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A Food System Dialogue

Enabling Smallholder Farmers: Pioneering Inclusive Agriculture and Transforming Food System

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ACRONYMS

ASA	<i>Action for Social Advancement</i>
CARD	<i>Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development</i>
CEO	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
CSO	<i>Civil Society Organization</i>
FPC	<i>Farmers Producer Company</i>
FPO	<i>Farmers Producer Organisation</i>
GPDP	<i>Gram Panchayat Development Plan</i>
ICAR	<i>Indian Council of Agricultural Research</i>
ICDS	<i>Integrated Child Development Services</i>
IYM	<i>International Year of Millets</i>
KCC	<i>Kisan Credit Card</i>
KVK	<i>Krishi Vigyan Kendra</i>
MPSOCA	<i>Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency</i>
MSP	<i>Minimum Support Price</i>
NIWCYD	<i>National Institute of Women, Child and Youth Development</i>
NRLM	<i>National Rural Livelihood Mission</i>
OMM	<i>Odisha Millet Mission</i>
OPCA	<i>Organic Product Certification Agency</i>
PDS	<i>Public Distribution System</i>
PGS	<i>Participatory Guarantee System</i>
RARS	<i>Regional Agriculture Research Station</i>
SRLM	<i>State Rural Livelihood Mission</i>
TRIF	<i>Rural Development in India: Transform Rural India</i>

Introduction

Smallholder farmers, despite having limited landholdings, play a pivotal role in India's agricultural sector. They constitute the majority, accounting for approximately 78% of the country's farmers, and contribute over 50% to the nation's total agricultural production. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the food system, cultivating a diverse array of crops, including staples like rice and wheat, along with fruits, vegetables, pulses, and oilseeds. Their efforts significantly impact food production, rural livelihoods, and the sustainability of agriculture. Smallholder farmers serve as the cornerstone of local food systems, demonstrating unwavering commitment.

However, their farms' profitability is threatened by rising agricultural input costs and limited local market access, pushing them towards poverty. Despite facing constraints such as limited land and resources, they continue to make a remarkable contribution to food production, environmental sustainability, and community prosperity. Unfortunately, their contributions often go unrecognized and inadequately addressed in policies and agricultural strategies. Despite various challenges, their resilience and role in ensuring the nation's food security cannot be underestimated and for that consistent support and investment in this sector are vital for the sustainable development of Indian agriculture.

To discuss strategies and approaches for empowering smallholder farmers and increasing recognition of their contributions to transforming the food system, a Food System Dialogue was organised on October 16, 2023, in celebration of World Food Day. Key stakeholders, including smallholder farmers, Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs), agricultural experts, academics, government officials, and CSOs representatives, participated to share their perspectives. The valuable recommendations from this dialogue will help underscore the importance of promoting smallholder farmers in the food system.

Inaugural Session

The inaugural session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the guests Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori, Dr. D.N. Sriwash, Senior Scientist – Regional Agriculture Research Station, Dindori, Dr. Neha Dhuria, Assistant Director, Agriculture Department, Dindori, Dr. Geeta Singh, Scientist, KVK, Dr. Ambulkar, Scientist KVK, Shri P.L. Patel, Agriculture expert, Vaagdhara, Shri Ramveer Singh, Agriculture expert, NIWCYD and other guests.

Dr. Sudeep Sharma, Senior Programme Lead, Vaagdhara warmly welcomed all the key experts, farmers, FPO representatives, CSO representatives, individual experts and students. He outlined the objective of this 'Food System Dialogue,' which aimed to:

- a) *Bring together key stakeholders with different expertise on a common platform, to have a discussion around the strategies to push the need of promoting small-holder farmers, recognizing their significance in food system.*
- b) *Develop a concrete action plan to drive the transformation of local food systems through the empowerment of smallholder farmers.*

He laid down the context of the event which focussed the situation of the small-holder farmers who have relatively small landholdings but are a vital part of the country's agriculture sector. He shared that these farmers constitute the bulk of the country's farmers around 78% and contribute to more than 50% of the total agricultural production in India. They cultivate a diverse range of crops, including staple grains like rice and wheat, as well as various fruits, vegetables, pulses, and oilseeds. Their contribution towards food production, rural livelihoods, and the sustainability of agriculture is truly commendable. The profitability of their farms is severely affected by rising costs of agricultural inputs, which are locally limited, and very limited access to markets, which pushes them into poverty. Despite facing constraints like limited land and resources, these individuals and families make a remarkable impact on food production, the environment, and the overall prosperity of their communities. However, their contributions are often not fully recognized or adequately addressed in policies and agriculture strategies. While they face various challenges, their resilience and contribution to the nation's food security cannot be underestimated and required continued support and investment for them which is crucial for the sustainable development of Indian agriculture.

Mr. P.L. Patel, Agriculture expert from VAAGDHARA provided a detailed overview about Bhoomi Ka in promoting chemical-free farming, particularly in ensuring nutritional food security. The Farmers' Producer Organization (FPO) serves as a vital link between underprivileged farmers and the market, offering support to small-scale farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs. Bhoomi Ka champions ecologically cultivated organic and indigenous products while providing essential assistance in areas such as packaging, networking, and marketing through FPOs to empower the community. He also shared with the audience about the ongoing program which aims to promote sustainable local food systems that are designed to increase the demand for and supply of clean, environmentally sound and fair food in terms of sustainable food consumption and production patterns. This program is being implemented across



various states, including Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal.

Further, Mr. Patel also provided a concise overview of VAAGDHARA and its extensive reach across the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh, with a primary focus on their endeavours in sustainable organic farming. He shared that Vaagdhara extends its support to more than 100,000 tribal farmer families, with a commitment to fostering True Farming, True Childhood, and True Democracy.

Mr. Ramveer Singh Rajput from NIWCYD provided insights into the operational history of NIWCYD, a civil society organization established in 1982. Since its inception, NIWCYD has played a pivotal role in making substantial contributions to various sectors within society, including but not limited to Livelihood, Forest Rights, Health, Education, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Child rights and childcare, Women empowerment, and Ecological/Natural Farming. Currently, NIWCYD has extended its outreach to encompass four states across India, spanning over 5000 villages, and establishing more than 50 Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs).



During the event, Mr. Rajput underscored the essential role played by smallholder farmers in the everyday food supply chain and the positive outcomes resulting from their contributions. He also stressed the significance of promoting value addition to increase the market demand for the produce cultivated by these farmers.

Dr. D.N. Srivash, Senior Scientist at the Regional Agriculture Research Station (RARS), delivered on the paramount importance of inclusive agriculture for smallholders and its pivotal role in shaping the food system. He provided valuable insights into the ongoing research endeavours at RARS, with a particular focus on Small Millets conservation in Dindori district. Dr. Srivas underscored the multifaceted aspects of inclusive farming that revolve around millet cultivation, including the sustainable production of Kodo and Kutki millets by local farmers,

their subsequent processing, value addition, and establishing critical linkages with Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and markets. A significant point in his discussion centred on the 'Sri Anna' targets, designed to promote organic millet production and value addition among smallholder farmers, ultimately boosting regional income. Dr. Srivas also placed significant emphasis on the organic production and value addition of millets, illustrating their potential in enhancing the livelihoods of farmers. Furthermore, he shed light on the concerning issue of Kodo millet facing extinction due to a higher market demand for Kutki millet, underlining the importance of preserving these indigenous crops in our agricultural landscape. Dr. Srivas's insights underscore the critical need for comprehensive support and sustainable practices to foster inclusive agriculture and secure the future of smallholder farmers and the food system.



Dr. Neha Dhuria, Assistant Director of the Agriculture Department in Dindori, also shared her profound insights in the inaugural session of the Food System Dialogue. Dr. Dhuria meticulously explained the intricate relationship between productivity, sustainability, and income, underscoring the delicate balance required for a thriving agricultural sector. She elaborated on the concerted efforts of various government agencies such as the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM), and non-governmental organizations like CARD, NIWCYD, and PRADAN. These collaborative endeavors also resulted in the introduction of two new varieties of millets, Kodo Kutki, named JK-95 and JK-1. Furthermore, she discussed the government's commitment to supporting smallholders engaged in millet cultivation. This support includes the establishment of a Minimum Support Price for millets, the promotion of Kisan Credit Cards for farmers, land development through stone bunding on hilly terrain, and the certification of organic products through the Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Agency (MPSOCA). Dr. Dhuria also highlighted the government's efforts to link smallholder production with markets, aiming to empower local farmers and bolster the millet industry. Her comprehensive presentation highlighted the multifaceted approach to enhancing productivity, sustainability, and income in the region's agricultural landscape.



The concluding keynote address of the inaugural session was delivered by **Dr. Harish Dixit**, a distinguished scientist and Head of Krish i Vigyan Kendra. Dr. Dixit began by shedding light on the significant interventions made in the agriculture sector, particularly in terms of machine equipment,



production, value addition, and marketing strategies aimed at benefitting small landholders. He emphasized the commendable efforts made by Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in distributing seeds of uniform quality, as well as their endeavors in value addition to millets through the creation of products such as noodles, pasta, cookies, muffins, and bread. These value-added products have found their way into malls and digital marketing platforms, creating promising marketing opportunities. Dr. Dixit held these developments as shining

examples and encouraged active participation from farmers, as they play a pivotal role in not only the cultivation but also the promotion and utilization of these value-added products, contributing to the overall growth and sustainability of the agricultural sector.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

The following 3 panel discussions and a session were organised post inaugural session:

- Panel Discussion I - Smallholder Farmers' Contribution to Enhancing the Food System.
- Panel Discussion II - Strengthening Market Linkages and FPO Engagement for Small and Marginal Farmers.
- Panel Discussion III - Enhancing Smallholder Visibility through Policy Regulations
- Session on Importance of PGS Certification

Each panel discussion had a moderator and 3-4 thematic experts representing subject expert, including scientist and government officials, representation from CSO, representation by farmers. Details of the panel discussions are mentioned below:

Panel Discussion – I

Smallholder Farmers' Contribution in Enhancing the Food System	
Moderator	Dr. D.N. Shriwash, Senior Scientist, RARS, JNKVV, Jabalpur
Speaker 1	Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori
Speaker 2	Smt. Ujiyaro Bai, Tribal Farmer Women
Speaker 3	Mr. Rama Shankar Garg, CARD



Speakers of Panel Discussion I

Being the first speaker of the panel discussion, **Dr. Harish Dixit** placed strong emphasis on two key action points. Firstly, he underscored the need for the formation of a cohesive community among smallholder farmers, aimed at fostering uniformity in their practices. Simultaneously, he stressed the importance of developing effective marketing strategies for value-added products, which encompassed bakery items and non-perishable goods.

Additionally, Dr. Dixit brought to light the nutritional significance of Kutki, particularly focusing on its colloidal value. He urged the incorporation of equalizers and stabilizers to facilitate its absorption within the human body, making it a more viable nutraceutical option. This recommendation reflects a vital step forward in enhancing the nutritive value of Kutki.

In the context of marketing these products, Dr. Dixit proposed that the collaborative strength of a farmer community would simplify the process and improve the effectiveness of marketing efforts. Furthermore, he emphasized the critical need to identify suitable platforms for product promotion, thereby establishing a more profound and interactive connection with consumers. These actionable insights are poised to empower smallholder farmers, revamp marketing endeavors, and ultimately benefit both the agricultural community and consumers alike.

Ujiyaro Bai - Representing the Baiga tribe, Ujiyaro Bai shared her insights on Kodo millets and the traditional farming practices employed by tribal women. She discussed their efforts to conserve traditional seeds. However, she also expressed her concerns about a critical issue: the poisoning of Kodo millet, locally known as 'Matona'. This poisoning leads to symptoms such as giddiness, vomiting, unconsciousness, difficulty in swallowing, and, in rare cases, can result in fatalities for both humans and cattle. Ujiyaro Bai further elaborated on the indigenous methods used within her community to treat and mitigate the effects of Matona poisoning on both animals and people like

1. *Performing the Jhad Fuk ritual, a practice rooted in local beliefs.*
2. *Relying on the use of readily available herbs for protection.*
3. *Incorporating buttermilk into their diet.*
4. *Safeguarding themselves by inserting an iron stick while preparing kodo rice that may have been affected by fungi, thus minimizing potential adverse effects from consuming the affected rice.*



Mr. Ramashankar Garg representing Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD), presented a comprehensive set of action points to enhance agricultural productivity. He began by emphasizing the need for various farming methods that could lead to improved production, alongside advanced techniques for weed management.

Additionally, Mr. Garg underscored the importance of securing the right prices for the produce of small landholding farmers, which is essential for their economic well-being. To this end, he shared the organization's practices related to the preparation and application of organic fertilizers. Moreover, he highlighted CARD's efforts in capacity building for smallholders, emphasizing the significance of empowering them with the knowledge and skills required for success in agriculture.



Furthermore, Mr. Garg shared CARD's experiences with farmer training programs. These initiatives focused on imparting knowledge about effective farming methods and the importance of acquiring the right quantity and quality of inputs. These action points collectively contribute to not only improving agricultural practices but also enhancing the economic viability of small landholding farmers, ultimately leading to a more sustainable and productive agricultural sector.

Panel Discussion – II

Strengthening Market Linkages and FPO Engagement for Small and Marginal Farmers	
Moderator	Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori
Speaker 1	Dr. Geeta Singh, KVK, Dindori
Speaker 2	Mr. Manendra Mishra, TRIF (CSO)
Speaker 3	Mr. Gaurav Gupta (FPO)
Speaker 4	Mr. Imrat Dhurwe, Ecopreneur



Speakers of Panel Discussion II

Dr. Geeta Singh, a Scientist at KVK Dindori, shared her insights regarding the enhancement of market linkages and the involvement of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with smallholder farmers. Her recommendations include:

1. **Community Formation for Enhanced Market Connectivity:**

Dr. Singh emphasized the importance of fostering collaborative communities among smallholder farmers. This approach creates a stronger collective impact on the market, enabling them to harness better opportunities.

2. **Capacity Building Through FPOs:**

She stressed the need for comprehensive capacity building of farmers and their communities through FPOs. This involves training and guidance in every aspect of the agricultural process, spanning from quality control and production techniques to value addition, packaging, and effective marketing strategies.



3. **Government Certification and Support:**

Dr. Singh recommended obtaining certifications from government agencies such as FSSAI, IEC, and APEDA. These certifications are vital for selling value-added products in both local and international markets. Additionally, she advocated for the establishment of a resilient and interconnected network to facilitate market access and compliance with regulations.

Dr. Geeta Singh's recommendations focus on strengthening the market engagement of smallholder farmers by promoting community collaboration, enhancing their skill sets through FPOs, and securing essential government certifications while establishing a robust network for market success. These measures are aimed at bolstering the economic prospects and overall well-being of smallholder farmers in the agricultural sector.

Mr. Manendra Mishra, representing Transform Rural India (TRIF), offered his insights on enhancing market linkages for smallholder farmers. Drawing from his experiences, he emphasized the following key points:

- **Eliminating Middlemen for Fair Pricing:** He outlined the need to reduce the reliance on middlemen and instead, support marginalized communities in receiving fair and just prices for their agricultural produce. This move empowers farmers and ensures that they benefit directly from their hard work.



- **Dealing with Fake Branding:** Sharing a personal experience, he recounted an incident where he fell victim to counterfeit branding of a well-known company. This highlighted the importance of being vigilant in a dynamic market environment, where deceptive practices can occur.
- **Addressing Rising Production Costs:** Mr. Mishra expressed his concerns about the escalating production costs. He concluded that engaging Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) at the community level can help reduce farming expenses. This indirect assistance enables farmers to access high-quality inputs and secure better market prices for their produce, ultimately enhancing their overall profitability.

His perspective emphasizes the importance of fair pricing, market awareness, and cost-effective farming practices for smallholder farmers. His insights underscore the role of FPOs in fostering a more sustainable and economically viable agricultural landscape for these farmers.

As the 3rd speaker of the session, **Mr. Gaurav Gupta** from NIWCYD discussed the growing demand for value-added products in the market, using the example of Kodo and the processed Kodo products sold by one of the Dindori FPOs under NIWCYD. He shared that in today's market, packaging holds equal significance, serving as the initial communication between a company and its consumers, right after quality. With a view to establish a strong market presence, a community or FPO should prioritize three key pillars: **Quality, Branding, and Packaging**, when planning for market success.



Further, Marketing products can be achieved through local and digital channels. Mr. Gaurav provided an example of their FPO's presence on an online marketing portal (ONDC My Store) and highlighted the importance of branding for creating a distinctive identity.

Additionally, he shared information about the orders NIWCYD is receiving from the Border Security Force (BSF) due to government regulations requiring the inclusion of 25% millets in military food. NIWCYD is also actively engaged with APEDA and is participating in the upcoming international event, 'World Food India,' to facilitate the export of naturally grown products and support FPOs in this endeavour.

Concluding the session, **Mr. Imrat Dhurve**, an ecopreneur from the Baiga tribe in Dindori district, shared his valuable insights into market linkages and his own journey of capacity building. He emphasized:

1. Community Engagement in Organic Fertilizer

Production: Mr. Dhurve described his active involvement in the creation of organic fertilizer, marking an increased engagement with the community. This initiative signifies a collaborative effort to promote sustainable and eco-friendly agricultural practices.

2. Positive Outcomes of Training:

He expressed his satisfaction with the results of the fertilizer he personally prepared, attributing an improved production rate to the training he received. This showcases the positive impact of capacity building in enhancing the efficiency and productivity of his farming endeavors.



Panel Discussion – III

Enhancing Smallholder Visibility through Policy Regulations

Moderators	Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori Dr. Geeta Singh, KVK, Dindori
Speaker 1	Dr. Neha Dhuria, Assistant Director, Agriculture Department
Speaker 2	Ms. Mohini Maurya, PRADAN
Speaker 3	Ms. Rekha Pandram, Farmer and CEO, Karanjiya Farmer Producer Company Ltd.



Speakers of Panel Discussion III

Dr. Neha Dhuria, Assistant Director – Agriculture Department, shed light on the pivotal role of government policies in Madhya Pradesh, detailing their comprehensive implementation from seed distribution to the harvest stage. She highlighted that these policies offer substantial advantages that are readily accessible to smallholder farmers.

Dr. Dhuria elaborated on various schemes and elucidated the application processes for farmers to leverage these opportunities effectively. She particularly emphasized the schemes related to equipment portals, custom hiring centers, subsidies on machinery, and other supportive initiatives. She provided reassurance to the farmers by highlighting about the regulation of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for millets, the availability of KVK-certified machinery tailored for the Dindori region, and the government's commitment to facilitate market connections through the Department of Agriculture, Dindori.

These action points provide smallholder farmers with a clear path to access essential resources and assistance, ensuring they can benefit from the government's efforts to boost agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Ms. Mohini Maurya, representing PRADAN, provided an in-depth overview of the significant efforts undertaken within the 10,000 FPO program. She emphasized the crucial requirement for increased farmer involvement, focusing on the vital linkage of inputs to the outputs of farmers. Ms. Mohini also shared the innovative practices employed by small landholding farmers in this region, particularly in the cultivation of small millets such as Kodo, Kutki, Masoor, and Ragi.



In addition to these practices, she highlighted various government policies aimed at strengthening these farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture. Furthermore, Ms. Mohini outlined an array of schemes and projects related to livelihood enhancement, skill development, stone bunding, integrated farming clusters, and other initiatives designed to empower small landholding farmers. These action points collectively contribute to fostering self-reliance and improved livelihoods for small-scale agricultural communities, underscoring the potential for enhanced

agricultural sustainability in the region.

Ms. Rekha Pandram: Ms. Rekha Pandram underlined the crucial support provided by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra for their Farmer Producer Company (FPC). This support enabled the FPC to process a diverse range of products, including Biscuits, Rice, Namkeen, and Daliya, thereby enhancing their product offerings and market potential. Notably, she pointed out an ongoing pilot project in the Karanjiya block, where processed food is being supplied to Anganwadi Centers, demonstrating the practical impact of these initiatives.



Ms. Rekha also highlighted the availability of various machines such as color sortex, dehuller, and destoner, which are instrumental in streamlining the processing operations. During the discussion, Dr. Harish Dixit expressed the need for a Kodo sample for research on Matona, a significant issue associated with Kodo. This collaborative approach and access to essential equipment not only empower the FPC but also support ongoing research efforts to address specific challenges related to their products and crops, which might be useful for policy level engagement with the Government.

Session on Participatory Guarantee System

The next part of the program featured a session led by Mr. Sharad Mishra, representing Action for Social Advancement (ASA) on the **Significance of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Certification in ensuring both sustainable agriculture and the production of high-quality goods**. Prior to delving into the comprehensive session, an informative video on the PGS, developed by Bhoomi Ka, was presented to all participants. This video served to elucidate the fundamental concept and significance of PGS, providing valuable context for the upcoming discussions.

Subsequently, Mr. Sharad offered an in-depth exploration of PGS and its core components. He emphasized the crucial role of the Participatory Guarantee System, particularly for farmers engaged in organic farming practices but lacking official certification. Through a video demonstration, he illustrated how PGS offers valuable networking opportunities and ensures proper oversight.

Furthermore, Mr. Mishra detailed the process through which a farmer adhering to the principles of organic farming according to the Participatory Organic Program (POP) can become part of PGS. He highlighted the benefits of this, such as establishing connections to certified organic markets and increasing the income of farmers involved in this system.



Session on PGS Certification

During his presentation, Mr. Mishra shed light on the concept of Local PGS groups, each comprising more than five farmers, which play a pivotal role in the PGS framework. He also highlighted the Package of Practices (POP) associated with organic farming, emphasizing its integration into overall farming practices. These key details and components collectively form the foundation for understanding and effectively implementing the Participatory Guarantee System.

Key Takeaways from the Session

At the event's conclusion, **Mr. Ramveer Singh Rajput**, Programme Manager from NIWCYD summarized the key takeaways from each session as follows:

1. Need to enhance natural and organic farming techniques, with a specific focus on Kodo-Kutki production.
2. Emphasize the importance of value addition and effective marketing strategies to increase farmers' income using their existing produce.
3. Need to highlight the significance and facilitate in obtaining Participatory Guarantee System Certification.
4. Facilitate open discussions with Baiga Chak farmers about controlling, eradicating, and treating fungus attacks in Kodo millet, which cause *Matona*.



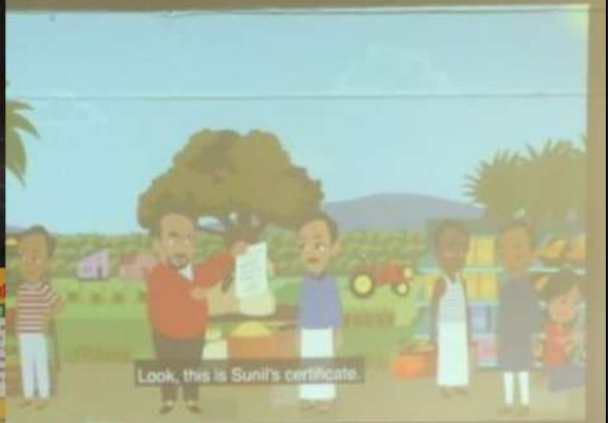
5. Discussion on government policies aimed at supporting small-scale farmers throughout the entire agricultural process, from seed distribution to harvesting and marketing.
6. Acknowledge the need and plan for exposure visits and capacity-building training for farmers and FPO (Farmers' Producer Organization) staff in various fields.
7. Advocacy for organic certification for farmers through the Participatory Guarantee System.
8. Encouraging FPOs to introduce innovative on value-added products such as noodles, pasta, cookies, and bread, and exploring their production methods.
9. Focus on community development initiatives that operate on a community basis.
10. Formulate strategic marketing plans for value-added products, both in local and digital markets.

The Food System Dialogue concluded with the closing remarks by Dr. Harish Dixit and Vote of Thanks by Mr. Nagendra Singh Khangarot from VAAGDHARA.

ANNEXURES

GLIMPSES







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Venue: Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dindori, Madhya Pradesh

Programme Schedule

S. No.	Particulars	Time	Facilitator and Speakers
<i>Inaugural Session</i>			
1	Welcome (<i>Lamp Lighting</i>) and Introduction	10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	<i>Dr. Sudeep Sharma, Vaagdhara</i>
2	A brief introduction about Bhoomika and VAAGDHARA	10:10 AM – 10:15 AM	<i>Mr. P.L. Patel, Vaagdhara</i>
3	A brief introduction about NIWCYD	10:15 AM – 10:20 AM	<i>Mr. Ramveer Singh, NIWCYD</i>
4	Context Setting and Purpose of this Food System Dialogue	10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	<i>Dr. Sudeep Sharma, Vaagdhara</i>
5	A perspective on crucial role of inclusive agriculture for small holders and shaping the food system.	10:30 AM – 10:40 AM	<i>Dr. D.N. Shriwash, Senior Scientist, RARS, JNKVV, Jabalpur</i>
6	Special Address	10:40 AM – 10:50 AM	<i>Dr. Neha Dhuria, (Asst. Director – Agriculture, Dindori)</i>
7	Keynote Address	10:50 AM – 11:00 AM	<i>Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori</i>
<i>Tea Break 15 mins</i>			
6	Smallholder Farmers' Contribution in Enhancing the Food System	11:15 AM – 12:00 PM 10 mins each to all the 3 panellists and 15 mins for open discussion	Moderator <i>Dr. D.N. Shriwash, Senior Scientist, RARS, JNKVV, Jabalpur</i> Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori</i> • <i>Ujiyaro Bai, Farmer</i> • <i>Mr. Ramashankar Garg, CARD (CSO)</i>

7	Strengthening Market Linkages and FPO Engagement for Small and Marginal Farmers	12:00 PM – 12:50 PM 10 mins each to all the 4 panellists and 10 mins for open discussion	Moderator <i>Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dindori</i> Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Geeta Singh, KVK, Dindori</i> • <i>Mr. Manendra Mishra, TRIF (CSO)</i> • <i>Mr. Gaurav Gupta (FPO)</i> • <i>Mr. Imrat Dhurwe, Ecopreneur</i>
8	Importance of PGS Certification: Ensuring Sustainable Agriculture and Quality Produce	12:50 PM – 01:15 PM	<i>Mr. Sharad Mishra, ASA (CSO)</i> <i>A film on PGS Certification</i>
Lunch 45 Mins			
9	Sharing of Experiences by Small and Marginal Farmers	02:00 PM – 02:15 PM	Progressive Farmers
Tea Break 15 mins			
10	Enhancing Smallholder Visibility through Policy Regulations	02:15 PM – 03:00 PM 10 mins each to all the 3 panellists and 15 mins for open discussion	Moderators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist - KVK</i> • <i>Dr. Geeta Singh, KVK, Dindori</i> Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Neha Dhuria, Assistant Director, (Asst. Director – Agriculture, Dindori)</i> • <i>Ms. Mohini Maurya, Pradan (CSO)</i> • <i>Ms. Rekha Pandram, Farmer</i>
11	Major points from each session	03:00 PM – 03:15 PM	<i>Mr. Ramveer Singh, NRM Expert, NIWCYD</i>
12	Open Discussion	03: 15 PM – 03:45 PM	
13	Closing Remarks	03: 45 PM – 03:55 PM	<i>Dr. Harish Dixit, Senior Scientist - KVK</i>
14	Vote of Thanks	03:55 PM – 04:00 PM	<i>Mr. Nagendra Singh Khangarot, Vaagdhara</i>



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