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AGROECOLOGY IN ACTION
Women in Tamil Nadu, India
Kham Kheng has been farming since she was 12 years old, and been using pesticides since she was 18.

“The more I sprayed, the more pest outbreaks I had to deal with. In addition, I had many health problems. My throat always felt dry. No amount of water could quench the thirst. Also, I constantly had headaches and felt dizzy, like taking a ride in a bumpy car. I used to get so tired after spraying that I had to rest six to eight hours a day,” she related.

Now 46 years old, she stopped using pesticides 10 years ago. “I am much healthier now. I can work for longer hours, despite being older,” she said.
Layer Lo, Lao Farmer

The organic market where she sells her vegetables recently transferred to a new venue that is more spacious and permanent. The market space is supported by the District Governor, Provincial Governor and the PAFO. Layer Lor has grown very confident about her farming skills. She is very happy that organic farming has been profitable enough to support herself and her son.
Sovannry Nhém, Cambodia

“Organic farming provides us with healthy living and we earn a good income which enabled us to send our daughters to study at a university.”
Agroecology as a viable, pro-people, pro-planet alternative

• Agroecology can only be truly viable and beneficial if pursued in the context of thoroughgoing agrarian reform & long-term rural development.

• Agroecology can only thrive when there is substantial & reliable state support for production & extension services; & when there is a steady domestic market that will absorb locally & agroecologically grown farm produce

• Thousands of small food producers in Asia are producing food and fibre through agroecology
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Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Building the Linkages from Science to Action | Minamata COP-5 Online Event / Road to OEWG 2 Series
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10 OCT 2023 14:45 - 15:45
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