From

IMITATION

to

INNOVATION

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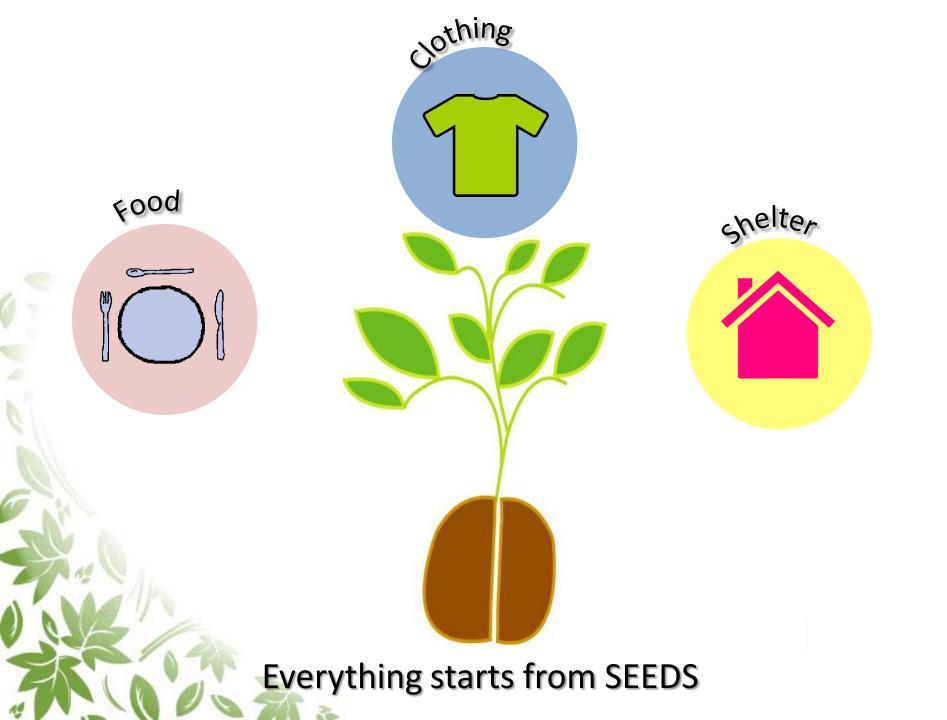
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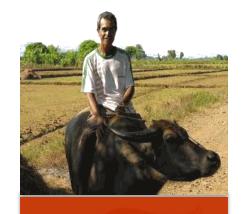
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8 November 2011









Vegetable seeds were mostly farmsaved Seed
companies
were mostly
seed traders
importing in
bulk and
repacking
seeds

1982

Establishment of East-West Seed Vegetable
farmers had
low
productivity
because
seeds were
not suited to
Philippine
farming
conditions

Vegetable seed varieties in the market were not disease-tolerant



Challenge #1:

East-West Seed will not be like the existing seed companies. It will develop its own varieties.

Sacrifice short term gains and go for long term gains.







In 1982, established R&D station in Lipa City with three young breeders fresh from college and a consultant who was the best in his field.



The first five years:

- No sales
- No cash coming in
- Germplasm collection
- Knowing the market/ consumer preference
- Farming systems
- Marketing channels

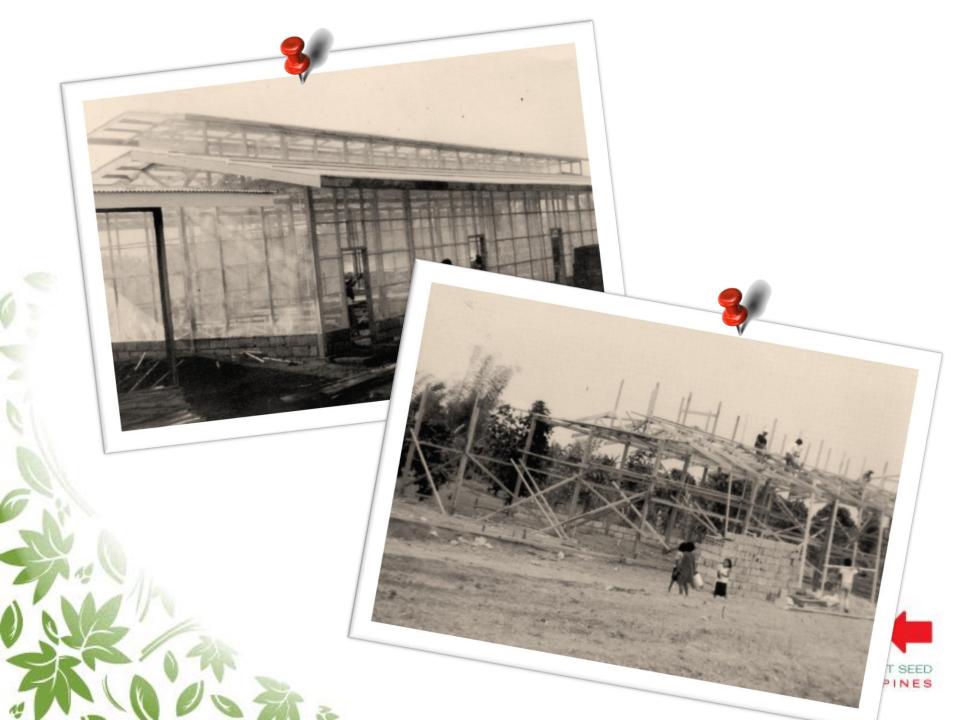


In 1987, developed the first hybrid bitttergourd (ampalaya) in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia











Jade Star F1, the first hybrid bittergourd in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia

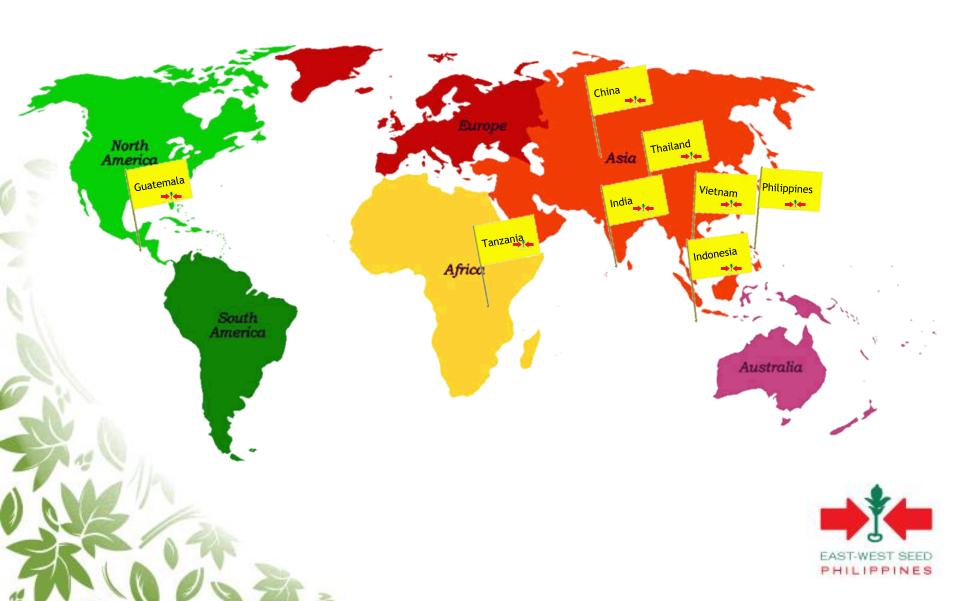
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East-West Seed Market Share





The East-West Seed Group



Challenge #2:

Farmers' poor access to modern farming technology

Providing good quality seeds is not enough to develop the vegetable industry.



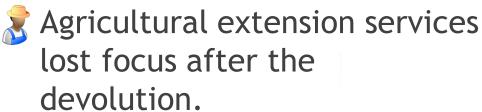




To innovate is to challenge the status quo



Good cultural management practices are needed to realize the maximum potential of the good genetics in the seeds







In 2000, EWS established the Technology Transfer Department (TTD) which privatized extension services in vegetable production.



TTD activities included:

- Public-Private
 Partnership projects
 (Farmers' Field Schools)
 in the Bondoc Peninsula,
 Zambales, Bohol, Leyte,
 and Samar)
- Access to credit
- Link to marketing channel

Farmers' Needs

- Technical training
- Financing

Distribution



EWS's Response



- Government agencies
- Donors
 - Finance Institutions



Farmer Field Schools



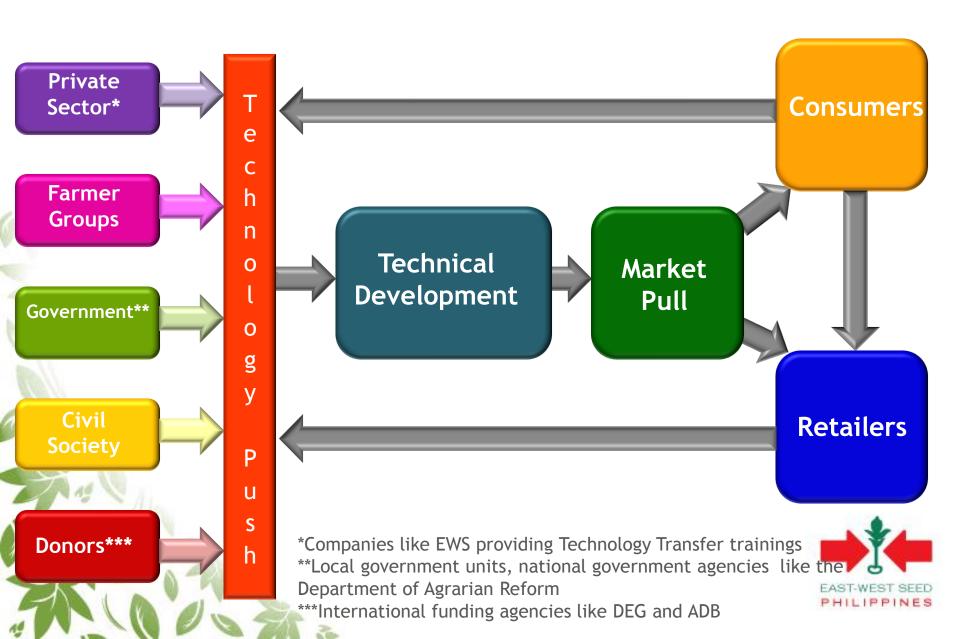
Linkage with micro finance institutions



Linkage with the market -



Farmer Field School Framework



FARMERS' FIELD SCHOOL

- Serves as training ground for farmers and extension workers
- Conducted for 16 weeks (follows the life-cycle of a vegetable crop from seed sowing to harvesting)
- Includes lecture-discussion and 4 days of actual field work
- Reinforced with regular visits to individual farmer fields
- Designed to be low-cost (no setting up of permanent structures required; done in village halls and schools; participating farmers' fields used as demonstration farms



Extension Workers and Farmerparatech

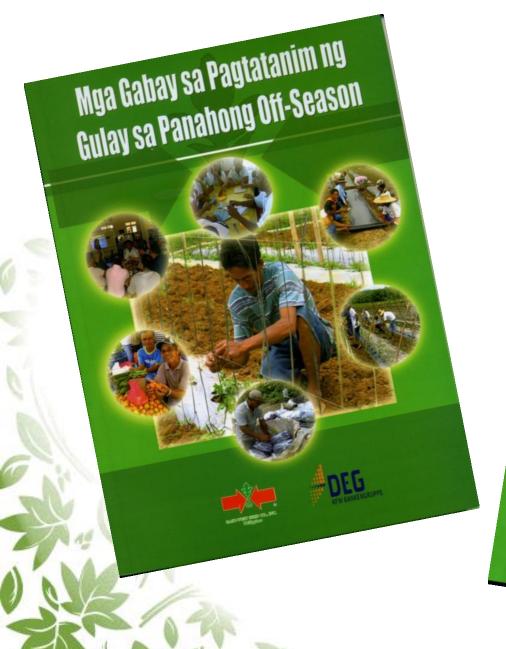
- promising graduates trained as
 Farmer-paratech to serve as first line of extension workers at village level
- Trained for 3 cropping seasons (18 months)
- Each has a counterpart of 7 farmers per training batch
- One extension agent is expected to train at least another 300 farmers a year.

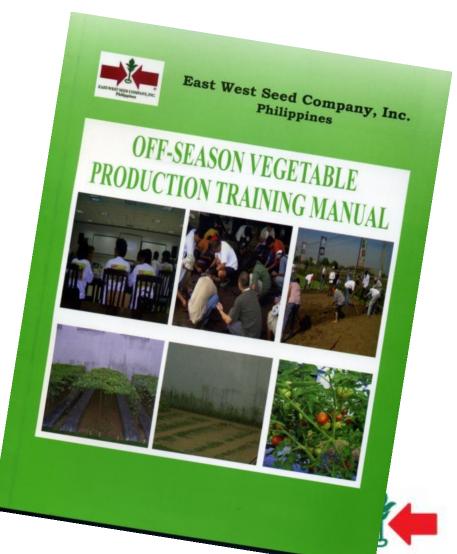


EWS Field Marketing Representatives (FMR)

• At the end of the training, each area handed over to FMRs who will assist farmers who may need technical assistance















MOA Signing on the municipal level of a joint venture of Australian Center for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR), East-West Seed Company, Visayas State University (VSU) & City Government Unit Of Maasin City & Macrohon, Southern Leyte & Bato & Hilongos Leyte

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FFS graduates of Brgy. Duale, Limay, Bataan during their graduation and harvest festival last December 6, 2010.



Hon. Jose Enriquez Garcia III "Joet" Garcia, City Mayor of Balanga, was amazed on the highly prolific hybrid tomato-DIAMANTE during the FFS Graduation and harvest festival in Brgy. Cupang, Balanga City, Bataan.





Consultation meeting with the Cambodian community in the province of Kampong Cham was conducted to create awareness on the upcoming East West International-Asian Development Bank's Tonle Sap Technology Demonstration (EWIT-ADB TSTD) Vegetable Program in Cambodia.



Young Cambodians keenly observing the transplanting of crucifers as EWPH-TTD staff demonstrates to EWIT-Cambodian staff, farmer and monks during the conduct of FFS Train the Trainers Program in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Challenge #3:



Low per capita vegetable consumption in the Philippines

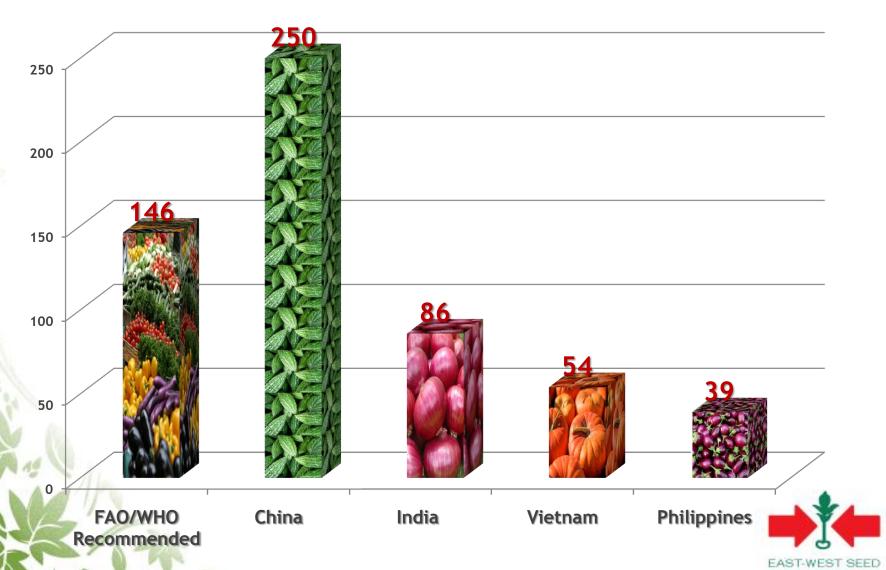
We can encourage the whole community to learn and appreciate the value of growing vegetables and promote healthy eating habits



- Promote increased vegetable consumption through:
- Tanim sa Kinabukasan vegetable school garden
- Tie-up with government and private enterprises
- Showcasing off-season
 vegetable production through
 techno-demos in non traditional places like military
 camps, urban, subdivisions,
 churches, container
 gardening, edible landscaping



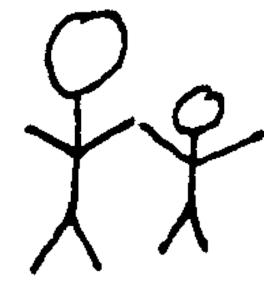
Per Capita Consumption of Vegetables



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AVRDC, FAO

Per kilogram per year



3.41 million

grade schoolers growth stunted



grade schoolers underweight



Tanim sa Kinabukasan



a corporate social responsibility project of EWPH, aimed at public schools, in collaboration with public elementary schools, local government units, and the Synergeia Foundation



aims at teaching kids improved techniques of planting vegetables and eventually influencing them to love eating their greens.



aspires to encourage the whole community to learn and appreciate the value of growing vegetables and promote healthy eating habits

one peso from every small pouch and bulilit can sold



	2010 Existing	2011 New	Total
LUZON	22	31	53
VISMIN	17	18	35
TOTAL	39	49	88



Duties and Responsibilities of TSK Partners

East-West Seed: provision of farm inputs, technology transfer, teacher training

Schools: provision of site, crop management, maintenance of school garden

LGU: logistical support, community involvement

Synergeia: identification of school beneficiaries, media and PR





CLASSROOM TRAINING TO HANDS-ON APPLICATION







LAND PREPARATION /PLASTIC MULCHING/TRANSPLANTING







SEEDLING MANAGEMENT







CROP MANAGEMENT





Parents, teachers, students, local officials, visitors from nearby municipalities attend TSK Community Day















OGO, LUSOG, TALINO (BLT)







A school-based feeding program which aims to increase retention rate and improve academic performance among students of public schools in Grades 1 and 2



OH MY gulay!



a call-to-action, initiated by Sen. Edgardo Angara, to address the problem of hidden hunger in the Philippines



a simple, powerful, and urgent message that talks about solving micronutrient deficiency by eating vegetables



gives the popular text slang "OMG" a spin by expressing action and excitement, and making eating vegetables cool



teaches kids, in an accessible way, about the health benefits of eating vegetables





OMG! Components

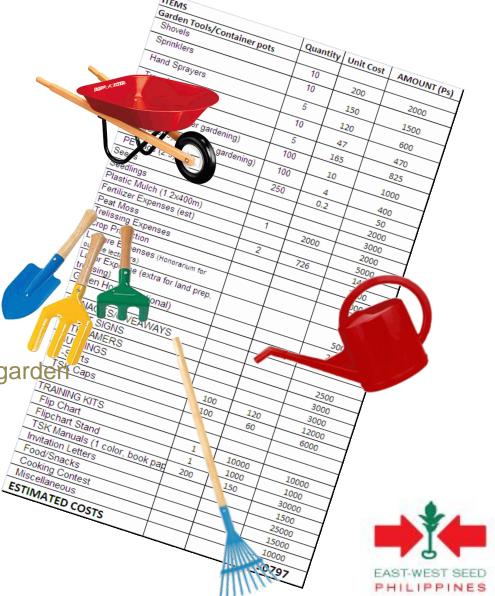
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Component	Consortium Member
Multi-media campaign	Viva Entertainment, MediaCom, GMA Network, TV5, ABS-CBN, Agents International
School feeding program	Public: DepEd, DOH, DSWD, DOST-FNRI, National Nutrition Council, IPNAP, Nutrition Center of the Philippines, Philippine Association of Nutrition, UP-College of Food Science and Nutrition, PUP-College of Nutrition Private: Fonterra, Nestle, Unilever, Abbott, Novartis, Wyeth
Distribution of vegetable seeds and seedlings in schools and communities	Public: Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture Private: East-West Seed,
Adopt-a-School	East-West Seed Corporate sponsors: Banco de Oro, Sunwest Group Holdings, Asian Terminals, Aboitiz, IPNAP

TSK Cost Estimate per School

Farm inputs
Tools
Seeds and seedlings
Fertilizers
Crop protection
Training materials
Technical coordinator

P65,000

for a 1,000 sq-m school vegetable garden



- 40 schools adopted by the private sector for SY 2011 - 2012
- Donors include:











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Blue Ocean Strategy

St. Jude Village Vegetable Project

EWPH in partnership with the City government of San Fernando Pampanga put up a vegetable demo right in the middle of the village's jogging oval. Many residents are now interested in vegetable gardening. Mayor Oca Rodriguez vowed to disperse vegetable seeds and Farm ready seedlings to allow every household to plant vegetables in their homes. The residents are very happy about the aesthetic transformation of their village and they now enjoy affordable vegetables that are fresh clean and healthy. Mayor Oca plans to replicate this project in the other 150 subdivisions of San Fernando. To encourage residents to plant vegetables in idle lands, the mayor said they will slap higher taxes for lands that remained idle.... The event was covered by ABS CBN and CLTV 36.





Penetrating new segments



MILITARY CAMPS







East-West Seed Core Values









We strive to serve a greater purpose in our work. We enjoy the company of our competent colleagues, discover our unique strengths, develop our capabilities, seek opportunities to learn and grow, and build open communication. We relish challenges, we have fun and we recognize each others' efforts. We work as a team, and together we celebrate our achievements.

Some East-West Seed Innovations



BONITO F1 - The first hybrid *pinakbet* type ampalaya



White ampalaya



GALACTICA - The only namamarako-tolerant ampalaya variety in the market



Ampalaya with warted exterior





HIMALA - round upo



SUPREMA - a breakthrough variety for its disease tolerance and high yield



PRIMO - the only offseason onion variety in the market





RAVEENA - variegated white and purple eggplant



Great innovators/innovations



Thomas Edison



Michael Dell





Ford's assembly line



Steve Jobs

Amazon's revolutionary online bookstore



Pacific as PH's first PHILIPPINES low-cost airline

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.

Steve Jobs

Every new thing creates two new questions and two new opportunities.

Jeff Bezos (Founder, Amazon.com)





Thank you!

