www.agro-info.net provides information on farmers’ organisations in developing countries and on their activities. Agro-info.net is operational since 2003, and is constantly updated by farmers’ organisations and by agri-agencies\(^1\). The database currently contains information on more than 600 farmers’ organisations, on more than 1600 projects, in more than 80 (mainly developing) countries. It is a multipurpose database, providing descriptive information on organisations and activities, as well as comprehensive and exhaustive financial data about the farmers’ organisations, about their ongoing projects, and about the funding of these projects.

One important aim of agro-info.net is to increase the visibility of farmers’ organisations, and to contribute to the transparency of development aid. More than 95% of all information on agro-info.net is open information. Project information (narrative and financial) can be followed from start to finish, as well as the missions performed, the funding involved and the organisations participating.

The left-hand column presents the different modules of the database. Click on Projects to produce the following screen:

For each module, the right-hand column presents different search options, and click find to confirm your selection:

Click on a project title and go to the project record

\(^1\) Agri-agencies are the development agencies of the farmers’ organisations. Agro-info.net has been developed and is supported by Agriterra (agri-agency from the Netherlands). One of the users is AgrCord, the network of agri-agencies (www.agricord.org).
agro-info.net provides on-line information on farmers’ organisations

In the left column, click [Organisations]. You can search by alphabet. Or you can first make a selection using different criteria and scroll-down menus in the right column, and confirm your selection with [find], down this right column.

Selecting Ethiopia from the country scroll-down menu, for the category rural peoples’ organisations, results in 33 names. Choose an organisation by clicking on its name, use one of the five tabs, etc.

When available, you will find, for instance, recent information on the organisation’s profile:
agro-info.net provides on-line information on projects

In the left column, click Projects. Then make a selection using different criteria (scroll-down menus) in the right column, and confirm your selection with find down this column.

Groups of projects by backdonor and by backdonor-contract can be selected in the right column. Selecting DGD (Belgian Development Cooperation) as backdonor, and DGD-AgrCord RD 2012 as backdonor contract, gives the list of 18 projects funded by DGD under this particular contract.

Or put the unique 4-digit project number in the text box down right, and confirm with find.

Click on the tabs for project related information at different stages of the project cycle:
- APPLICATION: provides extensive project information
- DEFINITION: provides the budget (backdonors, outreach, targets)
- EXECUTION: provides contract information (if available) and information on missions
- RESULTS: provides reports (uploaded) and information on expenditures, outreach, targets.
agro-info.net provides on-line information by country

In the left column, click **Countries**. You can search by alphabet.

Choose a country by clicking on its name, and select one of the seven tabs.

The different tabs give the following information:

- **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**: provides some key figures about the country, the type of organisations we work with and the activities
- **ORGANISATIONS**: provides a list of projects that are carried out in that country
- **MISSIONS**: provides a list of missions that are carried out in that country
- **DOCUMENTS**: provides a list of documents (mainly mission reports) about or from that country
- **NEWS ITEMS**: provides a list of news items related to that country

Select **PROJECTS** and you will get a list of all projects for this country. Click on a project number (first column) and the project record will open.
agro-info.net for project monitoring and evaluation

For project monitoring and evaluation, and for matters that affect internal decision making, as well as privacy of organisations and persons involved, agro-info.net uses specific accounts and login.

agro-info.net has an export facility

In different modules of agro-info.net (Organisations, Projects, Missions) one will find, for the selection made as a result of the search possibilities on the right-hand side, two options in the upper left corner of the listed selection: print and export.

When clicking print, a screen pops up:

When clicking export, an Excel file will be generated, in which every Organisation, Project or Mission is a row, and a number of key variables are the columns.
After a selection of organisations has been made, information about the organisations can be exported in an Excel table by clicking on **export**, just above the total number of projects.

As shown, there are two options for an export:

- General information such as address, type of services and relation since
- Complete information gives additional information such as numbers of board and staff, total membership; publication year formal documents, etc

After a selection of projects has been made, information about the projects can be exported in an Excel table by clicking on **export**, just above the total number of projects.

The following information becomes available (with more columns than shown here):

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