



# More and Better

An International Campaign  
for Food, Agriculture and Rural  
Development Aid to eradicate  
Hunger and Poverty

## **Invitation to take part in documenting small scale ecological agriculture and how to transform non-sustainable agriculture**

Small-scale food production contributes significantly to feeding the world, drastically reducing poverty, cools the planet and revives local ecologies and economies. But this is not well recognized by policy- and decision-makers. It is therefore necessary to document this better and to show that providing the enabling environment to develop more viable small and medium scale food production systems would be the most cost-effective way to for the important challenges we face today – and also the best way to contribute to preserving the natural resources for food production for future generations. The More and Better network in cooperation with member organizations and others have therefore started a project to:

1. provide a clear picture of what exists today in terms of sustainable initiatives where communities thrive and create wealth, both in traditional and state-of-the-art systems, and give special attention to the role of women and youth;
2. highlight the conditions and paths towards these successful forms of food provision;
3. propose practical transitions towards these viable models.

### **What we want to do**

Through this project we want to develop:

- A clear picture of viable food production systems both traditional and modern worldwide, and as a part of this show the special role of women
- A list of training possibilities in agroecology, regenerative and other forms of sustainable agriculture
- A conceptual framework on viable systems and concrete examples (traditional and modern)
- A tool box for transition to greater sustainability
- A description of enabling environment and alliances that can help hit scale.

The plan is to present this at the Rio+20 conference (UNCSD) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 2012. We will organize side events during the Rio+20 conference and other relevant conferences, and will produce the following information material:

- A booklet based on the points above /results (in English, Spanish and French if funding is sufficient)
- A brochure with the main findings (in English, French and Spanish)
- Publishing on webpages of the material above and other information which will not be printed.

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More and Better and the Norwegian Development Fund are supporting this project financially for the first phase from October 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 until the end of January 2012. We are working to get more funding for this period and funding for 2012. A consultant is contracted; Angela Hilmi. (She was the main author of the report *A Viable Food Future (Part I and II)* which can be downloaded from [www.moreandbetter.org](http://www.moreandbetter.org))

## **How can you / your organization contribute?**

If you /your organization want to take part in this project, please send a mail to [secretariat@moreandbetter.org](mailto:secretariat@moreandbetter.org) with information on how you would like to contribute, contact details etc.

Here are some ways you can contribute:

1. Provide case studies of good examples of agroecological and other kinds of sustainable agriculture, and of transformation from non- sustainable to more sustainable forms of agriculture.
2. Provide articles which could be used on webpages and the booklet about what is described in point 1 above.
3. Provide links to web-pages and lists of literature of case studies and other literature which describes and/ or presents analysis of what is described above in point 1.
4. Provide in-kind support with time from staff people who can work on this project in cooperation with More and Better and the consultant(s) – for collecting material, analysis, translation of documents, design and layout, web-presentation etc.
5. Support the project financially; payment of the consultant(s), translation of document, case studies, consultation-meetings, printing of booklets etc.

**We hope that many of you will take part in this project, and look forward to hear back from you.**

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