

## Current organisation of farmers

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## Motivation of individual farmers

- What are (current and possible) motivations for farmers to organise themselves?
- Are there push factors that encourage farmers to organise themselves?
- What are the factors that are holding farmers back to organise themselves?

Your text

## Informal and formal farmer groups

Farmers are generally members of different social groups, for addressing a wide array of issues. Often these are not formally registered. We then call these 'informal organisations'.

**For the production zone of your case, what can you say about the INFORMAL organisation of farmers ?**

*Guiding questions:*

- Without doubt are farmers informally organized. Can you give examples and names of informal organisations?
- Who are members of these groups?
  - When relevant and if possible, specify for men, women, youth.
- What can you say about the internal organisation of these informal organisations?
- Can you give examples of activities that are undertaken by these informal farmers' organisations?
- How important are these activities for farmers?

You can write a short text and use the table

Your text

Informal organizations of farmers	Members	Internal organization	Activities	Importance

**Observations:**

- ...
- ...

## Formal organisation of farmers

Formal farmers' organisations are registered self-help groups, associations, cooperatives, saving and credit groups, or other forms of organisation.

**For the production zone of your case, what can you say about the FORMAL organisation of farmers ?**

*Guiding questions:*

- Are producers/farmers formally organized? Please give the names of these formal farmers' organisations.
- How many members do these organisations have? If possible, specify male and female members.
- What can you say about the internal governance and management of these formal organisations?
- Can you give examples of activities that are undertaken by these formal farmers' organisations? How important are these activities for farmers?

You can write a short text and use the table

Your text

Formal farmers' organizations	Members	Internal governance and management	Activities

**Observations:**

- ...
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## Perspectives for viable farmers' organisations

- What are the perspectives for farmers to create and operate organisations that respond to the definitions (e.g. general definition and definition of cooperative) ?

Your text

## Predominant motivations of farmers' organisations (ICU-do you see me)

- Which of the 4 motivations (I-C-U – do you C me) are prevailing in your case?
- What does this imply for developing your case?

Your text

## Membership base and organisation rate of farmers

- Who are members of the farmers' organisations and who are not? Think of large and small farmers.
- What can you say about the membership and participation of women? And of youth?
- What is the organisation rate of farmers in your FARE case?

Your text

## Governance and management

- What can you say about the Governance?
- And what about the Management of farmers' organisations?
- What are commonly encountered challenges?

Your text

## Profiling and classifying farmers' organisations

Making a good profile of a farmers' organisation is a small effort for a possible large impact.

- Could profiling help the farmers' organisation(s) in your case? How ?
- Can you facilitate the profiling? What do you propose to do?

Your text

# Farmer groups and organisations: strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats

## What are strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis)

Guiding questions:

- Reflecting on the existing informal and formal organisation of farmers, what are the main strengths and weaknesses of farmers’ organisations?
- What are Opportunities and Threats in the external environment of these farmers’ organisations?
- What do you see as the main challenges and opportunities for the effective organisation of farmers and their ability to take collective action together? What are options for action?

Strengths of farmers’ organisations	Weaknesses of farmers’ organisations
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Opportunities in external environment	Threats in external environment
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Challenges and opportunities	Options for action
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