Milestones towards the International year of Millets 2023

SELCO Foundation
SDG7 FOR MILLETS: A roundtable sector expert led approach and strategy discussion

Internal Capacity building Workshop: “Mapping Community oriented Small millet processing needs”

‘Saura Siri’ - An awareness program on “Strengthening clean energy driven technologies for Minor Millets in response to climate change adaptation” at Chitradurga, Karnataka

MILLET CONCLAVE 2022, Raichur: Participation and demonstration of DRE millet technologies in raichur

Sitaram Rao ‘LIVELIHOODS INDIA CASE STUDY COMPENDIUM 2022’: Case study publication presentation in the Livelihoods India summit, on the Taptapani farmer producer company millet processing and value addition

“Saurangi Sangam”- An awareness program on “Strengthening clean energy driven technologies for Millets” in Odisha

Manufacturers and CSO Network Webinar on decentralized renewable energy technology for millets

Millets for Millions:: A national level event held in delhi in collaboration with RRA Network as Knowledge Partners
Round Table Discussion on –
SDG7 for Millets

Theme
Approach and Strategy: SDG7 for Millet Value Chain

Review and Discussion Panel:
Mr. Minhaj Ameen, Director, Agroecology Fund
Mr. Malathesh Puttanannavar, Agriculture Officer, Fertilizer Control Lab, Davangere
Dr. Anitha Reddy, Associate Director, Sahaja Samrudha, Karnataka
Mr Dwijjl, The Millet Foundation

Outcome action points:

Dr. Anitha Reddy:
- Training modules for millet processing units (for small, medium and large scale)
- Organising Tech Fairs for millet processing unit with partners

Mr. Dwijendra Nath Guru:
- Internal capacity building to foster cross-learning and aspirations
- Documentation of best practices to conserve, grow, process and value addition of millets in various states
- Co-host Knowledge festivals to explore potential collaborations for on-farm activity innovations

Mr. Malathesh Puttanannavar:
- Roundtable discussion with government empanelled manufacturers- Theme: “Explore avenues that improve the efficiency of the post harvest processing technology for millets”

Mr. Minhaj Ameen:
- SoP with aims and objectives to conduct a national level event on international millet year of millets

Link to the document
Millet Conclave 2022

A Curtain Raiser for International Year of Millets - 2023

Millet conclave 2022 is being organised as a curtain raiser prior to the International Year of Millet 2023. The millets farmer producers associations (FPPOs), processors and startups are participating in the two-day conclave 2022 being organised jointly by Atal Innovation Mission, IAS and NABARD.

Over the past years due to the SELCOs intervention, the implementations of DRE based millet post harvest processing units are helping the farmers and the communities to get better price for the processed millet as well as increasing the nutritional security through increased consumption of processed millets. The SELCO foundation participated in the event where we demonstrated and showcased the DRE based millet post harvest processing technologies, in order to create awareness among the key stakeholders like farmers, FPPOs, MFIs, NGOs, Universities and other concerned stakeholders in the millet value chain.

Key participants:

- Farmers, Entrepreneurs, NGOs, Researchers, Agri professionals, Central and State Government officials.

Outcomes:

- Demonstrated DRE technologies for livelihoods improvement and partnership building.
- Discussion with the doctoral experts on the importance of the millets, its production, productivity, recent technologies in millet processing and value addition, experience sharing on the policies, travails of agri startups, and farmers and FPPOs in the value addition.
- Interacted with the key stakeholders and policy makers to understand to the gaps and challenges in the millet value chain.
Internal capacity building - Workshop on Community Oriented millet Processing
Goals and Objectives:
To identify differences in generally used millet processing and community-oriented small millet processing, and mapping and gathering inputs for designing interventions in the millet value chain.

Key participants:
SEI00 Foundation Team
Working group of millets members.

Outcomes
- Hands on training on the detailed process in Minor millet Production, Processing & Value addition that are community-oriented
- Learnings to articulate the problem statement specific to Minor millet processing that feeds into the further project planning on NDT and Innovation.
Case study publication: Sitaram Rao
LIVELIHOODS INDIA CASE STUDY COMPRENDIUM 2022

Case study on the Taptapani farmer producer company who are in to millet processing and value addition has been presented and published in the Livelihoods India summit.

Outcomes
Represented the SELCO at the national level to showcase the interventions which led to improvement in the livelihood of the community in the tribal areas of Odisha.

Sitaram Rao
LIVELIHOODS INDIA
CASE STUDY COMPRENDIUM 2022

Climate Resilient Livelihood Models
SDG 7 - Saura Siri, Chitradurga

Theme

Strengthening clean energy driven technologies for Minor Millets in response to climate change adaptation.

Key participants

400+ farmers (both men and women), FPOs, Technology Manufacturers, NGOs, Agriculture department and KVK officials and agri experts across the district.
Outcomes

- Curated discussions with experts on the role of sustainable energy for promoting clean energy driven technologies in millet value chains.
- Demonstrated DRE technologies for livelihoods improvement in Chitradurga district.
- Showcasing learnings, best practices from the region and to learn from successful case studies.
SDG 7 for millets - Saurangi sangam, Kalahandi

SDG 7 for millets - Strengthening clean energy driven technologies for Minor Millets In response to climate change adaptation. Saurangi Sangam, hosted by SELCO Foundation was a curtain raiser event on 22nd December 22 in the Kalahandi Millet Bowl of Odisha to celebrate "The International Year of Millets 2023" as declared by the United Nations General Assembly.
Key participants

Mrp. Anvesha Reddy, IAS, Collector and District Magistrate addressed farmers on the adoption of technology, promotion of solar energy and increased millet production and consumption across Odisha. Mr. J. Surya Rao, District Agriculture Office, Department of Agriculture, Kalahandi, Mr Prashant Kumar Mishra, District Project Manager, Odisha Livelihood Mission, Kalahandi, Dr. Kumudini Mishra, Micro planning and Livelihood Expert at District Planning office Bhawanipatna.
International trade fair on Millets and Organics, Bangalore

Millets and Organics

A platform for farmers, farmer groups, domestic and international companies, central and state institutions to explore opportunities in organic agriculture, horticulture, processing, machinery and agro-technology. Over 100 millet companies displayed their products at the Organics and Millets, Buyer Seller Meet (B2B). An integral part of the Trade Fair brought together international and domestic buyers (including exporters, wholesalers and retailers), suppliers and farmer groups to negotiate trade and marketing.
Key participants

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The exhibition segment of the event was inaugurated by Shri. Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka. Followed by the inaugural ceremony, Shri Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines, inaugurated the Karnataka Pavilion. Union Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Kailash Choudhary also graced the event and inaugurated the B2B networking part.

Outreach

300+ potential end users and 50+ stakeholders

Networking and Partnerships:
Interacted with organisations, entrepreneurs and stakeholders who could be potential partners for millet post harvest processing and value addition
Webinar on Decentralised millet processing
Theme:
Evolving support systems for decentralized millet processing
Purpose of the discussion is to integrate the experiences across the country and come up with policy asks along with suggestive strategy towards the discussion in national level convention on “Millet for Millions”.

Key participants:
SELCO foundation team, Millet machinery manufacturers (Bhavani, Perta, Transfarm technologies, and Manyam grains etc.), CSOs (Wassan, The millet foundation, Dhan foundation)

Outcomes
- Focus towards the **gender inclusive decentralised solution** is the need of the hour, also making machines more aspirational, user friendly and energy efficient
- Asset based financing is crucial create local ownerships
- We need a focused group with skill set and expertise to work on decentralisation of millet processing units. How do we bring machines which are low cost, low energy consuming, easy to use by the community, 100 kg to 2 tonnes per day should be the capacity
- Developing a team of local trainers and cadres for providing the technical service support to the local processing units.
- **R&D**: Technological development, identify the opportunities and design the machines as per community needs. We need to set up a machinery research and development centre for reaching out to community needs and getting immediate support on technical issues. Presently, it is just based on the personal relationship with the technical and research institutes which needs to be in public partnerships
- **Defining the standard of the machine** has to be done by people who are within the industry along with the research and academia people. So that the standard becomes more robust.
People’s Convention on Millets for Millions, New Delhi

Theme:
Focus was on finding ways to make millet affordable and accessible while benefiting millions of farmers and rural entrepreneurs through people-centric approaches to millet cultivation and processing establish productive and resilient rainfed agriculture.

Key participants
- CSOs
- Farmers across the state
- Civil diplomats

Outcomes
- Suggestions and recommendations were made to policy makers to include millets in public diets such as PDS and ICDS also schemes to combat malnutrition.
- Recommendation to support local millet processing and markets, and ways to ensure a sustainable increase in millet production and productivity while preserving millet biodiversity.
The People's Convention
Millets for Millions
24 - 25 February 2023 | NASC Complex, New Delhi