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SAGUP FOOD CIRCLES

**Propagating Agro-aqua green enterprises and community
food circles for sustainable and climate resilient local communities
in Negros Occidental, Leyte, and Dinagat Islands**





Our Shared Problem

The world wastes
1.3 billion tons of food yearly,
with the Philippines discarding
2.9 billion kilograms of food annually
including rice, vegetables, and fish.

For farmers and fisherfolk,
this means lost income and hope.

Meanwhile...

Our Shared Problem

...In Negros Occidental, Leyte, & Dinagat Islands, Typhoon Odette worsened the struggle, contributing to **Php 13 billion** in agriculture and fisheries losses in 2021.

This cycle of food waste, poverty, and climate vulnerability demands urgent action.





Why this Matters

Fresh vegetables rot unsold, fish are discarded, and farmers and fisherfolk struggle, all while food waste harms the planet and worsens climate impacts.

SAGUP Food Circles aims to build a sustainable food system that nourishes our tables, communities, and the Earth through working with farmers, fisherfolk, women, and youth to reimagine how food is produced, shared, and valued.



Our Vision

SAGUP Food Circles envisions a future where food is valued, livelihoods flourish, and communities thrive. By reducing waste, enhancing production, and fostering collaboration, we aim to build sustainable, climate-resilient food systems.

We dream to create circular food economies, where every harvest is maximized, and every surplus is valued.

Our Goal

Local communities in Negros Occidental, Leyte, and Dinagat Islands form **“Food Circles”** to enhance climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, and livelihoods by reducing food loss, waste, and promoting sustainable, regenerative food practices.



**Policy
Lobbying**

**Food surplus and
waste reduction**

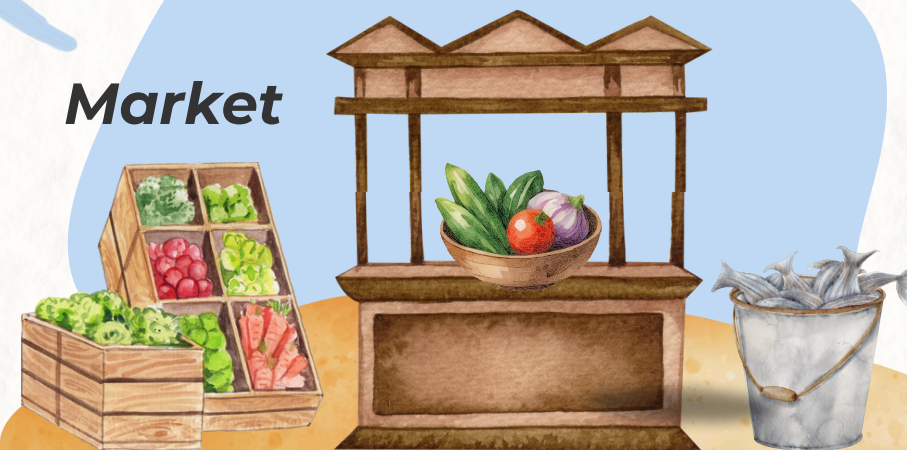


**Production and
processing with AECA**

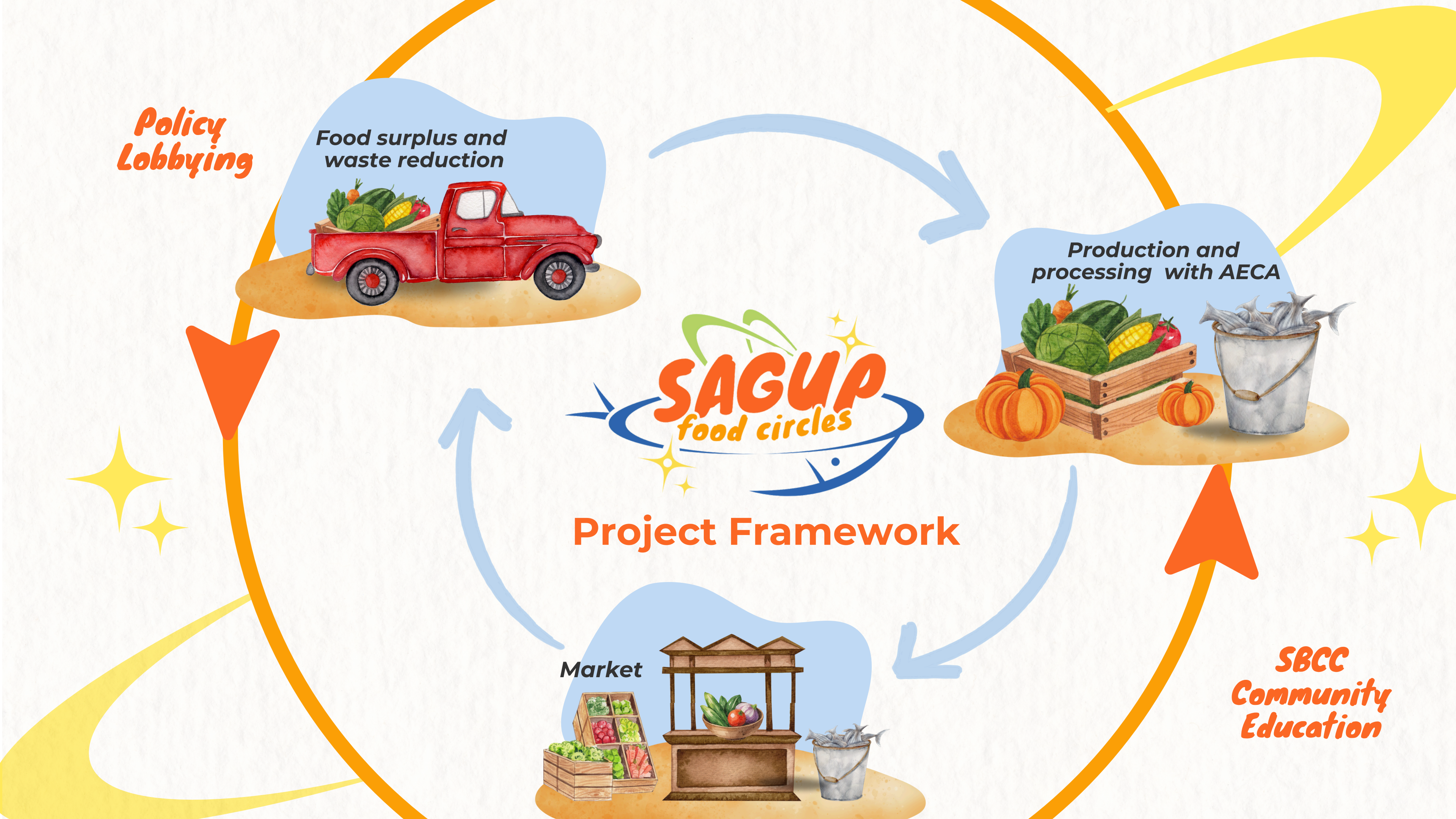


Project Framework

Market



**SBCC
Community
Education**



Objective 1

Strengthen community resilience by creating a Food Circle network for sustainable food production and waste management across 9 cities in 3 provinces.

Objective 2

Empower communities, especially women and youth, through sustainable agriculture, post-harvest fisheries, value addition, and agro-enterprise clustering to enhance livelihoods and access to support services.

Objective 3

Influence policies to reduce food loss and waste, promote sustainable food practices, and integrate these into climate mitigation and disaster risk reduction plans.



What We're Doing Together

Establishing SAGUP Centers

These centers will rescue unsold produce, redistribute food, and turn waste into compost, inspired by SAGUP Negros. They aim to enhance food security and minimize waste.

Target: 10 centers in 9 cities/municipalities across 3 provinces.

Activities: Food rescue, processing, and community feeding.



What We're Doing Together

Organizing Agro-Enterprise Clusters (AECAs)

Farmers, fisherfolk, and women will form 38 clusters, working together to grow, process, and market their products sustainably.

Focus Crops: Rice, vegetables, coconut, fish, and more.

Impact: Lower production costs, better market access,
and reduced waste.

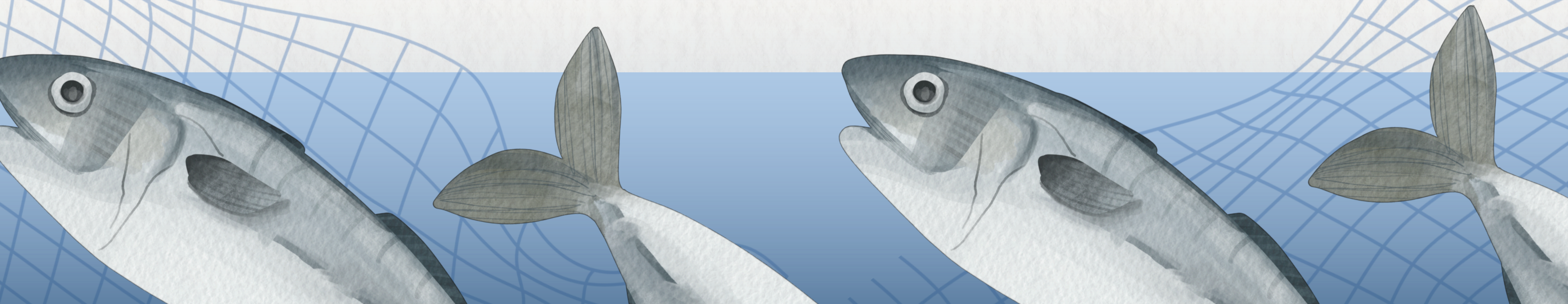


What We're Doing Together

Training Women and Youth

The women will lead Village Savings Associations, while the youth will manage SAGUP Centers and drive local awareness campaigns.

Training Topics: Sustainable farming, post-harvest processing, disaster resilience.

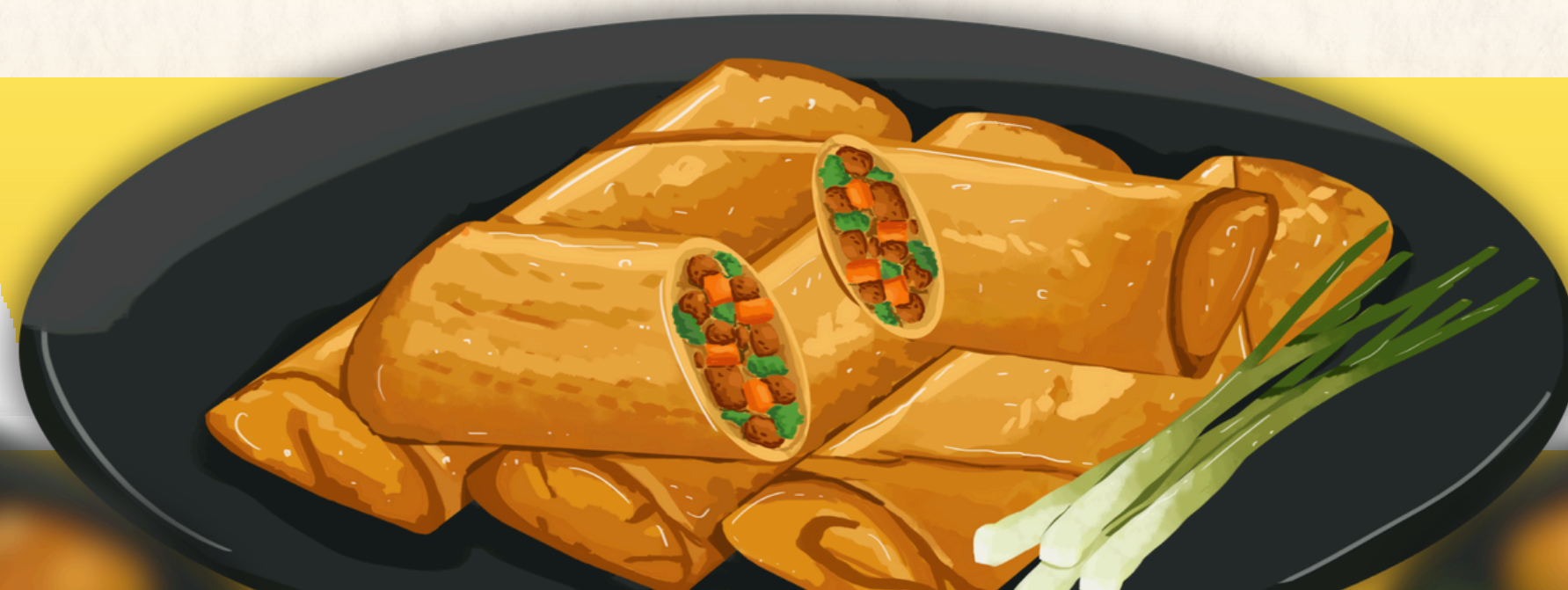


What We're Doing Together

Advancing Policy Advocacy

Partnering with local governments, we aim to integrate food loss and waste reduction into disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change policies.

Proposed Policies: Zero Food Waste Act, barangay-level food waste management ordinances.



What We're Doing Together

Social and Behavior Change Communication

Through education campaigns, we will promote sustainable consumption and waste reduction.

Reach: 5,000 individuals through workshops, social media, and community events.



An illustration of several green beans, some whole and some cut into smaller pieces, arranged in a circular pattern on a green background. The beans are depicted with realistic shading and texture.

Our Target Groups

Farmers, fisherfolk, and women from
9 cities/municipalities of Negros Occidental
(e.g., Bacolod City, Kabankalan City,
Victorias City, Municipalities of San Enrique
and Cauayan), ***Dinagat Islands*** (Tubajon and
Libjo municipalities), ***Leyte*** (Alang-alang and
Kananga municipalities).

Be part of the Circle

The circle is not complete without you.

Together, we can create a circle where every meal comes from a place of care, respect for nature, and shared responsibility.

Your participation is key to nourishing our communities, supporting our farmers and fisherfolk, and building a resilient, sustainable future for all.



