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“Family farming at the heart of sustainable food systems”.

Radio program information sheet

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Program synopsis:

The reporter in the program visits a small hilly farming community, Tungkong Manga, near Metro Manila, which is one of the main sources of agricultural produce for the 12 million residents of the capital city. Despite its position of pride in the food map of the country, the family farmers of Tungkong Manga remain poor and disadvantaged in more than one way. They lack ownership over the land that they till and threat to be evicted from their livelihoods is among the many problems they face at present.

In this program, the reporter talks to stakeholders ranging from the Government’s representative to local farmers, from the representative of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to organizations of family farmers to present a holistic view of family farming in the Philippines.

The Philippines, since 2019 has participated in global discussions for the crafting of national action plans for the support of family farming. It is among the countries of the Asia-pacific region that has launched a multi-stakeholder supported National Action Plan for the support of family farming has. The government also aims to promote the integration of broader social and environmental sector considerations into dedicated policies for family farmers.

This program put into perspective state initiatives with the ground realities and makes a case for the steps that need to be taken to improve the lot of the family farmers and thereby develop the farming sector of the Philippines.

Guests in the program:

1. Lea, local farmer, Tungkong Manga
2. Melissa Lamo, Representative, Pakisama, (farmers’ organization)
3. Dr. Rosana Mula, Officer, Department of Agriculture
4. Kati Tanniken, UN FAO representative to the Philippines
5. Irish Baguilat, Asian Farmers’ Association (AFA)