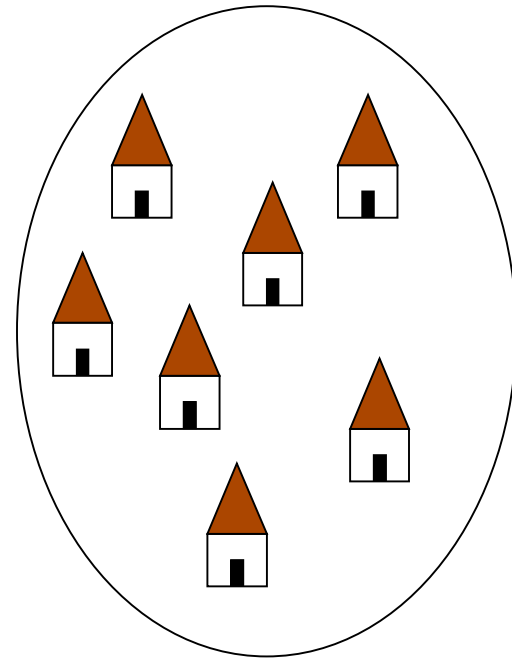
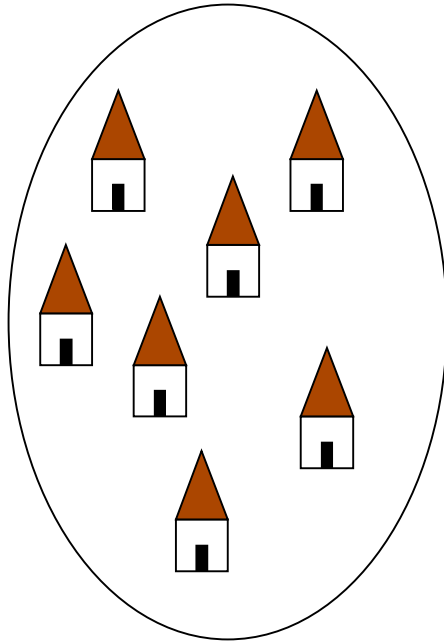
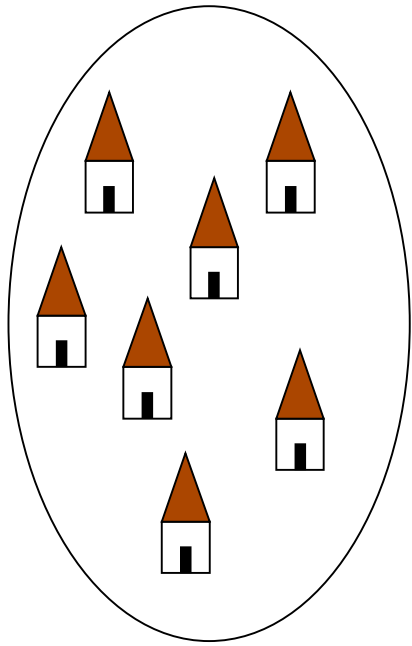
Role of an ICS

- Management of documentation requirements
- Training of farmers in Organic principles of soil fertility management and pest management
- Training of farmers in certification requirements: quality control ,crop plans, documentation of cultural practices.
- Documenting internal annual inspection of 100% of farmers

Requirements of an ICS

- Homogeneity of farmers (location, farm size, production practices)
- Formal commitment
- One certification for the group (not for single farmers)-cost
- Usually single marketing channel
- Management of non compliances (sanctions procedure)
- Management of product flow

ORGANISATION OF THE ICS



How ICS is carried out (CHOPPA)

- Farmers are arranged in groups-12 cooperatives
- Total of 443 farmers
 - 319 certified
 - 68 are in transtion one
 - 56 transition two

Each farmer has a code number-

Code number used in tracebility

Have come up with an internal regulation

Each co-operative has an EO for ES

How ICS is carried out(CHOPPA)....

- Farmers receive annual training from katc on certification requirements.
- 100% annual inspection of farmers- done by EO-do not inspect own operational areas.
- Inspection done during critical times of the year-during planting, pest pressure times.
- Internal inspection are documented and a farmer list compiled.
- Shows the number of farmers and status

How ICS is carried out(CHOPPA)....

- Farmer list gives rise to a buyer list which we now use to tell the market about expected yield.

Internal Inspection

- 100% of farmers are inspected at least once in a year
- Internal inspection form is used
- Checklist
 - maps(show own and neighbours conventional field)
 - praduction practices
 - soil fertilty management
 - pest management
 - weed management practices
 - tools
- Inputs-purchased and and sales records
- Storage areas
- Management of risk-seperation distance,buffer zones
- report

External inspection

- Inspected by Ecocert-Afrisco.
- Check the functioning of the ICS
- Square root of farmers is sampled to confirm the works of the ICS

External inspection checklist of ICS

- Overview Map of group and farm maps of every farmer
- Contract of agreement to follow organic rules-new farmers
- Farm entrance form including field history and farmer code allocation
- Internal regulation-new farmers.
- Annual completed internal inspection form
- Farmer List (summary of all data about the farmer), including the certification status of his fields e.g. organic, in conversion or conventional.
- Buyer list
- Stock records
- Product purchase and sale documents

Structure of the ICS

ICS Co-ordinator/Manager

Sunctions and Approval committee

Internal inspectors/extension officers

Co-operative chairman-

Lead farmers

Farmers

End

Thank you