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In the past three years a number of initiatives have been taken up by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, to mainstream the idea of promoting and strengthening member-based institutions of farmers, generally known as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

DAC has identified promotion and strengthening of FPOs as one of the key strategies to achieve inclusive agricultural growth during the XII Plan. Member-based FPOs are expected to provide greater bargaining power to producers, especially smallholders, and enable their integration in the value chain, generating higher incomes and employment.

Several initiatives have been put in place by DAC in the past two years to support the growth of FPOs and facilitate their emergence as successful business enterprises. Primary among these are:-



- i A National Policy and Process Guidelines for Farmer Producer Organizations, issued in March, 2013, laying the framework for mobilization of FPOs with a dedicated source of funding from the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- ii Launch of the "Equity Grant and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme" for Farmer Producer Companies on 1st January, 2014, enabling these institutions to access a grant upto Rs.10.00 lakh to double member equity and also seek collateral- free loans upto Rs.1.00 crore from banks, which in turn can seek 85% cover from the Credit Guarantee Fund.
- iii All major centrally sponsored schemes of DAC have incorporated special provisions for promotion and development of FPOs during the XII Plan.
- iv Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) has been nominated as a central procurement agency to undertake price support operations under Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses and oilseeds. SFAC will operate only through FPOs at the farm gate.

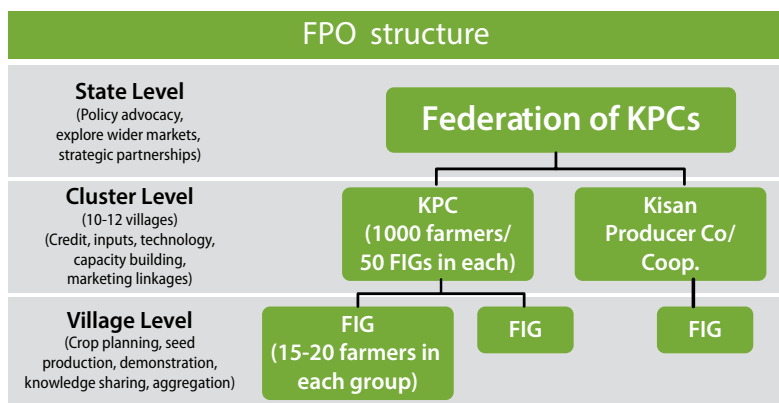
As these efforts gather momentum, DAC has decided to observe calendar year 2014 as "Year of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)". This marks the beginning of a year long drive to increase awareness about the importance of FPOs among a diverse range of stakeholders: the farming community, State Governments, banks and other financial institutions, private sector companies, civil society organizations, the media and elected representatives of the people from the panchayat to the national level.

The Year of FPOs will be marked by conferences, seminars and workshops from the grassroots to the national level, besides the generation of publicity and promotional material, the translation of important guidelines in regional languages, capturing success stories of FPOs through publications, films and other media, as well as focused implementation of the various central and State schemes targeting FPOs.

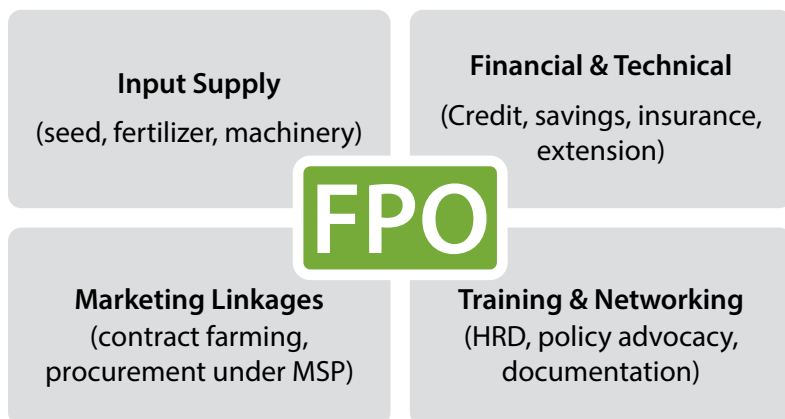
The outcome of this twelve month long intensive campaign is expected to be heightened awareness of the benefits of forming farmer collectives, introduction of additional and new initiatives to support FPOs at the Central and State level and the establishment of pilot ventures with the involvement of FPOs and private sector players to create large scale value chains in select commodities.

Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC), a specialized agency of the Ministry of Agriculture, will act as the nodal organization to coordinate activities during the Year of Farmer Producer Organizations.





Major activities undertaken by FPO



Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations by SFAC

S.No	Name of State	Achievement			
		Farmers mobilized/ under mobilization	No. of FIGs	FPO Registered	FPO registration under process
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1750	94	2	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	14395	837	8	2
3	Bihar	8606	526	7	2
4	Chhattisgarh	6063	412	5	1
5	Delhi	3535	196	4	0
6	Goa	1810	116	0	2
7	Gujarat	10461	536	6	5
8	Haryana	7048	362	9	3
9	Himachal Pradesh	3850	226		4
10	Jammu	3000	170	1	0
11	Srinagar	3000	117	0	3
12	Jharkhand	10107	628	8	0
13	Karnataka	16828	864	9	5
14	Madhya Pradesh	98410	5585	34	69
15	Maharashtra	52917	2952	32	16
16	Manipur	4750	260	2	3
17	Meghalaya	3750	258	2	2
18	Mizoram	700	35	0	1
19	Nagaland	1750	139	1	1
20	Odisha	18523	1006	6	14
21	Punjab	6005	343	7	1
22	Rajasthan	36215	2061	22	7
23	Sikkim	1876	159	0	2
24	Tamil Nadu	1000	50	1	0
25	Tripura	1750	127	3	0
26	Uttarakhand	6004	359	6	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	19697	1034	10	14
28	West Bengal	58322	3582	7	50
	Total	402122	23034	192	207

