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Name project

Nanjing Gaochun District Primary and Secondary School Cafeteria Ingredient Procurement (Campus Direct Supply & Delivery) Project

Category Certification Criteria: mark the category of your project

- ☐ Energy and environmental policies (politiche energetiche e ambientali);
- ☐ Infrastructure policies (politiche infrastrutturali);
- ☐ Quality of urban life policies (politiche per la qualità urbana);
- ☐ Agricultural, touristic and artisan policies (politiche agricole, turistiche, artigianali);
- ☐ Policies for hospitality, awareness and training (politiche per l'ospitalità, la consapevolezza e la formazione);
- ☐ Social cohesion (coesione sociale).

Summary project

Nanjing Gaochun District has built a direct supply chain of "farmland → distribution center → school cafeteria," enabling local agricultural products to enter campuses, ensuring food safety for teachers and students, and supporting farmers' income growth. This practice bridges the chain from "farm to table," delivering triple benefits: boosting farmers' income, ensuring school supply, and safeguarding food safety, providing strong support for Gaochun's rural revitalization and campus food security.

Goal project

A strict full-process supervision system covering ingredient procurement, testing, and delivery has been established to ensure all ingredients meet safety standards and prevent substandard products from entering campuses. The "farmland → distribution center → school cafeteria" direct supply model shortens transportation time, ensuring freshness and quality. Centralized procurement and large-scale distribution reduce intermediate links, lower costs, and improve fund efficiency. Priority is given to local quality agricultural products, achieving the dual goals of supporting farmers' income and ensuring school supply. Open bidding is conducted in accordance with government procurement regulations to ensure transparency and accountability. Stable supply channels are built through a supplier evaluation, admission, and exit system, securing long-term mechanisms for delivery, quality control, and supply sustainability.

Result project

Since its launch in 2025, the Gaochun Campus Direct Supply & Delivery Project has achieved remarkable results: from farmland to school cafeteria, delivery takes as little as 6 hours, with cold-chain logistics ensuring freshness—seasonal vegetables such as early bamboo shoots are picked the same day and delivered the next. Every batch

undergoes strict testing with full traceability to ensure food safety. The project actively connects with local farmers, incorporating specialty agricultural products into the "Supply & Marketing Support for Farmers" database to boost farmers' income, such as Qiqiao Subdistrict supplying an average of 500kg of bamboo shoots daily. It currently serves 51 schools across the district, delivering 21 tons per day with an annual distribution value of nearly 120 million yuan. Through the "Five Unifications" model, an integrated service chain has been built, serving as a demonstration for rural revitalization and campus food safety, delivering multiple benefits: supporting farmers, ensuring supply, and safeguarding safety.

Finance (costs and benefits)

Input:The Gaochun District Supply and Marketing Cooperative invested approximately 3 million yuan to renovate the former aquatic product market, establishing a regional agricultural product centralized procurement and distribution center equipped with cold-chain storage, smart sorting, and other facilities. Additional investment covers cold-chain vehicles, testing equipment, personnel, and logistics to support daily delivery of 21 tons of ingredients.

Output:The project covers 51 primary and secondary schools and kindergartens across the district, serving tens of thousands of teachers and students with direct "farmland to school cafeteria" delivery. The annual distribution value reaches nearly 120 million yuan. Centralized direct procurement reduces school costs, while driving sales of local specialty products such as early bamboo shoots and lotus roots, boosting farmers' income. It also enhances campus food safety and promotes agricultural industry development, delivering triple benefits: supporting farmers' income, ensuring school supply, and safeguarding food safety—serving as a model case of supply and marketing cooperatives supporting rural revitalization and campus food safety.

Staff (staff involved and use of time)

The Gaochun Campus Direct Supply & Delivery Project is driven by multi-department collaboration: the District Supply and Marketing Cooperative leads overall planning and investment, building the "farmland → school cafeteria" delivery chain; its subsidiary Sugong Agricultural Company handles procurement, testing, sorting, and delivery operations. The District Education Bureau organizes school participation and oversees ingredient receipt and usage; the District Market Supervision Bureau conducts quality sampling inspections and handles violations; the District Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau promotes inclusion of local agricultural products into the direct supply system to boost farmers' income; the District Health Bureau provides nutritional guidance and sets campus meal standards. Through information sharing, collaborative supervision, and joint actions, all departments work together to ensure project operation and safeguard the "safety on the tip of every teacher's and student's tongue."

Additional information (if necessarily)

The Gaochun Campus Direct Supply Project brings five positive impacts to local farmers: First, it provides stable sales channels by building a direct "farmland → distribution center → school cafeteria" chain, allowing specialty products such as early bamboo shoots and lotus roots to directly meet campus demand with fewer

intermediate links. Second, it increases farmers' income through more reasonable pricing, broadening sales channels and raising income levels. Third, it enhances product value by encouraging farmers to produce according to green and organic standards, improving quality and added value. Fourth, it promotes industrial scaling by incentivizing expanded planting and forming industrial clusters, boosting regional agricultural competitiveness. Fifth, it strengthens farmers' confidence, as stable orders create a virtuous cycle of "production driven by sales," advancing high-quality agricultural development. By integrating resources and optimizing distribution, the project serves as a key initiative supporting rural revitalization and farmers' income growth.

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