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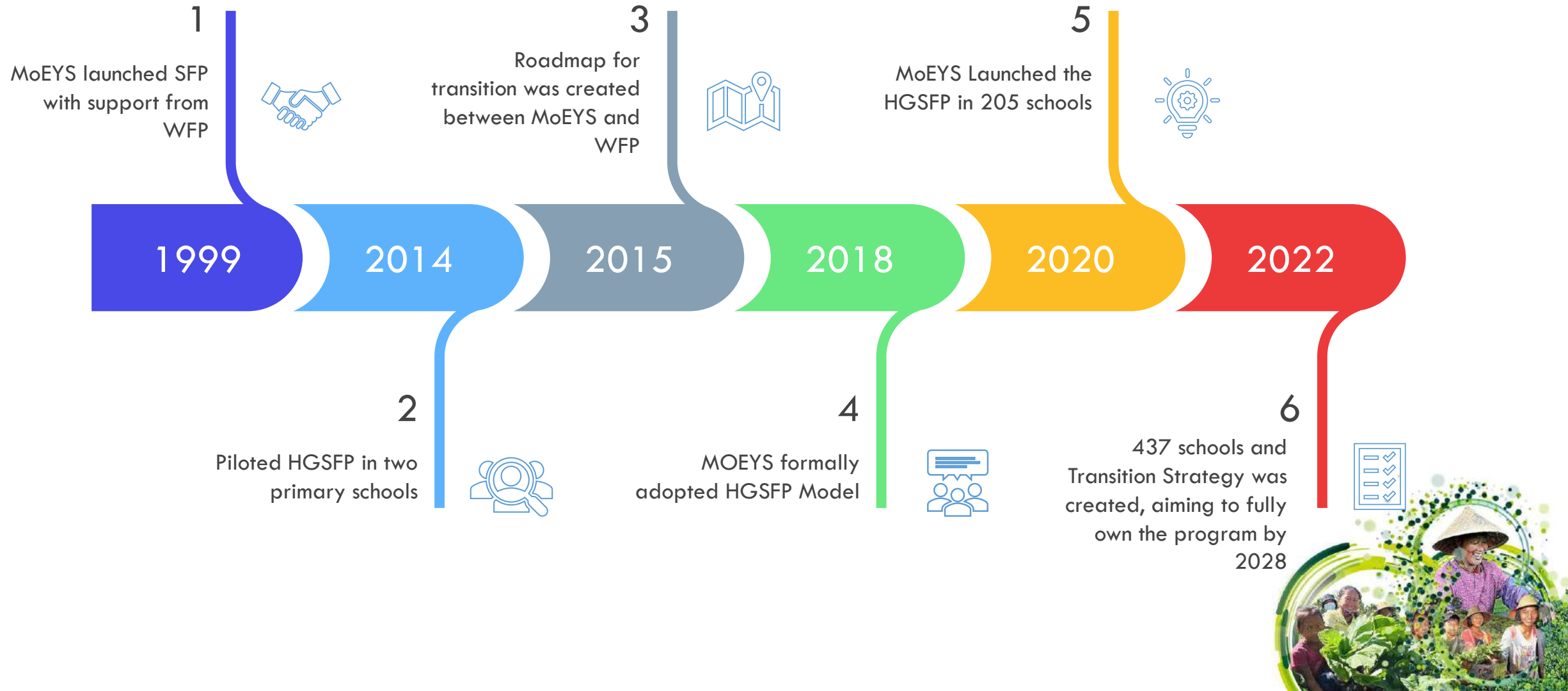
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1. Overview of SFP in Cambodia



HGSF Programme Goals and Objectives

01

FOOD SECURITY

Improve food security among vulnerable school children and their households



02

EDUCATION

Promote education for children in communities faced with **food** insecurity



03

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Provide safe, diverse, and nutritious school meals to the children and promote healthy eating and hygiene behavior



04

LOCAL ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE

Promote local economy and agriculture development by ensuring income-generating opportunities for suppliers and farmers



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PARTNERSHIP & COORDINATION

Strengthen partnership and cross-sectoral coordination for sustainable school feeding



Targeting

Target group

All children in targeted primary schools and kindergarten schools attached.

Geographic targeting criteria

- Schools in areas with high poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition rates and poor educational performance levels,
- Strong capacity and commitment of local authority, school, and community to implement the programme.



2. Success Factors



Strong commitment and support from the leadership.



Supporting policy framework and implementation guidelines.



Strong technical support and good partnership from the development partners (WFP and KOICA).



Participation from local authorities and communities.



3. Key Achievements

Locally sourced food

- Implementing in 897 schools, benefiting 224,658 school children
- An estimate of 3,302 metric tons of food commodities
- Around USD9 millions going to the community per year

Education achievements

- Increase in attendance rate from 75.4 in 2021 to 90 in 2022
- Increase in school retention from 85.5 in 2021 to 94 in 2022

Social Protection during the crisis

- Converted into take-home ration during covid-19

Policy and institutional framework strengthened


- Joint Transition Strategy signed
- HGSF sub-decree endorsed
- National Policy on School Meals (ongoing)




4. Gaps and challenges in implementation



Little flexibility in government budget.



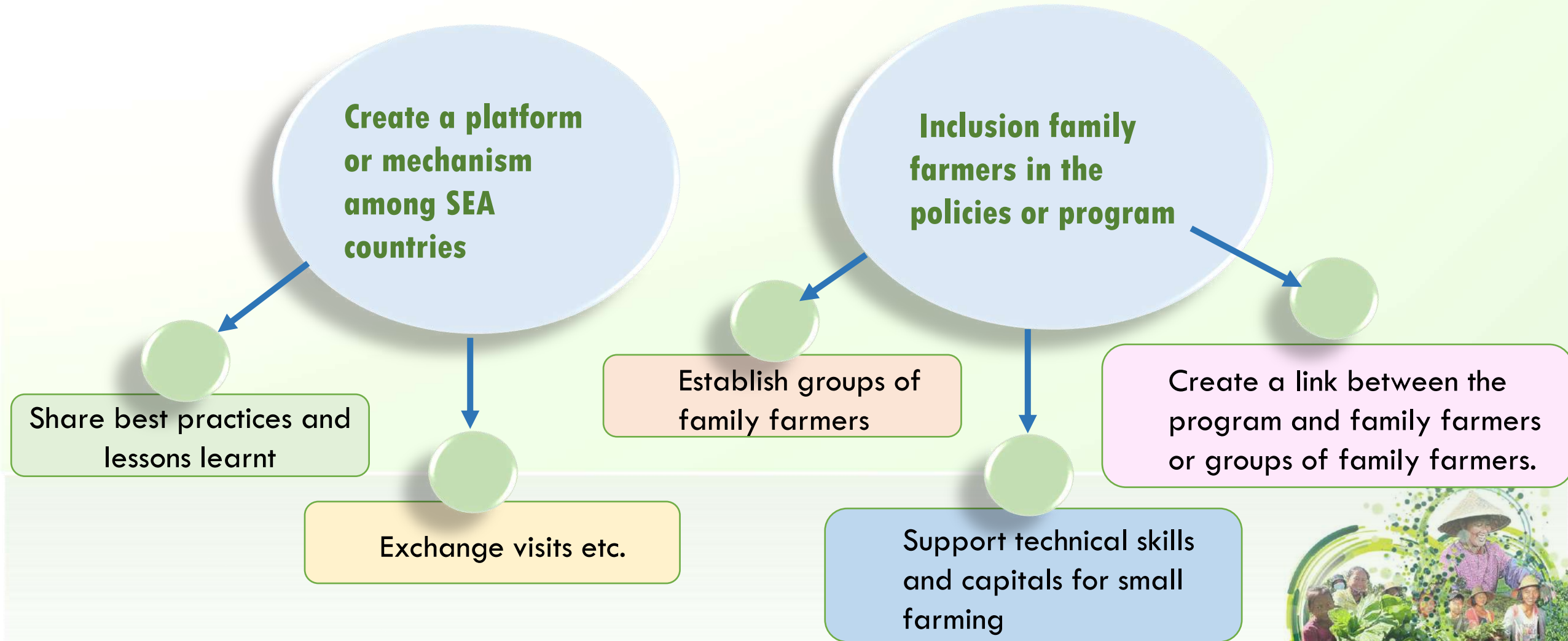
Can't find the local suppliers, who is the nexus between the programme and family farmers



Cross sectoral coordination at the local levels



5. Opportunities for collaboration among SEA countries and inclusion of family farmers in the policies and/or programs






Thank you!




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