

# Cashew Nuts Vietnam

## Sustainability Impact at Origin



### Going Beyond Organic



Creating resilient, equitable, and environmentally-secure food systems



Driving sustainable and market driven development at source



Measurable social and environmental impact for farmers, workers, and communities worldwide

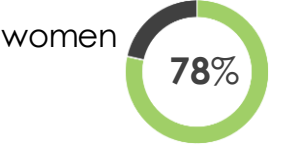


Contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals



**65** permanent employees

**65** employees trained



**15%** female smallholder farmers

**33%** increase in organic certified cashew nut plantations since 2015

**1447** smallholder cashew nut farmers



↑ **337** farmers since 2015

**5%** of smallholder farmers under the age of 35

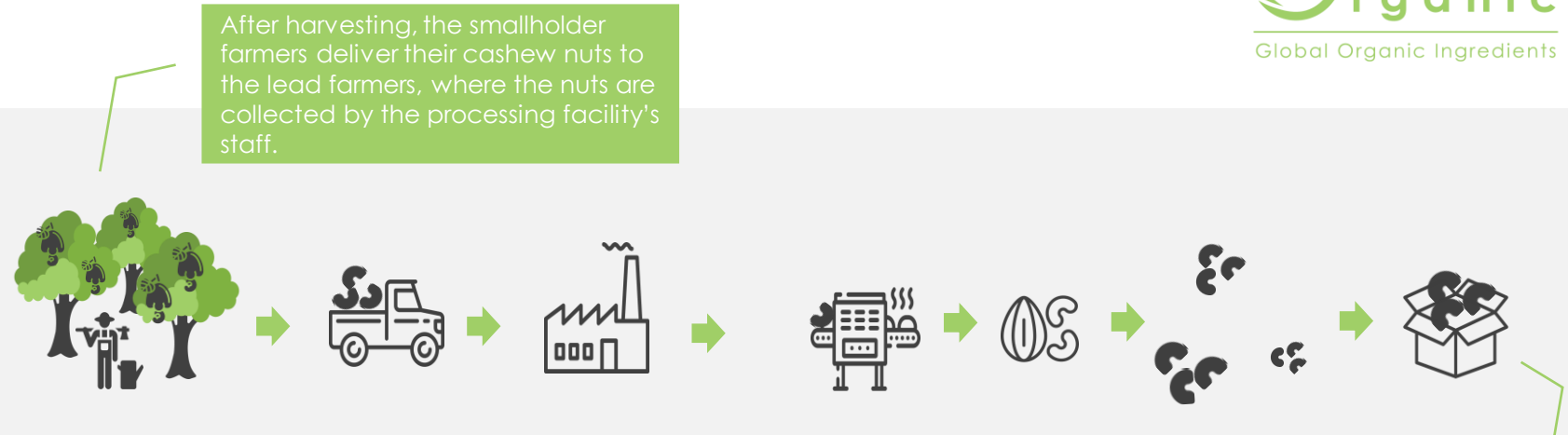
### A pioneer of organic agriculture in Vietnam

In 2001, Tradin Organic joined forces with a local partner to put the basis for the development of the organic cashew production and processing in Vietnam. Tradin Organic facilitated the establishment of an organic internal control system. With the support of our agronomists, local field staff trained interested smallholder cashew farmers on organic farming practices. As a result, the farmers of our cashew project produced the first certified organic cashews in Vietnam, and ever since received an attractive organic premium significantly increasing their farm income. Furthermore, Tradin Organic has been involved in the construction of a state-of-art processing facility. Over the past 20 years, the long-term partnership with both our local partner and farmers, has turned into a successful sourcing project.



# Full Traceability and High Quality: From Farm to Factory to Customer

Our internal control system and our presence at every step of the supply chain ensure full traceability and transparency. From farm to factory to customer, each batch of cashews can be traced back to the individual farmer through the farmer's personalized registration number. To guarantee the supply of high-quality cashews, our locally stationed agronomists visit the farmers during the harvest season and take samples to assess the size and quality of the organic cashews. At the processing facility, the cashew nuts go through two stages of drying to achieve the optimal moisture content, before getting shelled, sorted and graded, packed, and finally prepared for export.



After harvesting, the smallholder farmers deliver their cashew nuts to the lead farmers, where the nuts are collected by the processing facility's staff.

We offer many different sizes of organic cashews, W240, W320, WS, SP, LWP and more. Ideal for retail packaging, in trail mixes or for further processing.

## Social and Environmental Impact

### Technical Assistance



Our experienced field staff regularly visits the cashew farmers and provides training to optimize organic farming practices to boost farm productivity and increase farmers' income. Through the visits and trainings, our team safeguards the organic integrity of our cashews and promotes the environmental benefits of organic agriculture, such as increased soil health and biodiversity.

### Certification



Our cashew nuts not only comply with international organic regulations but are also Bio Suisse certified. This guarantees organic cashew nuts which are produced with minimal impact on the environment, protected biodiversity, and fair working conditions on both the farms and in the processing facility.



### Community Development



Our long-term presence has provided a stable source of income for many cashew farmers and their families. The facility offers permanent jobs for 65 employees, who receive a fair income above the legal minimum wage, and a covered health insurance. In 2018, Tradin Organic was involved in the construction of proper sanitation units for four schools located in the cashew sourcing communities. The new sanitation units provide access to clean and safe drinking water and contribute to the health and well-being of the farmers' children.



*'The factory has created a good working environment for its staff. I receive a fair income and was provided with health insurance. We also receive regular training on food and workplace safety.'*

- **Nguyen Thi Thu Hien**, working at the processing facility for 6 years -

