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Signing of Memorandum of Understanding
(MoU)

between

Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)

and

Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI)

for

"Strengthening Value Chain by providing Training and Knowledge dissemination to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and other Stakeholders involved in FPO ecosystem"

17th January, 2022
New Delhi



For Confederation of NGOs of Rural India



Binod Anand
Authorised Signatory

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is executed at New Delhi on 17th day of January, 2022 by and between

Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, working under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, having its head office at NCUI Auditorium Building, 5th Floor, 3, Siri Intuitional Area, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi – 110016, India, (hereinafter referred to as "**SFAC**") which expression shall, mean and include its successors and permitted assigns); of the ONE PART

AND

Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI), a civil society organisation registered under societies Registration Act, 1860 having its registered office Sangam Apartments , A-273,D/C-2 Chhatarpur enclave Phase-2 New Delhi ,74.hereinafter called "**CNRI**" which expression shall mean and include its assigns and successors- in business) of the OTHER PART

(**CNRI** and **SFAC** are hereinafter collectively referred to as the **Parties** and individually as the **Party**).

WHEREAS

- A. **CNRI** is an Apex Body of Non-Governmental organizations of rural India set up by Union Government in 2005, with the specific objective of strengthening, coordinating and facilitating their working at the grass root level for integrated development of the rural India and to emerge as a think-tank as well as a consultative body at the national and international level.
- B. **SFAC**, a society promoted by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (Government of India) is an exclusive society focused, *inter alia*, on increasing incomes of small and marginal farmers through aggregation and development of agribusiness.
- C. Both Parties intended to collaborate with a purpose of strengthening Value Chain by way of training, education and other knowledge dissemination activities for Farmer Producer Organizations and other Stakeholders involved in FPO ecosystem.

Therefore, the Parties have reached the following understanding:

1. Purpose

1.1. This MOU sets forth certain broad understandings on which the said Parties intend to use their efforts in good faith to collaborate for the Purpose. This MOU does not address all issues and matters that may



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arise in the course of preparing any other documents.

2. Details of Collaboration

2.1 Confederation of NGOs of Rural India

CNRI shall collaborate in the areas of Strengthening Value chain by way of training, education and other knowledge dissemination activities covering the following:

A. Research and Consultancy

- 1) Collaboration in joint action for incorporating best inputs for G-local Market-led extension activities and to corroborate the SFAC contribution for the community by action-based research benefitting masses and communicating the findings to all stakeholders. The findings of such research will be disseminated to relevant stakeholders and other institutions upon mutual conditions agreed to by both parties in a strategic manner.
- 2) Cooperation in constructing any case study for the benefit of both Parties. Any case studies/project works/research projects developed will be used in academic, research, training and extension programmes as one of the learning tools.
- 3) Orientation Training Programme (OTP) for the Board of Directors (BoDs), Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and members of FPOs and regular Capacity Building for Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs).
- 4) Certificate/Diploma Training Course for BoDs of FPOs and CEOs by setting up the Center for Excellence (COE) in association with academic institutions.

B. Exchange Information and Expertise

- 1) Exchange information, materials, publications, expertise and other related matters on subjects of common interest which involves information networking among farmers through CNRI members and subject matter experts.
- 2) Jointly ideate and execute the conferences/workshops for the stakeholders and supplement the Govt. of India initiatives as and when required.
- 3) Resource person(s) from / selected by respective Parties be invited to carry out presentations of papers in various programmes such as



seminar, workshop and other knowledge-based activities as and when necessary.

- 4) Published materials produced by respective parties such as books, journals, magazines, monographs, etc. will be made accessible to both Parties.
- 5) Training of Trainers: Officials will be given a basic knowledge of the principles and methods used in designing and implementing training programmes for cooperative leaders and managers.
- 6) Study Visit facilitate officials selected by respective Parties to carry out study visits to relevant organizations in their respective States
- 7) Facilitate SFAC for expertise and assist to formulate detail project report for preparation of corporatisation of SFAC.
- 8) Facilitate strategic alliances among FPOs and other MOU Partners of CNRI and SFAC in terms of doing long term impact to FPOs ecosystem and create business for farmers.
- 9) Any other area of knowledge-based activities as determined and mutually agreed upon by both Parties.

2.2 Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium

- 1) Connecting FPOs with CNRI and increasing its reach in the agriculture value chain.
- 2) Sharing all material on schemes, guidelines, policies, and regulations.
- 3) Nominate officers to chair / participate in investment promotion webinars / training/workshops organized by CNRI.
- 4) Assist in creation of reports / knowledge papers / presentations/ case studies etc. for awareness creation.
- 5) Assist in responding to issues and queries. The activities would entail consultation with SFAC experts on time-to-time basis based on the requirements of CNRI in addressing issues and queries related to FPO's.
- 6) Support in building links with various stakeholders such as FPO'S, CBBOs, industry associations. Affiliate bodies of SFAC etc.



SFAC will also provide management oversight, nominate key personnel to drive such activities and facilitate requirements as outlined under this MOU to ensure outcomes of these initiatives.