

## Building up an Internal Control System for Certification to EUREPGAP Option 2

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## The beginning - 2004

- ◆ House of Quality – South Africa, DAP training body (Africert)
- ◆ Working with Myner Exporters on EU-PIP funded project
- ◆ Develop QMS manual for Option 2 for: CARE + VegPro = VegCARE and Reach-the-Children
- ◆ Evolved into spreadsheet based QMS

## Working with a PMO – 2005-7

- ◆ Freshlink VMO a Product Marketing Organisation working with 9 groups in Sagana Scheme for 3 exporters
- ◆ Developed QMS manual for groups (Standards and Solutions)
- ◆ Eventually had 6 groups EUREPGAP certified
- ◆ Project continues as exercise to monitor costs of compliance. MRLs, Surveillance Audits

## Developing a Generic QMS – 2006-7

- ◆ Joint venture BSMDP, GTZ HO, EUREPGAP, GTZ Kenya
- ◆ Part of International 5 country pilot project. Kenya, Ghana, Thailand, Macedonia and Dominican Republic
- ◆ ICIPE managed project working with 9 groups in 3 clusters
- ◆ 6 groups eventually EUREPGAP certified
- ◆ Generic QMS manual for groups under Option 2 available as shareware

## Key Lessons Learned – Minimum requirements

- ◆ Good contractual relations with exporters
- ◆ Good group cohesion and management structures
- ◆ Sufficient resources to maintain the ICS
- ◆ Even Generic Manual will require constant up-dating to keep it relevant

Thanks for Listening