

Senior Expert Contact – a Program of Swisscontact POTENTIAL MEETS EXPERIENCE

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Contact (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

SEC Assignment in Nepal, 2023

Assignment No. 4096

Location	Kathmandu, Nepal
Client	Vegetable Processing
Expert	Willi Müller Food processing Expert
Period	14.04. - 06.05.2023



Client Profile

The client is in the Agrobusiness and supplies locally grown high quality fresh vegetables and fruits to Hotels and Restaurants and exporting fresh vegetables to the golf states. The company is succesfull and keen to grow the daily quantities for exports. They work together with rural development projects and through them Swisscontact and SEC were approached for technical assistance for postharvest, storage and logistic management.

Tasks

- Increase handling efficiency to decrease postharvest losses
- Training of employees in product handling and cold room storage
- Advice on postharvest efficiency increase and export management
- Assist and support technical demands for equipment purchase
- Support innovation projects for adapted packaging and handling
- Advice about possible future investments and expansions

Results

- Training done with all staff and documentation given
- Training of farmers on postharvest handling and transport of fresh vegetables
- Implemented better fresh vegetables and fruits handling and cold Room Mgt
- done negotiation with Eng. company for new drying/ sorting equipment
- proposal of simple layout to increase handling efficiency and output
- Discussed adapted improved packaging options and use of simple equipment for safe packing and export
- proposed logisitic improvments for export and handling at airport