

## Written inputs on the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement in Agriculture and Food Systems

### **ACT4FOOD ACT4CHANGE**

1. In order to assist Youth engaging in Agriculture especially in the Global South. It is very important to increase adaptive capacity and resilience of the youth in all agriculture value chain. This include Food Production, Processing, Packaging, Transportation, Market and Consumption.

In Food Production:

Soil infertility caused by deforestation, overuse and misuse of chemical fertilizers etc. has led to the great challenge for youth to engage in Agriculture.

For example, as a Youth engaging in Agriculture first hand, I can tell you that agricultural inputs are very expensive. Most of youth from developing countries are unable to invest in Agriculture due to lack of capital. Most of our families are suffering with poverty and also food insecure.

Therefore, I suggest some initiatives dedicated on building back the Soil healthy should be applied.

Youth should be trained to practice regenerative agriculture, regenerative agroforestry, climate smart agriculture and agroecology.

2. Processing and Packaging

Most of the youth don't have technologies to convert raw food to be commodities. Youth should be supported with loans and machines to process the food and packaging so that they can be able to increase the value addition of their produce.

3. Transport.

Governments should construct roads to ensure that youth produces are ble to be in the market on time.

4. Market

There is a need to centralize the market of the agricultural produces.

Absence of central market or youth farmers unions, it will be a catastrophe. Business will exploit farmers continuously.

Ensuring the central market it assist farmers on setting prices that are favoring farmers not business.