

Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO)

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Introduction:

What is a “Farmers Producer Organisation” (FPO)?

It is one type of PO where the members are farmers. Small Farmers’ Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is providing support for promotion of FPOs. PO is a generic name for an organization of producers of any produce, e.g., agricultural, non-farm products, artisan products, etc.

Farmer Producer Organisation :

Collectivization of producers, especially small and marginal farmers, into producer organisations has emerged as one of the most effective pathways to address the many challenges of agriculture but most importantly, improved access to investments, technology, inputs and markets. Recognizing the centrality of FPOs to meet national agricultural goals, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India, had issued detailed Policy and Process Guidelines for Farmer Producer Organization during 2013. SFAC was nominated as a Single Window Agency by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, to support the State Governments in the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). SFAC has promoted FPOs across the length and breadth of country and at present FPOs are operating in 29 States covering wide array of crops. Sitting through thousands of awareness building and training meetings, exposure visits, sharing experiences, contributing savings towards share capital, organizing technology demonstrations, leveraging their collective buying power to source inputs in bulk and carrying pooled produce to distant markets, over a quarter million farmers have helped to anchor the success of the project.

Current Regional Scenario:

- Growing scarcity of labour in agri-food systems, and increasing labour costs.
- Small holders are under continuous pressure to increase production and overall returns from their production output – crops, fishery, Livestock, etc.
- New technologies, while available are out of reach of small holders,
- who cannot afford to purchase of these items of machinery.

To overcome these types of problems CHC's are helpful for farmers. These CHC's are a part of FPO's.

Custom Hiring Centre:

CHCs are basically a unit comprising a set of farm machinery ,implements and equipment meant for custom hiring by farmers. Though certain implements and equipment are crop specific, the traction units like tractors, power tillers etc., and self-propelled machinery like combine harvesters etc., are used in common. So it enables farmers to rent the appropriate equipment, often along with someone to operate it for a defined period of time only, Thus



only paying for

Custom Hire Services : Custom hire services enhance technical and economic efficiency across agri-food value chains. Above fig indicating the types of Custom Hire Services Used to Support Agri-Food value chain activities:

About CHC Farm Machinery App :

This mobile app helps the farmers to connect with Custom Hiring service centres in their nearby places. Through this app the farmers can select and order the required machinery at rates feasible for them from custom hiring centres (CHC) at a radius of 50kms from their place. Thus farmers primarily small and marginal farmers, will have easy access to high value and technical agricultural equipments and this will help to use all the types of inputs using



these farming machines.

Advantages of Custom Hiring Centers:

- Provide access to small and marginal farmers to costly farm machinery
- Facilitates timeliness in farm operations and efficient use of inputs.
- Promotes adoption of climate resilient practices and technologies by farmers because of availability of appropriate machines at reasonable hiring charges.

Conclusion:

These CHC'S play's very important role in every farmers life not every small and marginal farmers can effort for large equipments. so that as per requirement of farmers they can hire equipments according to their needs and crop based requirements.