

# Proud to be part of the Zero Hunger Challenge

IFOAM is the only international umbrella organization of the organic world uniting more than 800 members in over 120 countries. With offices and networks across the globe, we ensure that the potential of Organic Agriculture to benefit food and livelihood security is heard on both a regional and global level.

## **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FOOD SECURITY BY:**

**Increasing**  
yields in  
low-input areas

**Conserving**  
bio-diversity and  
natural resources  
on the farm and  
surrounding area

**Increasing**  
farmers' incomes  
and/or reducing  
costs

**Producing**  
safe and healthy  
food

**Being** sustainable  
in the long term



**GOAL 1:**  
**Zero**  
**stunted**  
**children less**  
**than two**  
**years**

Organic Agriculture can produce high quality, nutritious food that contributes to preventive health care and well-being.

IFOAM calls on governments, international organizations and the private sector to put policies in place that provide equitable access to nutritious and healthy food for all. At the same time, IFOAM's campaigns challenge policies that have led to the hunger crisis by favoring industrial food and agriculture systems.



**GOAL 2:**  
**100 percent**  
**access to**  
**adequate**  
**food all year**  
**round**

Organic Agriculture can provide communities with a good quality of life, contribute to food sovereignty and the reduction of poverty. It aims to produce a sufficient supply of good quality food and other products.

IFOAM advocates for the elimination of policies on agriculture, food and trade that lead to hunger and stunting, while our projects and trainings aim at enabling smallholders to produce sufficient nutritious food for themselves and their communities.

Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) are locally focused quality assurance systems. They certify producers based on active participation of stakeholders and are built on a foundation of trust, social networks and knowledge exchange. IFOAM encourages and supports the development of PGS initiatives, which already incorporate thousands of small organic farmers and consumers all over the world, and numbers are increasing every year.



**GOAL 3:**  
**All**  
**food**  
**systems**  
**are**  
**sustainable**

Organic Agriculture is based on living ecological systems and cycles. It works with them, emulates them, and help sustains them. Ecological knowledge and science can be used to increase the resilience, productivity and profitability of farms.

IFOAM actively supports systems of production, distribution and trade that are open and equitable and account for real environmental and social costs. All policies regarding food systems should reflect the values and needs of all who might be affected, therefore IFOAM advocates for transparent and participatory decision-making processes. IFOAM also maps the diversity of ecologically intensified organic farming systems to provide policy makers with a comprehensive overview of the power of nature to nourish the world.



**GOAL 4:**  
**100 percent**  
**increase in**  
**smallholder**  
**productivity**  
**and income**

Organic Agriculture, by requiring few, low-cost inputs and preserving local biodiversity, is a viable system that empowers farmers to restore and uphold food security.

IFOAM aims to reverse the prevailing paradigm of food scarcity and empower the world's 3 billion small food producers with the knowledge to affordably increase the performance of their farms and livelihoods based on ecological practices and biodiversity. (e.g. by providing training manuals for African smallholders on farming techniques that build farm resilience: <http://www.organic-africa.net/>).



**GOAL 5:**  
**Zero**  
**lost or waste**  
**of food**

IFOAM advocates for global, regional and national policies that prevent the loss and waste of food. IFOAM works for a shift in the global food system towards sustainability by solutions such as short value chains and strengthened local markets. Organic Participatory Guarantee Systems enable local communities to make the best use of their farm products and create and strengthen internal market links so that they become less exposed to the influence of industrial agriculture that leads to enormous food loss and waste.

**HUNGER CAN BE ELIMINATED IN OUR LIFETIMES.**

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