



Improving tomato cultivation

Tomato is one of the most popular vegetables. There is a demand for both green and red tomatoes throughout the year. There are shortages in supplies in the period March – May. The introduction of new cultivars can help growers to produce out-of-season and supply the market during those months that the demand and prices are highest. Tomato growers have traditionally used their own saved seeds, but increasingly buy improved seeds. We help farmers with choosing the most suitable cultivars for the different production seasons. We assist also with improving the cultivation and post-harvest practices.

What do we do?

We will demonstrate the effects of using hybrid seeds and the improved cultivation and the marketing of out-of-season and new grades of tomatoes for the domestic market. We will work closely together with a group of 64 pilot farmers in the Magway region (Pakokku and Seik Phyu). We will monitor the yields (quality and quantity) and farmers' incomes. Training of the pilot farmers and their neighbours will focus on:

- Seed variety selection
- Land preparation
- Seedling production and transplanting
- Pest and disease management
- Safe handling and use of pesticides
- Soil fertility and nutrient management
- Harvesting and post-harvest handling

During and at the end of the production season we will organise field visits and practical training for farmers at the pilot farms.

Field days will be organized on each successful demonstration to disseminate technical, financial and marketing information.

Together with the regional tomato traders and wholesale traders in Mandalay we will improve the grading, packing and marketing of the tomatoes.

Downloads

If you are interested to learn more about the progress and results of these pilots, please download the material below.

Partners

East West Seeds [*external link to website partner*] provides inputs and technical training for farmers.

Advance Consulting [*external link to website partner*] facilitates the improved marketing activities.