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SOAA continues to support the growing organic sector in Armenia by responding to a need for a demand in organic higher education and research. SOAA builds upon the momentum and successes of its predecessor project, BOAA, which created and implemented an Organic Agriculture Master's Program (OAMP) at the leading Armenian National Agrarian University (ANAU) in Yerevan. It does so by:

- 1 advancing and improving skills and quality of the existing OAMP,
- 2 amplifying existing results and successes to an institutional level within ANAU, and
- 3 contributing to capacity building and outreach within the Armenian organic sector and community.

One of the highlights of this project is a participatorily designed student organic farm, to be integrated not only in the curriculum and activities of the OAMP, but also used to offer courses and opportunities to the wider organic sector and its surrounding community. SOAA continues the previous project's participatory processes to offer a continued holistic perspective of the current organic system in Armenia and allows for the implementation of the ideas of many diverse stakeholders, making the OAMP, its amplification and the student organic farm, highly relevant to the actual Armenian and global case.

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