Market Linkages to Upscale Non-Chemical Sustainable Food Production

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Natural Farming Products...

- Small quantities of larger number of crops (diversity & Volume)
- Non-uniform produce : physical appearance
- And, from rainfed areas...
 - Irregular supplies
 - Interior areas

Market systems that have evolved / designed for products of UNIFORM, LARGE VOLUMES, STORED IN FUMIGATED GODOWNS and related value chains work for non-chemical food?



- Janjeevana MACS, Anantapur District, AP
- Works with over 2000 farmers
- Has a turnover of over Rs.2.00 crores
- Supplies to Safe Harvest Pvt Ltd & others
- NPM/ uncertified organic produce
- NABKISAN



Groundnut

State Warehousing Corpn Godowns

Fumigation,

100 tons,

Collateral Management Agency, HDFC Bank, 9% @i Agreed for Rs.5 cr

FPOs; 10 X of share capital

Millets

Marketing Coop
Society

NeRL

Bank tie up

eWHR

500 tons godown

WDRA registration

No BIS standards for millets

Standards developed – and given

Question of fumigation still remains

- Availability of warehousing for
 - non-chemical produce
 - Multiple produce in small quantities
 - At a nearby place?
- Accepted BIS/ AgMark standards for all these products
- WDRA registration protocols of the warehouses
- Banks lending cap on FPOs (as multiples of networth / share capital)
- Primary processing infrastructure (who invests?)
- Would it be still economical after all these efforts!
 Would there be any margin left for FPOs?

Ecosystem of Market Services for NF produce?

Popular Narrative..

- FPOs & FPOs ..
- Organised Retails will bring in premium to incentivise farmers to do non-chemical agriculture ..?
- Certification ...
- Organic value chain..

Would they enable larger-scaling up?

- Share of organised retail in food market .. 3% to 7% ..??
- 93% unorganised retail sales .. Isn't it the 'market'
- Share of FPOs..?

Can they be market drivers for 'scale'?

What could be potential market drivers? And where do we make public investments?



Kiosks (Millet based Tiffin Centers) at GP/ Block/ District level

- 107 nos. of Millet Shakti Tiffin Centres have been established. On an average one tiffin center is making business of Rs 19-20 thousand a month and earning profit of 5-6 thousand Rs.
- 5 no. of Millets on Wheels has been setup
- Millet Shakti Café in Keonjhar Collectorate is working well. 2 more will be inaugurated soon.







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Mini De-huller - To Increase HH consumption





Nano Enterprises



Ragi Ladoo as morning snack in ICDS in Keonjhar and Sundargarh



No of Children Covered No of AWCs covered No of SHGs engaged in supply of Laddu Mix

Sundargarh	Keonjhar	Total
60,000	80,000	1.4 Lakh
3809	3257	7,066
39	21	60

Future Plans

- Expansion of Ragi Laddu as snack in ICDS in all Districts
- Pilot of Ragi Based THR
- Pilot of Little Millet Khichri as hot cooked meal in ICDS



Training to the Anganwadi functionaries on millet recipes preparations and the nutritive values of millets





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Food festivals at community level





Public Procurement of Food Grains



Key Questions..

 What is the Ecosystem of Support Required for strengthening decentralised markets for non-chemical food.



At Farmers – Market Level

- Primary processing
- Storage
- Warehousing
- Bank finance

At Local Enterprise Level

- Small enterprises
- Technology
- Investment on consumer sensitivity

Where should public investments be made to build a market ecosystem