This program aims for the participants to propose an Action Plan for strengthening and improving roles and functions of farmers’ organization in respective countries with making the best use of the knowledge and idea acquired in Japan.

**Objective/Outcome**

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Participant’s organizations officially discuss and formulate an Action Plan which is proposed by the participant for strengthening/improving the roles and functions of farmers’ organization.

**Outcome**
1. Analyze current situation and challenges of farmers’ organizations in the participant’s country
2. Understand the roles and functions of farmers’ organizations in Japan
3. Understand the support system for farmers and farmers’ organizations in Japan
4. Propose an Action Plan to improve/strengthen the roles and functions of farmers’ organizations in the participant’s country

**Contents**

**Preliminary Phase**
Preparation and submission of inception report

**Core Phase in Japan**
1. Presentation of inception report, Group discussion
2. <Lecture> Agricultural policy in Japan, Agricultural land system, Outline of agricultural cooperatives, Establishment of farmers’ organization, Management of farmers’ organization, JA’s support service for farming management, JA’s financial service, Roles of central and local governments and agricultural cooperatives in agricultural sector, Agricultural extension service in Hokkaido, Agricultural insurance, Outline of Land Improvement District (water user’s group)
3. <Site visit> Agricultural cooperative (JA), Land Improvement District, Farms, Wholesale market, Agricultural extension service center, Agricultural experiment station
4. Group discussion, Preparation and presentation of “Action Plan”

**Finalization Phase**
Preparation and submission of progress report (within 6 months)

**Target Organization / Group**

1. Central/Local government (department in charge of establishing/supporting farmers’ organizations)
2. Farmers’ organizations which is highly public and involved in agricultural extension service (NOT private farms)
3. University
4. Central/Local government officials in charge of establishing/supporting farmers’ organizations
5. A Leader of highly public farmers’ organizations (association of farmer or Defhakan farmers etc.)
6. A professor majored in farmers’ organization

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