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increasing income for farmers by carbon credit business to sustainable agriculture

Thailand Rice Decarbonization Journey

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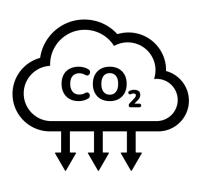
#### IMPACT FROM PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



#### AWD implementation would enable Thailand to achieve its carbon emission goal in 2030









**Emission reduction** from AWD in 2030 ~12% of overall target



~140 Billion Baht ~20 Billion Baht/year

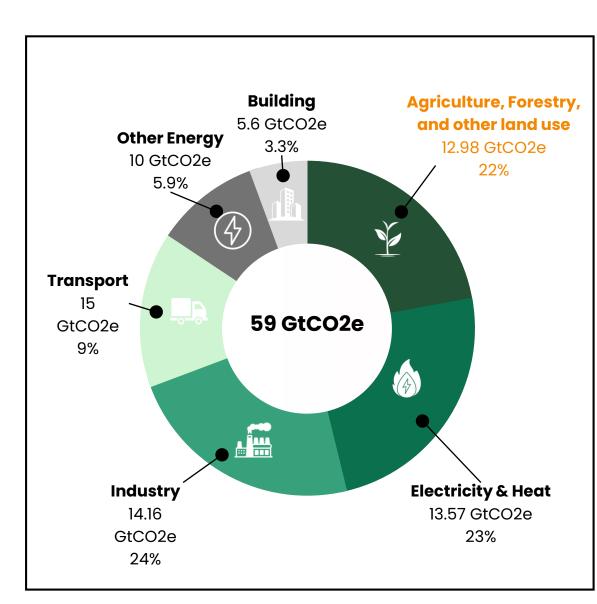
Estimated fund to support AWD farmers from 2024-2030

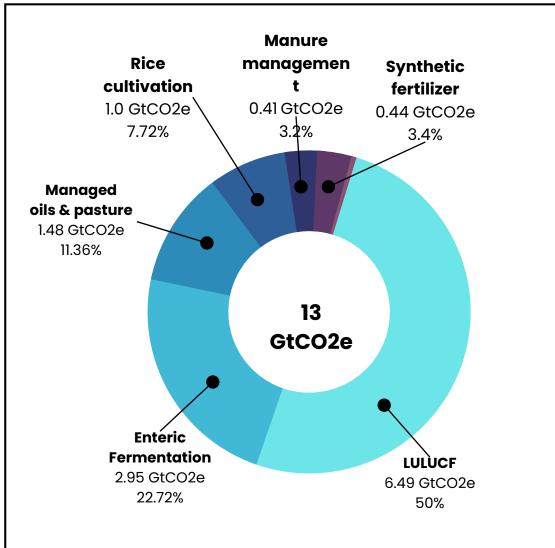
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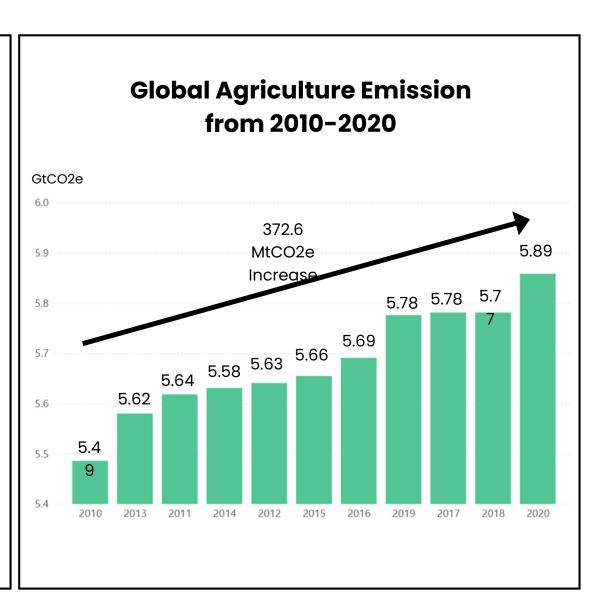


#### **Global GHG Emission in 2019**

#### Global GHG Emission in Agriculture sector





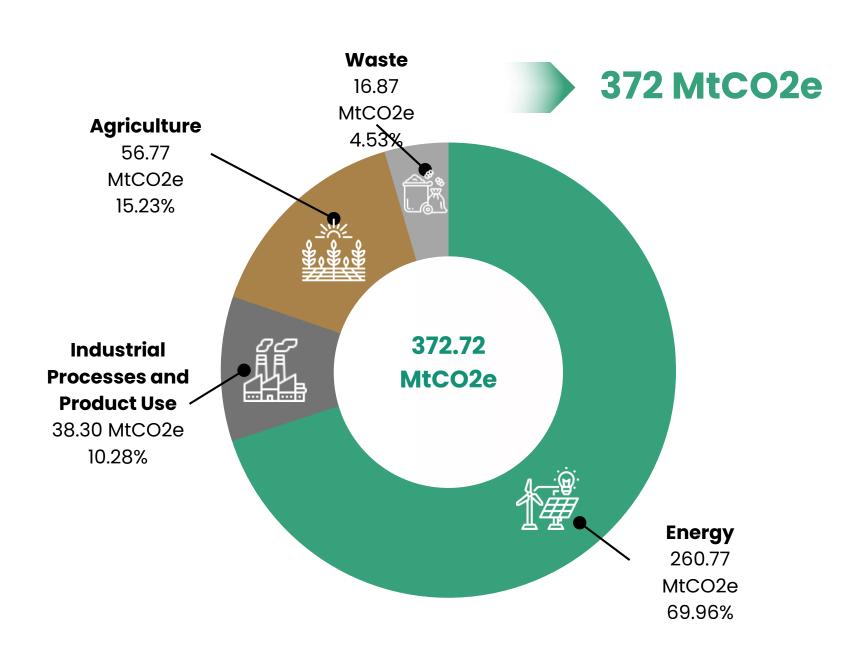


#### GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION SITUATION IN THAILAND

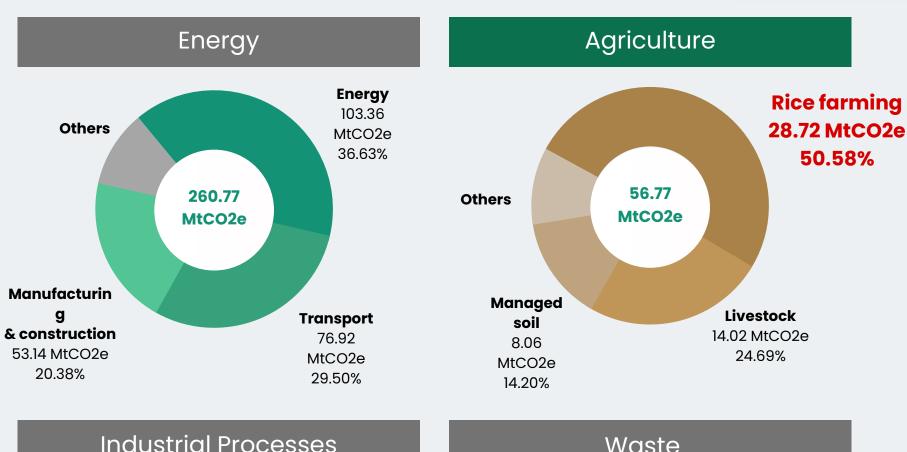


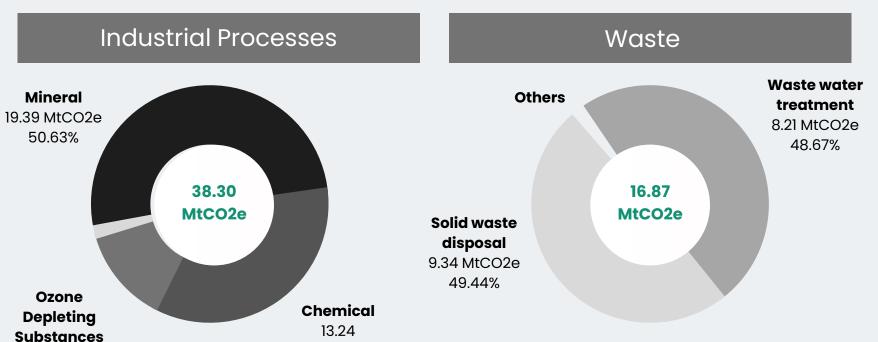
50.58%

#### **Total GHG Emission in Thailand in 2019**









MtCO2e

34.58%

4.95 MtCO2e

12.93%

#### IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING RICE CULTIVATION EMISSION



### Rice plays an important role for Thai people, yet it represents a large portion of GHG emissions

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Second **largest rice exporter** in the world
behind India

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Thailand agriculture crops with second largest export value

4.7M

**Households** with rice cultivation as main income

Rice cultivation as main GHG contributor in Thailand's Agriculture sector

#### 56.1M rai

Suitable rice cultivation area: 17.5% of total area in Thailand

28.72 MtCO2e

GHG emission in 2019

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highest GHG emission sector behind energy sector in Thailand

50.6%

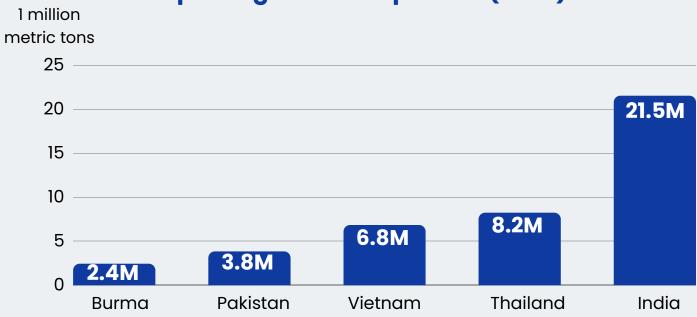
of total emission from the agriculture sector in 2019 15%

of overall emission in Thailand in 2019

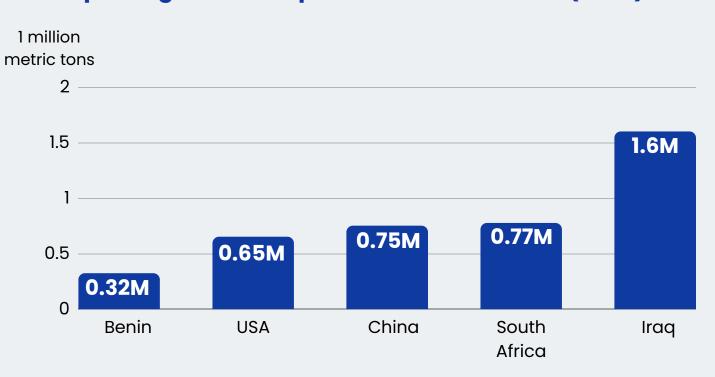
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largest emitter of CO2 from rice farming behind China, India, Indonesia

#### Top 5 largest rice exporters (2022)



#### Top 5 largest rice importers from Thailand (2022)

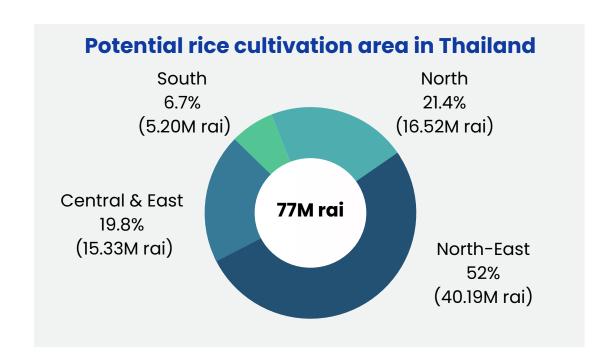


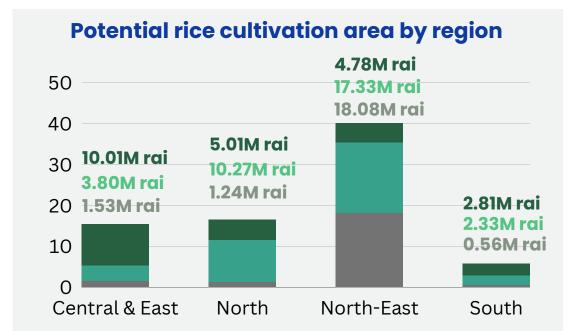
Source: Land Development Department, Bangkok Post, Statista

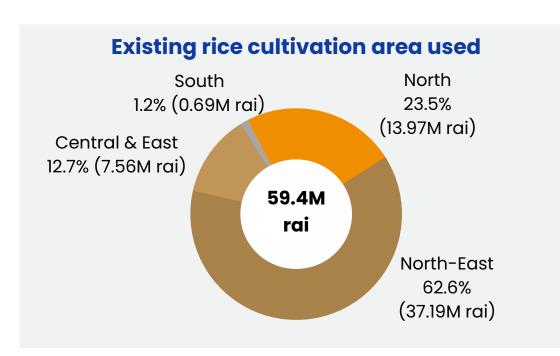
#### **CULTIVATION AREA OF RICE IN THAILAND**

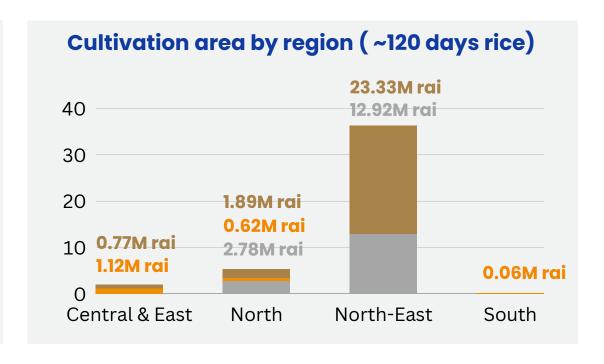


#### Critical rice cultivation clusters in Thailand









#### High quality cultivation land

- Smooth & low-land area
- Accessible irrigation system and infrastructure
- High production outputs
- Most areas can have >1 crop rotation

#### Medium quality cultivation land

- Smooth and low-land area
- Potential for irrigation system and agriculture infrastructure development
- Mid-high production outputs

#### Low quality cultivation land

- Unsuitable land for cultivation
- The output is not worthwhile for the investment
- The area is highly subject to natural disaster risks

#### Rice with ~120 days duration

Jasmine rice ข้าวหอมมะลิ

Aromatic rice ข้าวหอมไทย

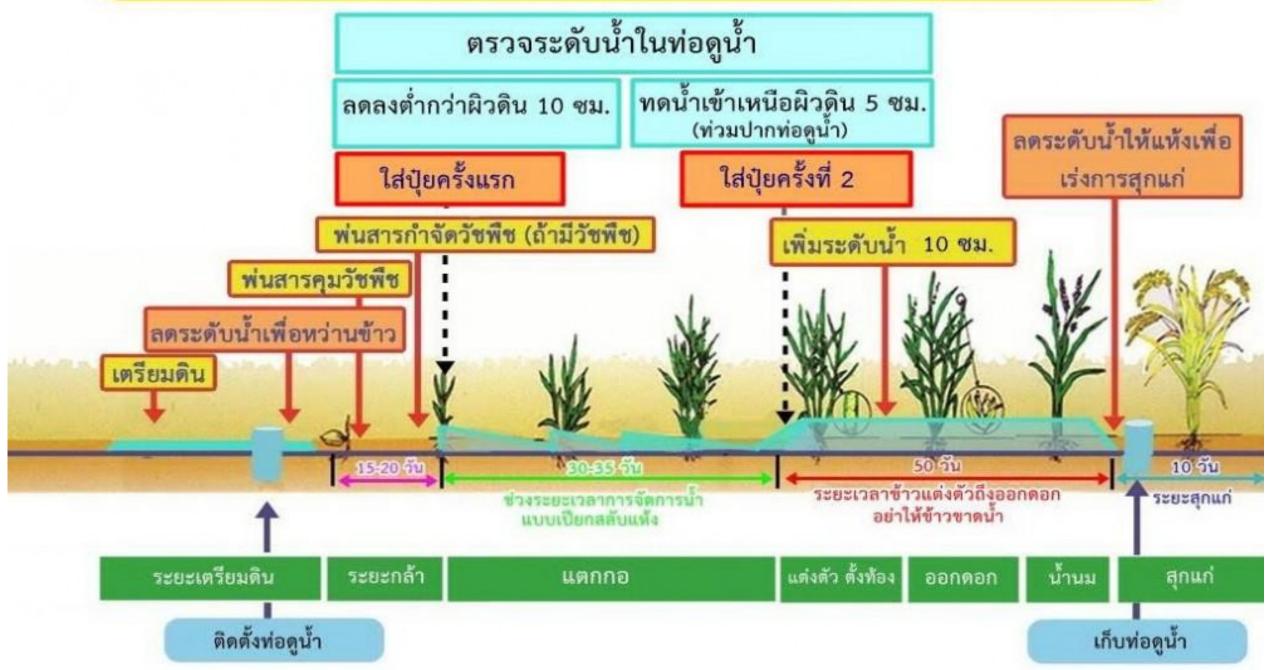
Glutinous rice ข้าวเหนียว

Source: <u>Land Development Department</u>, <u>Rice Department</u>

### Alternative wetting and drying (AWD)



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#### **KEY RESULTS OF OUR AWD PROJECT**

















0.55 tCO2e/rai









GHG emission reduction Carbon credits acquired

Production yield increase

Production cost reduction

Water usage reduction Fertilizer usage reduction

#### **CURRENT ISSUES IN AWD IMPLEMENTATION IN THAILAND**



### Key existing issues that obstruct proper AWD implementation in Thailand







Farmers	Funding Organizations	Government Agencies & Public Sector  Government policy discourages farmers to adopt AWD  • The government provides major fund to support farmers which cultivate short-duration rice (< 100 days)  • Certified AWD rice for GHG emission reduction based relevant standards (e.g., T-VER, VERRA) has to be 120 days-duration rice	
Farmers' lack of understanding of AWD impacts  • Without proper AWD knowledge, farmers still prefer to use their original cultivation method	<ul> <li>Lack of financial support for AWD</li> <li>Financial institutions (e.g., BAAC) do not have proper loan products to incentivize farmers to adopt AWD</li> <li>Farmers rely on loan shark to fund their cultivation process</li> </ul>		
Farmers' lack of required capabilities in implementing AWD  • Farmers lack capabilities to control water level in lowland  • Farmers cannot manage irrigation process properly	High interest rate on loan from the private sector     High interest rate on loan that farmers need to repay the private sector prevents them from adopting AWD	Public sector's lack of AWD knowledge  • There are Insufficient organizations to educate farmers  • Public sector cannot properly train farmers to adopt AWD. They still prefer the farmers to use the original method  • Farmers do not know how to implement AWD properly	
Farmers' preference on short-duration rice (< 100 days)  • Farmers prefer short-duration rice as they can cultivate their crops and repay the debt quickly	Farmers' requirements to follow lenders' cultivation instructions  • Farmers are required to follow the cultivation instructions from their lenders (e.g., rice mill, fertilizer shops, etc.)	Lack of clear support on AWD implementation  Output  Government agencies at both sub-district, district, and provincial level do not properly support AWD	

### ALTERNATE WETTING & DRYING (AWD) SITUATION IN THAILAND



#### Farmers in Thailand have implemented AWD method to produce low carbon rice over the past years

Thailand Rice Department works
with German International
Cooperation (GIZ) to support
farmers to reduce GHG emission
from rice cultivation in Thailand



#### Thai Rice NAMA

to support farmers to implement AWD pilot project

Target	Large farmers	
Funding	14.9 million Euro	
Duration	5 years (2018-2023)	
Covered areas	6 provinces 2.8 million rai	

### Strong positive impact from AWD to farmers

- ~50% methane reduction from
   ~1.2 tCO2e per rai
- 20-30% production increase
- 2x farmer income per rai



#### **Going forward**

- Seek additional funding support from Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- Expansion of covered areas to 21 provinces (4.5 million rai)
- 2.4 MtCO2e GHG emission target











#### **Royal Irrigation Department**

• Support AWD implementation since 2015, targeting 100,000 households and 2.8 million rai in 2023

#### National Electronics and Computer Technology Center

 Develop AWD monitoring system (e.g., water level, soil moisture, temperature, weather) to support AWD implementation in 2022

#### Thailand Rice Department

• Conduct research to develop climate-vulnerable rice that is suitable for AWD method

#### **Project developers**

- Spiro Carbon: Conduct MRV process on AWD
- WAVE BCG: Develop AWD pilot project in Pathumthani in 2023

#### **Green Climate Fund (GCF)**

The world's largest climate fund under the UN aiming to support AWD implementation in Thailand

#### Other farming implementation

Advanced tech for land levelling, fertilizer selection / usage, rice straw management, and MRV system

### LOW CARBON/SUSTAINABLE RICE



#### Top exporting countries which engage in Low Carbon Rice Project

Country	Project Name	Target Area (Hectare) in 2030	Funding
India	National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture	100 million	Indian government
China	National Low Carbon Agriculture Program	10 million	Chinese government
Indonesia	Indonesia Low Carbon Rice Project (ILCROP)	0.9 million	International Rice Research Institute
Thailand	THAI RICE Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMA)	0.5 million	German government
Vietnam	Vietnam Low-Carbon Rice Project (VLCRP)	1 million	World Bank

Sustainable Rice (SRP)



"Golden Sun" sustainable rice reach the European markets

Indian rice manufacturer works closely with 1,045 farmers to ensure that they:

- Adopt new wetting techniques
- Reduce the use of pesticides
- Stop burning rice straw

#### Sustainable Rice Impact 🏓



20% Water use reduction

10% Increase in farmer income

50% **GHG** emission reduction

Premium price



Source: NMSA, The Sino-German Agricultural Centre, Mongabay, GIZ, Australian Government

Source: Preferred by nature

#### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS FOR AWD







**Rice Department** 









#### **Ministry of Agriculture** and Cooperatives · Identify water sources and

- develop irrigation system • Support and improve farmer
- capabilities, cooperative system, and agricultural process & products
- Prepare national rice policies and strategies
- Develop rice varieties & production technology and improve rice quality standard
- Inspect & verify rice standard
- Support value-added products
- Disclose relevant rice information to farmers

### **Department of Agriculture**

- Develop effective agriculture practice and process
- Inspect and verify agricultural crop standard
- Disclose relevant agriculture data
- Ensure that all parties follow relevant agriculture regulations

#### **Royal Irrigation Department**

- Develop national water usage and management policy
- Manage and control water resources for agriculture
- Mitigate risks from water transportation in the irrigation area

#### **Department of Land Development**

- Analyze and classify soil and land condition
- Prepare policy for land usage and development
- · Provide advice on soil, water, and fertilizer usage on land
- Disclose relevant land/soil information to farmers and relevant parties

#### **Department of Agricultural Extension**

- Support and improve farmer capabilities and agriculture organization & community
- Develop effective production and management of agricultural products













#### **Ministry of Natural Resources** & Environment

- Prepare national resource management policies and quidelines
- Research and share resource and environment information with relevant parties

#### **Department of Climate Ministry of Commerce Change & Environment**

- Propose and develop strategies, plans, and quidelines on climate change and greenhouse gas reduction
- Coordinate with public and private agencies on climate change issues
- Assess Thailand climate change risks

Guard the rights of consumers

businesses in both goods and

and protect intellectual

• Promote and develop

farmer incomes

properties

services

#### **Department of Foreign Trade**

- Monitor and control prices of • Manage import-export agricultural products and activities of products
  - · Supervise the standards of import-export products

#### **Department of International Trade Promotion**

- Proactively support and promote products and services of Thailand
- · Provide information and insights & consultation on Thai products/services to assist international buyers

#### **Department of Trade Negotiations**

- Follow the development of related climate change laws/measures in various countries (ETS, CBAM, etc.)
- Develop fair trade policies to deal with climate problems
- Study carbon footprint to analyze trends and impacts on Thailand trade

### ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS FOR AWD

















Ministry of Finance	Revenue Department	Treasury Department	Ministry of Industry	Department of Industrial Promotion	Department of Industrial Works
<ul> <li>Manage the budget, taxes, and funding of Thailand</li> <li>Address domestic economical growth and policy</li> <li>Handle international financial matters</li> </ul>	Provide tax incentives on projects that support the green economy  • Tax exemption on income (including carbon credit sale) from GHG emission reduction projects	<ul> <li>Supervise and verify the treasury reserve accounts</li> <li>Engage in state property, the minting of coins, currency administration, management of valuable national assets, and asset appraisal</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Expand the agriculture industries, value-added farm-product industries, and food processing industries</li> <li>Cultivate entrepreneurs' strength and competitiveness in the global market</li> <li>Promote environmentally friendly production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop plans &amp; guidelines to increase industrial capabilities with innovation, future technology, and cultural capital</li> <li>Strengthen SMEs capacities and services with Digitalization</li> </ul>	Enhance, promote data and knowledge of machinery, production, environment, safety, hazardous substances, energy and corporate social responsibility for industrial business development



















Financial Institutions	International Collaboration	Project Developers & MRVs
Green loans: Offer green loans with reasonable interest rate to farmers and SMEs who transition to sustainable agriculture practice	<ul> <li>Financial support: Mobilize funds to developing countries to take proper climate actions (e.g., Green Climate Fund, Loss and Damage Fund, blue bond)</li> <li>Coordination with NGOs: Work with NGOs to provide funds and knowledge to support sustainable agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Project development: Develop projects to encourage and train farmers to implement agriculture tech and sustainable practices</li> <li>Agriculture technology: Provide relevant tools to support monitoring, reporting, &amp; verification (MRV) process, and sustainable practices (e.g., satellite, drone, analytics platform, monitoring sensor, etc.)</li> <li>Collaboration with other stakeholders: Work with public sector to provide funds and knowledge to more farmers to adopt AWD</li> <li>Research &amp; development: Conduct research and analysis to support AWD implementation</li> </ul>

#### SUPPORT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRALITY GOAL





### Clear Emission Reduction Targets

 The government should set clear and ambitious emission reduction targets in line with the Paris Agreement's goals

#### **Carbon Pricing System**

 Implement carbon pricing mechanisms (e.g., carbon taxes or cap-and-trade system) to incentivize emission reductions

#### Energy Efficiency Improvement Policy

 Develop and enforce regulations to improve energy efficiency in industries, transportation, and buildings

### Promotion of Afforestation & Reforestation

 Support initiatives for reforestation and afforestation to capture and store carbon

#### Supportive Renewable Energy Policy

 Promote policies that encourage the adoption of renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, and hydropower

#### Central Coordinating Body



Lead and oversee climate mitigation and adaptation efforts across the country

- Strategic Coordination
- Policy Formulation
- Resource Allocation
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Innovation and Research
- International Engagement
- Public Awareness





#### Climate Finance & Green funding

- Support climate adaptation and mitigation projects in developing and vulnerable countries
- Help finance renewable energy projects, reforestation, climateresilient infrastructure, and sustainable agriculture practice

**Supportive Initiatives** 



Tax incentives on green projects

Attractive green loans with lower interest rate and larger loan amount

Farmer privilege of implementing AWD

(Funding, agriculture materials & tools)

Market for low carbon or sustainable rice

Low carbon rice verification parties

#### POSITIVE IMPACTS FROM GHG REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR



Proper initiatives to reduce GHG emission in agriculture sector would benefit various stakeholders in the supply chain













#### **Farmers**

- Additional revenue to farmers from increasing production yields
- Reducing rice cultivation cost
- Value-adding rice products
- Upskilling of Thai rice farmers

#### **Private Sector**

- Organization and product carbon footprint reduction
- Increasing competitiveness at the global level
- Improving company image on sustainability field

#### **Thailand**

- Market leader in low carbon rice
- Decreasing GHG emission from the second largest source
- Protecting the environment
- Achieving carbon neutrality and Net Zero GHG emission
- Increase reliability of sustainable products from Thailand

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#### IMPACT OF AWD ON GLOBAL STANDARDS









Global sustainable development and sustainable development goals (SDGs)

By implementing the alternate wetting and drying rice cultivation (AWD) practice, it would result in an improvement in rice cultivation, product quality, as well as farmer well-being

This would support the SDG for Global Sustainability in these seven areas









The AWD practice would help reduce direct carbon emission from companies (scope 1) and indirect carbon emission from other parties in the same supply chain (scope 3)

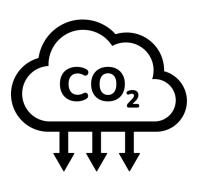
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166 MtCO26 Emission reduction target in 2030





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### Thailand aims to reduce GHG emission from 555 MtCO2e baseline in 2030

• The target represents a reduction of 30% from the baseline

## AWD implementation leads to a significant reduction in GHG emission

- 1 tCO2e per rai per year
- 20 million rai potential area for AWD implementation in Thailand

## Proper funding is required to support farmers to adopt AWD process

- Estimated 1 million participated farmers
- THB 20,000 fund per rai to farmers

Source: **ONEP** 

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