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GHGL ensures producers (both smallholders and large scale) undertake their activities in a safe and environmentally sustainable manner. GHGL will serve as a stepping stone to graduate towards organic certification and GlobalGAP.

The certification process requires that the basic criteria of the GHGL standard are met. These are: food safety, reduction of use of chemical plant protection products, environmental protection as well as worker health and safety on farms.

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