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# PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT XI

#### ANNEXURE-

### I - PROJECT BRIEF

1	Project Title / FPO	CHOUDESHWARI FARMERS PRODUCER COMPANY LTD
2	Area of Implementation	State & District : Karnataka, Raichur Block : Sindhanur, Maski No. of villages <b>20</b>
3	Name & contact details of CEO / project coordinator/ Key person (including mobile No)	Mr. <b>CHANNABASAVA</b> Mobile No. <b>9742366679</b>
4	Project commencement (Date of First Release)	30.03.2020
5	Project completion date (Date of last repayment	31.03.2023
6	Date of extension of the project (if any)	17-11-2023
7	Name of the POPI	KISAN BHARATHI TRUST ®
8	Contact Details of POPI	R G DESHPANDE - Mob. No - <b>9845850699</b>

#### **II-Financial Particulars:**

S.	Particulars	Rs. (lakh)	
No.			
1	Promotional Grant Sanctioned	NA	
2	Promotional Grant Released	NA	
3	Credit facility availed from (Name of the FI)	NA	
4	Loan Sanction Amount	NA	
5	Purpose of Loan	NA	
6	Loan Availed (Rs.)	NA	
7	Credit linked grant sanctioned	NA	
8	Credit linked grant availed	NA	



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## III - Project Interventions in brief / About the Project:-

TURVIHAL (SINDHANUR) is the main taluk of the Raichur District in Karnataka. It is the main commercial centre of the district. River Tungabhadra covers the irrigation area by the left bank canal. Most of the land in the field is composed of cultivable black soil. Paddy is cultivated using the Tungabhadra River water. Sindhanur is also known as the Paddy Granary of Raichur. With the availability of Tungabhadra river water, paddy is grown twice a year. Sindhanur is the place with Most of the tractor sales takes place in Asia. And quoted as the number one taluk in the world when you Google it. As agricultural activities take place year-round. Sona Masuri and Basmati rice are grown in Sindhanur. Most farmers are small and marginal having 3-10 acres of land. Almost void of recent technologies. Farmers use to adopt traditional technologies which are fetching very large income. Migration is a common phenomenon. Kisan Barathi Trust ® NGO in collaboration with NABARD introduced FPO – Farmers Producing Organization.

Choudeshwari Farmers Producer Company Limited is a Private incorporated on 04.02.2019. It is classified as a Non-Government Company and is registered at the Register of Companies, Bangalore. Its authorized share capital is Rs. 10,00,000 and its paid-up capital is Rs. 5,40,000. It is involved in the Growing of crops; market gardening; horticulture.

IV - Impact of the Project (in brief)

No. of Shareholder Members	Of Which Women (%) (Empowerment of women if any experienced can be highlighted)	,	Number of shareholders availing at least one service	Capacity building Trainings/ workshop/ Exposure visit, etc. imparted to CEO/ BODs	Trainings / Workshop participated by POPI
540	32%	160	480	All have been conducted till date.	<ol> <li>Business</li> <li>Development Program</li> <li>BOD Training</li> <li>CEO Training</li> <li>Membership</li> <li>Mobilization</li> </ol>



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## V- Activity of FPO

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Sr. No.	Name of the Activities	Number PF shareholders availing at least one service	Increased Annual incomes / Livelihood
A	Produce Aggregation	365	10 % by produce sold to vendor
В	Input supply/ Procurement	490	Saved 15% in Products purchased at FPCL
С	Agri Processing	210	Premium Amount 3% benefitted for their products sold to fpc
D	Customer Hiring Centre Drone , tractor, fertilizer Spreader ,	400	Tractor and Sprayers service Our FPO Members saved an amount 300 / Hours in Tractor Service( minimum charge is 900 Rs at outside. As percentage 33% less than the market rate
F	Farmers Training      Bee Keeping     Soil Health     Fertilizer Awareness     Seed treatment     Farmer Health Camp     FRUIT ID registration	500	Increased their income by 7-8% by training and adoption of technology

## VI - Important Lessons Learnt while implementing the Project

- A farmer is a person engaged in agriculture, raising living organisms for food or raw materials. The term usually applies to people who do some combination of raising field crops, orchards, vineyards, poultry, or other livestock. A farmer might own the farm land or might work as a labourer on land owned by others.
- It is learnt that there is scope for convergence of various benefits to shareholder farmers from different departments and stakeholders.



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- Covering small and medium farmers from the existing members as what all services they get from a FPO after being a member.
- Farmers as not able to differentiate the differences between PACS, Co Operatives vs. FPO. They debate more on issues, failures and misappropriations. They compare the same with FPO's and thus promotion becomes a challenge.
- Misleading the Small and Medium Farmers by Middlemen and local traders.
- Convergence with the line departments. Now this FPO started the Value addition Products by support of Selco Foundation.
- Value addition is the process in which for the same volume of a primary product, a high price is realized by means of processing, packing, upgrading the quality or other such means. Value addition is one of the important components of nutritional security. Sometimes farmers get less price of a particular farm produce due to its surplus production. This we can achieve through the FPO.
- It s felt that producer company format gave a better decision making scope to BODs than the earlier Cooperative format.
- Agriculture Animal Husbandry activity adds to existing farming activity generating additional cash flows during non season of crops. Even though this part of the learning is known fact what made it unique is experiencing it especially during last two drought (Covid-19) years between 2020-21.
- The farmers earlier were focused only on rearing of sheep and goat but FPC has given them scope to think on backward and forward linkages in value chain cows. Board is actively planning on processing or linking it to processor.

# VII - Observations and general comments of the RO on the Implementation of the project

No Comments

# VIII- Impact on Empowerment of women, Livelihood enhancement, and best practices followed, if any.

This Fpo have women members and they are sustaining in the activity they chosen and more over they are taking help in SHG and FPO, all women are from agriculture background enhanced the method of agriculture practice, and agriculture, awareness program will help lot to farmers, and value addition knowledge acquired.

#### X - Suggestion for improvement of Project implementation.

a) Initiate Grant supported projects.



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NABARD can take initiation to grant supported projects like - Watershed, Climate change, Animal husbandry and livelihood activities, Organic farming etc, So that the FPO sustainability of three years will increase to Six years. This will help the farmers to get convinced and confidence on their POs.

## b) Linking services.

Coordinate supply and demand of Agri produce by facilitating linkages between farmers, processors, traders, and retailers. Provides key business development services such as market information, input supplies, and transport services for enhancing profitability of the company and welfare of its members.

## XI - Enclosed Photos (activities)

Attached all photos and brief note regarding CHOUDESHWARI FPO,

For, KISAN BHARATHI TRUST (R)

SECRETARY

Signature of the POPI

Signature of AGM/DGM of RO