

INPUTS CHAIR'S PROPOSAL ON CONNECTING SMALLHOLDERS TO MARKETS

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Dear Chair of the OEWG on connecting Small Holders to Markets,

Thank you so much for the new draft proposal which we believe is a good step in the right direction.

At this stage, we would like to highlight that some of our comments in the formal meeting were not reflected in the text.

Three issues of particular importance:

- 1- The situation of small holders in situations of conflicts and those under occupation which might not have access to markets because of punitive measures imposed on them.
- 2- The importance of ensuring access of small holders to basic services like health and sanitation.
- 3- Ensuring the safety of food through support by governments and other stakeholders.

We hope these issues will be taken into consideration in the coming stage.