



GLOBALG.A.P.'s trainer Dr. Friedrich Heinrich Lüdeke talking to the first batch of participants on GLOBALG.A.P. compliant field-level practices at field and warehouse in Bangladesh in May, 2017.

Bangladesh – a step closer to establishing international compliance standards



In response to multiple large scale instances of food contamination there has been a growing awareness about food safety and consumer demand for “safe” agricultural products in Bangladeshi domestic markets. A few large scale agribusinesses are also exploring international markets, where there are higher standards of food quality and safety. In many cases, access to these markets is predicted on achieving a certain standard of best practices, and attaining the appropriate certifications.

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and GLOBALG.A.P. are working together to implement Good Agricultural Practice (G.A.P.) at farm level as well as evaluate the interest of key stakeholders of the agricultural value chains. The GLOBALG.A.P. Certification System enforces a worldwide standard that assures good agricultural practices. USAID's Agricultural Value Chains (AVC) project is facilitating this partnership between GLOBALG.A.P. and the DCCI to support this purpose. DCCI is committed to leveraging this partnership with GLOBALG.A.P. to improve farmer compliance with international safety standards to open up access to export markets and improve domestic food safety. The aim is to ensure that GLOBALG.A.P.'s presence and work are sustainable in Southern Delta after the end of the project.

Under this collaboration, GLOBALG.A.P. and DCCI, facilitated by AVC,

have completed two batches of Farm Assurer and Quality Management System Workshops - one in May and the other in September. These workshops are 5 days long each where the participants are given classroom sessions on GLOBALG.A.P.'s standards for good agricultural practices and quality management system. The participants then take two exams on each of the topics and those who pass are certified as "Farm Assurers".

The GLOBALG.A.P. Farm Assurers are independent, GLOBALG.A.P. trained and approved consultants who provide expertise to help producers implement Good Agricultural Practices. With first-hand knowledge about the GLOBALG.A.P. System and the latest industry developments, they make the standard easier to understand and help simplify audit preparations. So far, 17 participants have passed the Farm Assurer exams and out of those, three have gained license to provide consultancy to producer groups to simplify and expedite audit preparation and understanding of the standard. The three licensed GLOBALG.A.P. Managers are - Kazi Mohammad Mozammel Hasan Siddiki, Sheikh Mohammad Shakilur Rahaman and Md. Abdur Rafiq Sarkar.

GLOBALG.A.P. will be paying another visit to Bangladesh in November to conduct this workshop for a 3rd batch of participants in partnership with DCCI.



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