



Processing technology boosts livelihoods for women in the mountainous region of Quang Tri

Providing machinery and equipment for agricultural product processing, combined with skills training and market connections, is opening up more opportunities for women in ethnic minority areas in Quang Tri to improve production efficiency, reduce post-harvest losses, and gradually develop sustainable livelihoods.

On July 16, 2026, the Department of Agriculture and Environment of Quang Tri province, in coordination with the Plan International office in Quang Tri, organized the handover of machinery and equipment to agricultural product purchasing and processing groups in the two border communes of Truong Son and Dan Hoa. This activity is part of the project "Supporting climate change-adaptive agricultural livelihoods to enhance the role of women in disadvantaged communities," funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

In 2026, the project supported the establishment of four agricultural product purchasing and processing groups in Truong Son and Dan Hoa communes, each with 10 members. The model aims to strengthen linkages in agricultural production, purchasing, and processing, creating conditions for ethnic minority women to be more proactive in developing their household economies.

According to the Department of Agriculture and Environment of Quang Tri province, introducing machinery and equipment into production groups can contribute to increasing productivity, reducing post-harvest losses, and gradually increasing the value of local agricultural products. Organizing into groups also facilitates members' shared use of equipment, experience sharing, and increased connectivity when accessing markets.

In addition to equipment support, members also receive training in business planning, teamwork, participation in trade fairs, and sales. The training content is implemented to help the teams not only operate the machinery but also gradually improve their ability to organize production and product sales. Due to difficult travel conditions in mountainous areas and limited access to technical knowledge for some members, training courses are organized in a "hands-on" format, accompanying the teams during the initial phase of using the equipment.

In the coming period, the Project Management Board will continue to monitor, provide technical support, and connect agricultural product purchasing and processing groups with businesses and distribution channels to expand the consumer market. The combination of equipment, technology, and market linkages is expected to help groups improve the efficiency of agricultural product processing, create more stable outlets for local products, and thereby contribute to increasing income for women and ethnic minorities in border communes.

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