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## Local Cucumber Variety trial and seed production

#### 35<sup>th</sup> International Vegetable Training Course "Vegetables: From Seed to Table and Beyond" Module 1



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## **Three topics in module 1**

- Practical in Indigenous Vegetable Breeding
- Irrigation for Vegetable production
- Seed health testing and management



#### Introduction

- There are diverse of local cucumber variety and popular in rural and outskirt of the town market of Lao country.
- Germplasm collection activity has been established at HHRC in the past few year but of it characterization and seed production still limited.
- Observation, characterization and documentation of these local cucumber variety needs to be developed.
- Seed collection and production are also important to improve
- For further to generate farmers incomes



## **Objectives**

- Support the development, upgrade and extend the HHRC On field trial (with high yielding and good characterization and suitable for the Lao market)
- To demonstrate in small scale for cucumber seed production at HHRC
- Improve incomes of small farmers, train and support farmers (new variety distribution).



## **Project duration**

- The project will started in November, 2016 and end in November 2019
- The first phase of the project the HHRC will upgraded and extended, the staff undergoing and variety trial will be conducted
- The Second phase: the target area and pilot farmer will selected. All pilot farmers undergo training in cucumber cultivation and seed production techniques.



### **Project activities and timeline**

			Year 2017				Year 2018				Year 2019			
	Activities	M1-3	M4-6	М7-9	M10-12	M1-3	M4-6	М7-9	M10-12	M1-3	M4-6	M7-9	M10-12	
1.	Project planning	X												
2.	Conducting field trial at HHRC		X	X	X									
3	Small scale seed production plot at HHRC					X	X	×						
4.	Target Pilot farmers finding								X					
5. an	d seed production								X	X	X	X		
6.	Evaluation and final report												X	



## **Project output**

- After 3 year project, new cucumber varieties with high yield and good agronomy characteristic will produced at the Center.
- Small quantity of cucumber seeds will be produced and keep its at HHRC storage for further development.
- 100 pilot farmers will trained in cucumber seed production techniques.
- New cucumber variety and seeds will be produced and distributed to farmers.
- It hope that the pilot farmer will spread out where cucumber growing.



# Thank you for your attention