

ORGANIC SECTOR DEVELOPMENT



Trends & Development

- Certified Production;
 - Operators from 36 to 43
 - Farmers 115,472
 - 133,546 ha
 - Value chains are coffee, spices, tea, herbal tea, essential oils, pineapple, cocoa, cotton,
 - Approved inputs are stocked e.g. bionic, neem oil, pyrethrum, compost, rock phosphate.

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- Prices,
 - Organic tea and herbal tea sold above 10% of conventional at domestic market.
 - Cotton growers received 15% more compared to conventional growers
 - Organic Export fluctuated depending on supply and type of market; but remained above the conventional
 - Conventional Export depend on supply

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- Markets;
 - Domestic; Herbal tea, instant coffee, fresh and dried vegetables, fresh fruits fresh juice are now available in the domestic retail outlets like supermarkets and local stores
 - More requests for organic products from packers and processors i.e. Chai Bora, TTB
 - Recently one specialized outlet for organic products opened in DAR.

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- Export;
 - Exporters increased from 19 to 25
 - Demand for products like honey, sesame, bee wax, nuts (various), fruits; mango and avocado, spices and herbs, cereals, pulses from Japan, USA, EU-Denmark, Germany.

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- Institutions;
 - TOAM, members increased from 55 to 85
 - NOAF exists and led preparation of NOADP
 - There is increasing interest by partners in supporting organic projects i.e. ADF
 - three Organic training centers are developed, 2 are operating.
 - Researchers picking interest

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Policies

- Livestock Policy has provisions of organic livestock farming, pg 59, 3.14
- National Agriculture Policy (recent draft version) also has provided organic policy statements.
- There chances for organic input subsidy e.g. Rock phosphate/Minjingu
- DDT for Malaria programme still a threat though not applied but plan not withdrawn.
- To date there is no clear statement on GMO

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EAOPS and Mark

- 1500 Copies were distributed to farmer associations, facilitating organization, public institutions.
- Mark is used by 2 processors and 2 groups . TTB applied for it. More are sensitized to use the mark
- It is promoted to consumers together with third part labels for product identity at the market

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Certification and PGS

- There initiative to facilitate growers associations to manage quality system and own quality certificates.
- Emerging producer groups targeting domestic market exposed to both third party certification and PGS, and EAOM.
- Tancert is IFOAM and ISO 65 accredited.
- Foreign certifiers still provide services

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Networking

- Tanzania Trade Centre and Board of External Trade invites TOAM and organic operators in trade fairs and exchange of market information
- MAFCS involved TOAM in the process of preparing National Export Strategy.
- NOAF that includes ASLMs led in preparation of NOADP.

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- TOAM and members involved in Agriculture Policy review processes and Agricultural Sector Review meetings.
- Development partners invite TOAM in Workshops/meetings e.g. EU
- Researchers from SUA collaborates with TOAM in proposals for organic research.
- In some District Councils DALDOs have shown interest in mainstreaming Organic interventions in DADPs.

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Opportunities and Challenges

- Opportunities
 - Inclusion of organic in NES, Policies and trade programmes i.e. trade fairs.
 - Existence East Africa Organic Product Standards and market requirements
 - Growing demand for organic products
 - Available/stocking of approved organic inputs
 - Increasing interest of research and training

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CHALLENGES



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- Mainstream of Organic Production into national programmes i.e. DADPs.
- Formalize Research, Training and Extension
- Resource mobilization for the sector development

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Discriminatory decisions and sometimes policies i.e. ware house receipts system.



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- Slow adoption of organic technologies.
- Perception of decision makers and technocrats that organic production system is inferior to conventional
- Exploiting demand of organic products both domestic and export.

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Future Outlook

- Implementation framework of NOADP is in place i.e. formalized research, training and extension; mainstream of organic in national programmes i.e. DADPs

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