

SAPV

- Is a registered charitable organisation
- Started in 1913
- Aims to provide affordable, quality farm supplies to all its farmer members
- Has outlets in Vila and Luganville and supplies a store in Lenakel.



FSA

- 'Farmers helping farmers'
- Staff trained on-farm and an emphasis on locally-based field technicians
- Provides for the needs of small-scale farmers who wish to become semicommercial or commercial
- Focus on youth and women's groups

Aims

- Traditional crop production
- Development of high value products by small businesses
- Train young rural people in the business of farming
- Support organic farming POETCom
- Networking opportunities PIFON
- Create farmer-friendly resources

Research-based

- Develop improved traditional crops yams, kumala
- Variety trials
- Off-season production
- Pest and disease control
- Cover crops
- Bulking up of non-commercial seeds

From trials to dissemination

- Initial trials carried out at La Source Farm (Montmartre)
- Trials are replicated by lead farmers and on other islands before dissemination







Dissemination

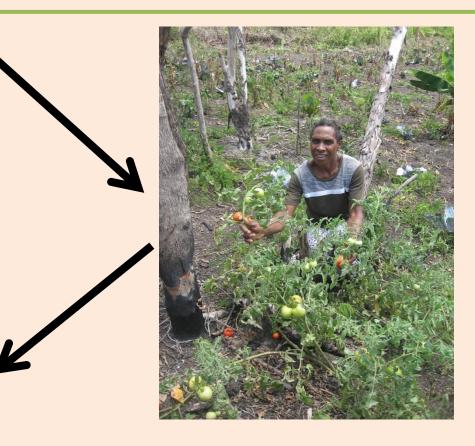
- Women's Groups work with existing women's groups (e.g., savings groups)
- Youth through Rural Training Centres e.g., Napil
- Other interested farmers
- Interested NGOs/DARD





Post-cyclone recovery





POETCom Focal Point

Pacific Organic Ethical and Trade Community –

VISION

Organics and ethical trade: sustaining our cultures and communities, improving farmer livelihoods, people's health and the environment in the Pacific.

HOW

Through coordination, information sharing, networking, capacity building and establishing a regional certification scheme (PGS)

PIFON

Pacific Island Farmers' Organisation Network –
To facilitate the participation of rural
households in income earning agriculture
PIFON

- creates linkages between national FOs
- improves the flow of relevant information
- helps provide resources
- supports inter-country exchanges

FSA and farmer networks

- Apart from POETCom and PIFON, FSA works
 with existing networks these are not based on
 farming
- Currently farming skills are not sufficient for farmers to have the need to work together for marketing purposes
- As their production increases they may form farmer networks – these must be driven from the farmer level. FSA will provide support if required.

