

## Farmer Organisations

### Promoting People's Institutions and Farm Products Value Chain



**VAPCOL:** Vasundhara Agri-Horti Producer Company Limited (VAPCOL), the apex farmer producer organisation of 40,000 *wadi* farmers represented by 50 producer organisations in 7 states, procured 181.13 tons of mango and processed into various products, while selling 15.15 tons of fresh mangoes in premium markets. It also procured 100.16 tons of raw cashew nuts, of which 90% was collected from

Gujarat. VAPCOL generated a revenue of INR 231 lakhs (23.1 million), with over 90% from sale of processed cashew, with a surplus of INR 25.38 lakhs (2.538 million).

**NABARD-empowered Cluster-Based Business Organisations:** Under the Central Sector scheme launched by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India to form and promote 10,000 Farmer Producer



Sorting and grading of mangoes

Organisations (FPOs) across the country through N A B A R D and National Cooperative Development Council (NCDC), BAIF has been empanelled as a Cluster Based Business Organisation of NABARD in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka. 25 FPOs have been promoted across these states, for efficient procurement of inputs and processing of farm products.

**FPOs promoted under SAMADHAN Project:**

To nurture community organisations, the second phase of the Sustainable Agriculture Management and Development by Human Action for Nature (SAMADHAN) project organised 9950 farmers from 67 villages of 5 districts in Rajasthan into 5 cluster-level FPOs, with lead farmers from the village level Farmer Interest Groups serving as a crucial link with the Board of Directors and BAIF-BISLD Rajasthan team. These FPOs have obtained licenses to function as dealers of agri-inputs for their members. They have collected Rs. 35.45 lakhs (3.545 million) as share capital and established agri-input shops. The members and Board of Directors have been trained in agri-business and market linkages.

**Agri Business Centres:** 69 Agri Business Centres in Prakasam and Guntur districts in Andhra Pradesh and Sangareddy district of Telangana have helped 4560 small and marginal farmers to

procure agricultural inputs worth Rs. 7.8 crores (78 million) and avail of crop loans and various services at low cost. Among these, 6 centres are being managed by women. 44 Custom Hiring Centres have enabled the Agri Business Centres to earn Rs. 63 lakhs (6.3 million). Series of trainings, workshops and exposure visits have enhanced the capacities of the farmers.

**Cattle Breeders Welfare Associations:**

Karimnagar Cattle Breeders Welfare Association in Telangana, established in 2012, has strengthened dairy business by providing breeding services through 53 cattle development centres of BAIF in 7 districts. Improved feed and fodder supply, regular health camps and mobile veterinary services, cattle insurance, use of sorted semen, calf rearing scheme, loan for purchase of cattle and feed and best practices for milk enhancement, have helped the farmers to increase their earnings. With a network of 950 milk collection centres serving over one lakh families spread over 900 villages, more than 1.50 lakh (0.15 million) litres of milk are collected every day. The District Livestock Breeders Association at Mahabubnagar, established in 1996, covers nearly 75 villages and performs more than 10,000 AIs per year through 6 Centres. The AI Technicians also conduct health camps apart from providing breeding and advisory services.



Annual General Meeting of Farmers' Cooperative