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Summary of Initiatives, Challenges and Recommendation on effective inclusion of FOs in SBFN

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Benefit of FO inclusion in SBFN

• Sustainable and Resilient
  • Shorter food mile
  • Traceability
  • Solidarity
  • Minimize dependence on external market

• Lesser cost for school

• Assured market for farmers (diverse market)
Challenges (bottlenecks / hindering factors)

• Low/less attractive demand from school compared to other market
• Mis-matched:
  • SBFN pilot areas are far from FOs with capacity to deliver steady supply
• Delayed payment
• Accredited Process
  • Voluminous documents
  • Standard / criteria may favor bigger players
Facilitating Factors

• Presence of Organized FO with capacity to aggregate supply and deliver product
  • Commodity clustering approach
  • Capacity to meet bidding requirement

• Strong Partnership (FO-school-WFP)
  • Access to information
  • Meaningful engagement of partners in review, monitoring and implementation of SBFN
  • Facilitation for accreditation
Recommendation

• Government to have favorable policy environment for SBFN
  • Mandatory procurement (30%) with FOs
  • Budget
  • Partnership Mechanism

• Review / Simplify accreditation

• Better matching of school and organized farmers

• Financing to guarantee the payment for farmers:
  • School: soft loan to ensure cash payment upon delivery
  • Farmer: advance payment to ensure steady supply of products to school
  • Attractive price
Thank you!