

# Black pepper

In the Ba Ria-Vung province of Vietnam, Olam SVI works with a group of 166 farmers to produce Rainforest Alliance certified black pepper. Farmers are supported to apply Sustainable Agriculture Standards (SAS), developed by the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) to generate ecological, social and economic benefits and market access.

166 farmers

8% women



## FARMER CASE STUDY



Mr Hieu has been growing pepper for 10 years; he is participating in the low chemical residue pilot project of Olam.

*"I was happy to join the sustainable pepper project of Olam. We are trained on pepper cultivation based on Good Agricultural Practices. We know how to apply fertilisers, use bio-pesticides and pesticides based on the '4 Rights': right pesticide, right dose, right time and right application method. We do not use pesticides in the prohibited list and try to use more bio-agents to control pests and diseases in pepper. We have also applied the drip irrigation technology and this helps save water, energy and labour for irrigation. We apply balanced fertilisers and use more manure to improve the soil fertility. We hope to get higher yields, better pepper production and a higher price for our pepper with low chemical residue."*

**Mr Tran Hieu**, a pepper grower in Tanbang hamlet of the Quang Thanh commune, Chaduc district, Baria-Vungtau, Vietnam.

### Charter Principles 2016 key facts

<b>1. Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vietnam law prevents direct micro-finance from private Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) companies</li> </ul>
<b>2. Improved yield</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100%</b> of farmers trained in Good Agricultural Practices</li> <li>• <b>5 farmer field schools</b></li> </ul>
<b>3. Labour practices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100%</b> of farmers trained in good labour practices</li> </ul>
<b>4. Market access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>442 tonnes</b> certified by Rainforest Alliance</li> </ul>
<b>5. Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Packing materials</b> supplied to farmers</li> <li>• <b>Weighing scales and quality checking</b> equipment distributed at the farmer cooperative buying locations</li> </ul>
<b>6. Traceability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100%</b> tonnage is traceable</li> </ul>
<b>7. Social and infrastructure investment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>US\$2,400</b> spent on drinking water and sanitation facilities</li> <li>• <b>Food parcels</b> distributed to celebrate the Lunar New Year (rice, edible oil, sugar etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>8. Environmental impact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>100%</b> farmers trained in water stewardship, soil fertility and Integrated Pest Management.</li> <li>• <b>Farmers encouraged to plant trees</b> as living poles for the pepper vines</li> <li>• <b>Training</b> includes the importance of digging waste pits, rather than burning; ecosystem conservation and wildlife protection.</li> </ul>

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