Cooperatives and Producer Organizations Working for Rural Youth.
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Challenges of young farmers

Access to land

Access to financial services

Access to education and information

Access to markets

Engagement in policy dialogue
How can Cooperatives and POs help overcome these challenges?
What makes a cooperative/PO?

- Voluntary and open membership
- Autonomy and independence
- Member economic participation
- Education, training and information sharing
- Cooperation among co-operatives
- Democratic member control
- Concern for community
Opportunities for young farmers

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**FAO’s approach on rural youth and coops/POs (1)**

- Knowledge generation and sharing
  - Mapping, survey
  - Publication ‘Programming Youth Development’
Organisations that replied to the mapping

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FAO’s approach on rural youth and coops/POs (2)

- Systematic youth participation in FAO events
  - Regional consultations
  - Youth session of the 2012 Farmers’ Forum
  - Recommendations
FAO’s approach on rural youth and coops/POs (3)

- Partnerships with Coops and POs at country level
  - Youth as equal partners in project design and supervision
  - Peer-to-peer
  - Capacity development
Dimensions of capacity development

- Individual
- Organizational
- Enabling environment
Thank you

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