

FSN FORUM - DISCUSSION TOPIC NO  
**PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS**  
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Dear colleagues,

My name is Darana Souza, I am the coordinator of the agricultural development team of IPC-IG. The [International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth](http://www.ipc-undp.org) (IPC-IG) is a joint project between the United Nations Development Programme and the Brazilian Government to facilitate South-South Cooperation on key development issues.

It specializes in offering research-based policy recommendations for inclusive growth. By encouraging South-South cooperation, the centre specifically aims to expand the knowledge base and capacities of developing countries to design and implement nationally-owned poverty reduction strategies.

IPC-IG's recently established research and training program on Agricultural Development aims to facilitate South-South learning on agricultural development policies that promote access to markets, food security and income generation.

In this context, public purchase policies of agricultural goods from targeted producers are of great interest. They can guarantee market opportunities and income for farmers, as well as promote food security through price regulation, food supply for key public institutions (hospitals, schools etc.), and provision for food aid programs.

We are therefore mapping experiences of public procurement of agricultural goods from smallholder farmers in developing countries, in order to identify and share best practices.

**We would therefore be very grateful if you could share experiences in this area:**

- **We are looking for information and knowledge resources on country programs, evaluations, national project/ program materials and so forth. We are mainly interested in experiences where government institutions directly purchase or finance the procurement of agricultural goods to support specific farmers' groups, who otherwise might have difficulties in market access.**

For example, in Brazil a public supply institution, CONAB, purchases food items from smallholder farmers, which will be further donated in food aid programs or used as market regulating stocks.

We thank you very much in advance.

Kind regards from Brazil,

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