



Annual Community Development Report

Nadi Agriculture Cooperative Ltd. & FairTSA

2023-24

Small farmers and workers are at the heart of FairTSA Fair Trade certification. Through community development projects and capacity building we are facilitating a direct impact on the agricultural communities that grow and process our food.

Nadi Agriculture Cooperative Ltd. Formerly FoodTech Solutions Thailand

Foodtech Solutions Thailand, a private Enterprise, made the decision in 2022 to transfer its operation to a jointly owned member cooperative. This is a rather unusual decision and requires that the members quickly acquire new business and management skills, not a small feat for the farmers making up the cooperative. In this case, the democratically elected cooperative Board of Directors assembled a list of equipment needed for the proper management of the cooperation, which was then voted on and approved at the annual member meeting.

The equipment list consisted of the following items:

3 desktop computers. 2 notebooks, large printer, small printer, matrix printer, banknote counting machine, office tables and chairs, digital scale, calculator, document shredder, fingerprint time attendance and access control equipment.

In its first assessment the FairTSA Community Project Evaluation team rejected the proposal as it did not comply with the FairTSA Standard Version 4.14, Section 5.2, “Types of Eligible Projects”. After communicating the decision, the cooperative board engaged in an extensive and meaningful discussion with the evaluation team and finally convinced it to accept the proposal as a one-time occurrence due to this unusual transition.

The equipment purchases are to be completed by the end of September 2024.
