



Experience by Fundación Segundo Montes (FSM)

In Morázon, EL SALVADOR

Due to the damage the conventional extraction of resources has caused to the environment, FSM began to diffuse processes of organic production beginning in 2000

The **problem** was that no experiences with organic production existed which limited the exchange between producers and at the end led to the lack of confidence in such processes

Main characteristics

- o Deficiency in implementing a systematic process for organic production
- o Lack of practice and appreciation of such processes

Experience description

Due to the observation of the damage that conventional extraction of resources has caused to the environment for years, FSM began to diffuse practices to initiate a process of organic production through alliances that have been built. The organisation trained their technical staff and producers regarding the subject of organic farming. Nevertheless, these topics were new in the region and not many experiences with organic farming existed. In consequence, big deficits in the systematic implementation of organic production processes could be observed. Also, a lack of practice and appreciation of the knowledge diffused and a lack of the development of efforts to diffuse such practices was noticed.



Other characteristics



REASONS FOR FAILURE

- o Lack of knowledge about organic farming
- o Absence of an exchange between producers
- o Lack of the development of efforts to diffuse a process of organic production



LESSONS LEARNED

- o The reflexion during the whole process is necessary
- o The "teaching - learning process" should be between community farmers
- o The validation of the practice of the farmers is essential for the diffusion of processes of organic production



CORRECTIVE MEASURES

- o Constant trainings of the producers
- o A fusion of methods for knowledge sharing was used
- o Adaptions were made so that the practice of the learned sustain the process in a credible way