

Report on Land Feasibility for Organic Agriculture

Background

Project Title:

Name of the proponent:

CID No. :

Village :

Geog :

Dzongkhag:

Date:

Investment of the proposed project:

Proposed Land area:

Land Feasibility Criteria	Yes/No	Remarks If any
1. Areas near to organic/virgin land/traditionally cultivated.		
2. Area with no history/minimal use of agrochemicals (Fertilizers & Pesticides)		
3. Willingness of community/farmers to adopt or convert to organic production system and certify organic.		
4. Area away from source of contamination. (Auto workshops, Industries etc)		
5. Near to neighbor practicing chemical farming.		
6. Availability of water and risk of contamination from source.		
7. Site suitability (Altitude/Climate)		
8. Access to Road and Market		

Feasible**Not Feasible****Feasibility conducted by:**

Dzongkhag Organic Focal
(Name/Signature/ Date/Official Seal)

Endorsed by:

Dzongkhag Agriculture/Livestock/Forestry Officer
(Name/Signature/ Date/Official Seal)

Definition of the Criteria

Enterprise or Entrepreneurial Criteria:

Areas near to organic/virgin land/traditionally cultivated.	<i>Refers to the fallow land/ new areas/land cultivated traditionally without use of agrochemicals.</i>
Area with no history/minimal use of agrochemicals (Fertilizers & Pesticides)	<i>Refers to the areas with no history of agrochemical usage or has used very minimal amount of agrochemicals in past. If they have used agrochemicals in past, state their willingness to stop and convert to organic practices.</i>
Willingness of community/farmers to adopt or convert to organic production system and certify organic.	<i>Refers to the proponent willingness to convert to organic and follow organic standards for the crop productions. The proponent should register as organic operators and certify their land/products.</i>
Area away from source of contamination. (Auto workshops, Industries etc)	<i>Refers to the areas out of the source of contamination that would pollute the field and affect certification. State whether they have maintained buffer zone or not to protect from the contamination.</i>
Near to neighbor practicing chemical farming.	<i>Refers to the areas which is near to the field which is using agrochemicals and there is chances of contamination State whether there is buffer zone to protect the chemical drifting.</i>
Availability of water and risk of contamination from source.	<i>State whether the proposed land is accessible to irrigation water. If there is no existing irrigation, mention the probable source of irrigation in the vicinity. State whether the source of irrigation is free from contamination or risk of contamination.</i>
Site suitability (Altitude/Climate)	<i>Refers to the feasibility of the proposed commodity in the proposed site. Mention the altitude and brief climatic condition of the site</i>
Access to Road and Market	<i>refers to the accessibility of the proposed enterprise to the market and whether the land is accessible by road</i>

CHECK LIST FOR CONDUCTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES

I. History of the Land

Check:

- ✓ Application of chemical fertilizers, pesticides or any harmful substances in the field.
- ✓ Exact year when they have stopped using chemicals.
- ✓ Information on crop production (which crop they have been cultivating in past years)

II. Location of the land

Check:

- ✓ Near to highways, automobiles and industries.
- ✓ Near to neighbor practicing chemical farming.
- ✓ Buffer zone maintained or not.(wildlife hedgerows, wind breaks, erosion prevention..etc

III. Water source

Check:

- ✓ Availability of water and risk of contamination from source.