## "Existing Conservation and Promotional efforts on NUS

## Experience from the Field"

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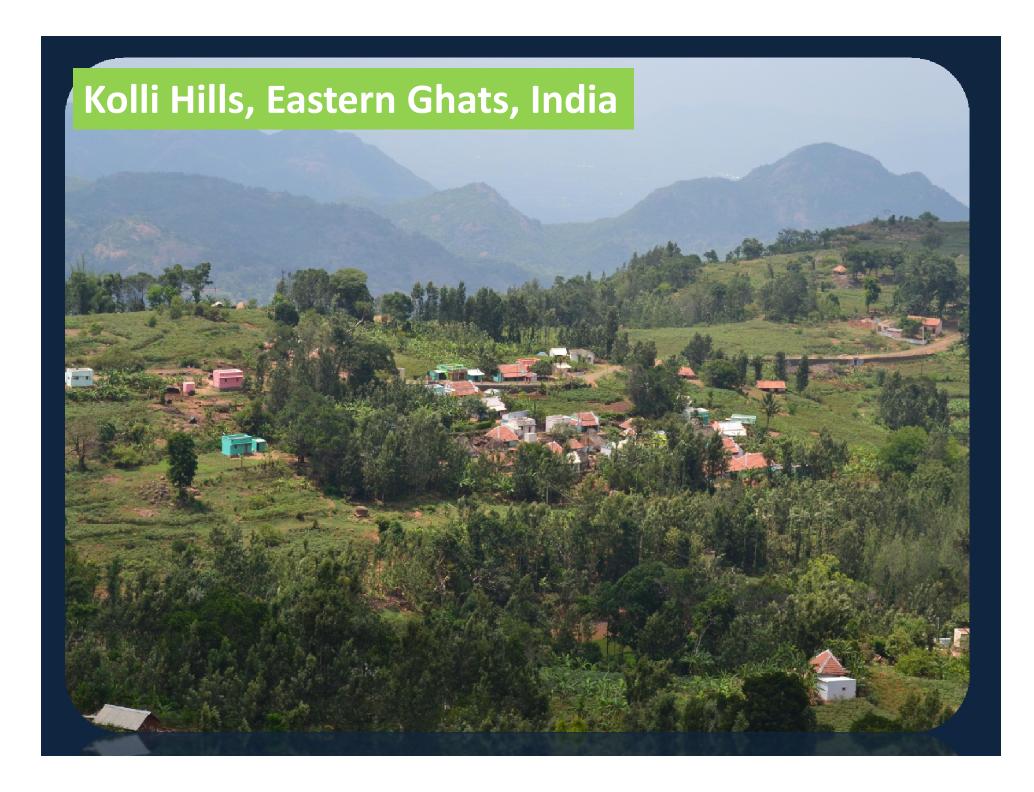
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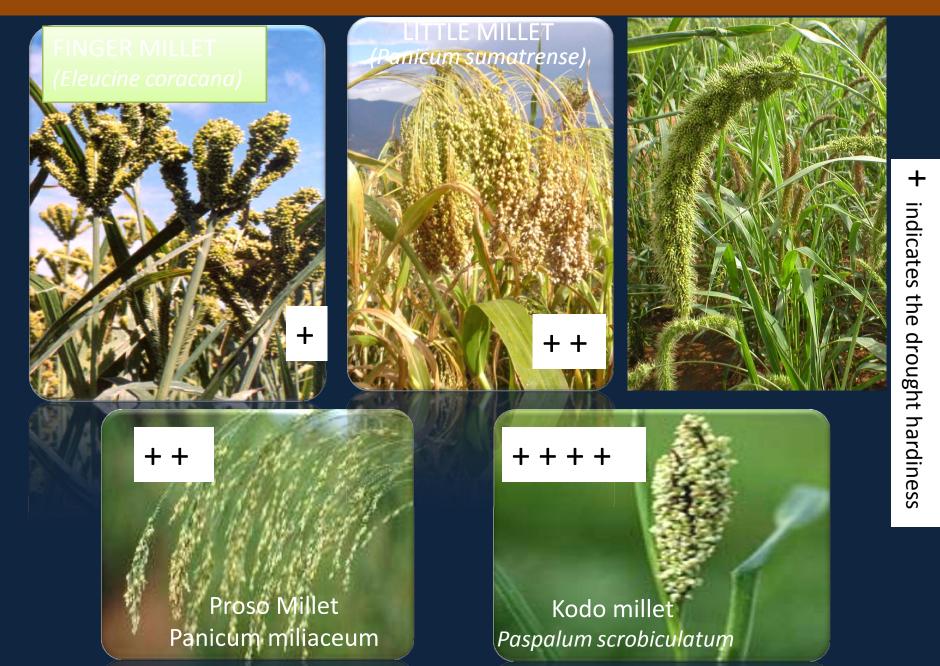








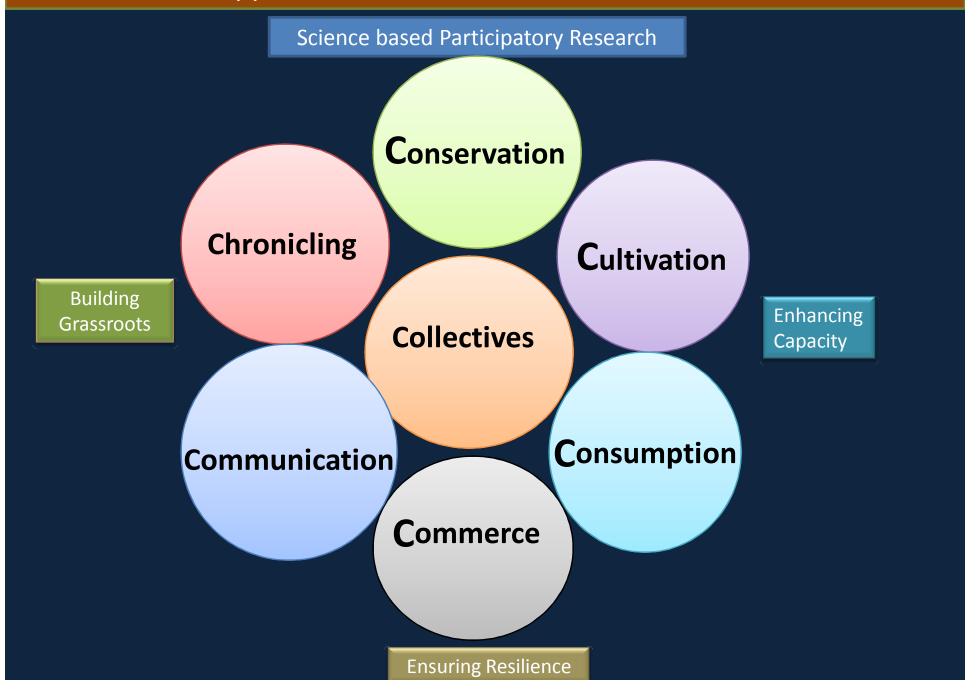
#### **CLIMATE SMART NUTRITIOUS MILLETS**



## Key Issues .....

- lack of suitable improved varieties and improved cultivation practices
- Poor extension system for crop promotion and yield enhancement
- lack of specific post-harvest and processing technologies for small users productive assets
- low economic competiveness and lack of more attractive and modern food recipes
- Poorly organized value chains
- Insufficient awareness of nutritional value and income opportunities
- Adequate Policy support to promote traditional millet crops

#### 7 C Holistic Approach in Millet Conservation and Sustainable Use



## Chronicling

#### Collection from Custodian farmers



## Morphometric Characterization of millet landraces

Finger Millet (FM)	Little Millet (LM)
Perungelvaragu	Vellaperumsamai
Sattaikelvaragu	Malliasamai
Karakelvaragu	Kattavettisamai
Karumuliyankelvaragu	Thirigulasamai
Suruttaikelvaragu	Kottapattisamai
Sundangikelvaragu	Perumsamai
Arisikelvaragu	Karumsamai
Italian Millet (IM)	Sadansamai
Name of Seeds	Kodo Millet (KM)
Perunthinai	Thirivaragu
Senthinai	
Palanthinai	Proso Millet (PM)
Koranthinai	
Mookkanthinai	Panivaragu

	Traits
Growth habit	Compactness of inflorescence
	population
Plant height	Colour of spikelet
Plant	Clour of glume
No of tillers	Clour of apiculus
Culm branching	Spikelet length, mm
Length & Breath of Flag leaf	Spikelet width, mm
Blade pubescence	Days to flower
Sheath length	Clour of seed
Sheath pubescence	Seed weight
Ligules pubescence	Panicle weight ,g
Lodging at maturity	Threshed seed with panicle
PopulationPopulation	
Senescence	Seed tes weight ,g
Inflorescence length	Seedling colur
Peduncle exsertion	Finger number
No of inflorescence	Finger blast %
No of nodes / primary axis	Neck Blast %
No of secondary	Grain surface
inflorescence branches	
Shape of inflorescence	Grain shape
Population	











## **Chronicling Climate Smart Farming Practices**

Data base of Climate Resilient Practices;

Mixed

Cropping –

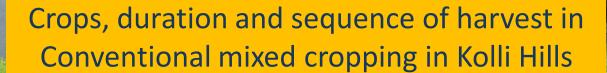
Coping

Mechanism

Against

Natural

**Calamities** 



Local Name	Scientific Name	Duration (days)	Sequence of Harvest
Amaranthus	Amaranthus sp.	60-70	1
Thinai	Setaria italica	100-110	II
Maize	Zea mays	125-130	III
Ragi	Eleusine coracana	150-160	IV
Cucubits	Cucumber sp.	150	V
Avarai	Purpureus lab lab	190-240	VI

<sup>\*</sup> Farm level variability exist based on land terrain, Soil, Farmers preferences

## Custodians of Agrobiodiversity Network















Custodians: Conserve, Cultivate, Share, Innovate 6 Networks formed, 126 farmers profiles documented



## Knowledge, Database and linking with Exsitu

#### M.S.SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION, CHENNAI

#### Scarascia Mugnozza Genetic Resource Centre

Collection Date: 26.04.2013 Collection No. 0015

Accession No. 0015 Species Name: Panicum Sumatrense

Common name: Little Millet Cultivar/Vermicular Name: Vellaperumsamai

Regions explored : Kolli Hills Village block: Alathur Nadu Taluk: Kolli Hills

District.-Namakkal

Source : Farmers field
Status : Landrace
Frequency : occasional

Material : Seed

Sample Type : Population

Habitat : Cultivated Distributed

Disease Symptom : Nil Insect, Pest Nematode : Nil Infection : Nil

Cultivation Practices : Rain-fed

Season : Kharif (June second week)

Associate crop(s) : Sole/red gram, mustard, beans, amaranths, other millets

Soil colour : red laurite
Soil texture : Sandy loam

Stoniness : Stony/Pulverised

Land Aspect : **Up land**Slope : slope

Topography : Mountainous valley

Agronomic Score : Average
Photograph : Colour

Additional Notes : Drought tolerant

Farmers; Donor's name : Thangalyan

Collector's name : M.N.Sivakumar

Collector's Address : MSSRF, Kolli Hills

ollections given to Gene Bank Manager on









Community Biodiversity Register
Local Community Seed Bank
Scaracia Mugnosa Community Gene Bank
NBPGR National Gene Bank

## **Recognizing Custodian Farmers**

Village Name: Padosolai, Farmer Name: Mrs. Malliga, Age:33 No. of Family Member:5



Crop	Landrace Name	Traits of the Varieties
Samai/Little Millet	Perunjsamai	Suitable for Mixed Cropping,
Samai / Little Millet	Thirikulasamai	Short duration crop (3 Month), fodder grass, taste, survive in poor soil
Thinai / Italian Millet	Palanthinai	Suitable for mixed crop, Taste, survive in poor soil
Thinai/ Italian Millet	Perunthinai	Suitable for mixed cropping,
Ragi / Finger Millet	Perungkelvargu	Long duration crop (6Month), fodder,
Ragi/GPU 48	Improved Var.	High Productivity



## Conservation

## Community Seed Banks and Networks / VMRCs

## On farm issues in Conservation

"Abandoned Traditional Seed storage structures" Weakened Seed Exchange practice

Millet*	2000-01	2001-02	2002 -03	2003- 04	2004- 05	2005 -06	2006- 07	2007- 08	2008-09	2009- 10	2010-11	2011-12	2012- 13	2013- 14	2014- 15
Little Millet	900	1389	453	508	510	95	7.5	16.5	56.5	306	298	176	197	432	271.5
Italian Millet	1089	987	357	435		279			18	55	150	63	81	353	166.4
Finger Millet			227	240		172			112.8	519	232	246	270	562	664
Kodo millet		24				43			.5	20	10	5	10	15	6
Proso Millet						27			.5	11	10	7	15	35	10

Millet seed distribution through Community Seed Banks (in Kg)



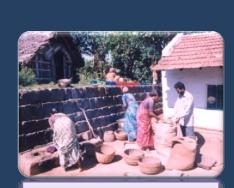
Seed Multiplication



Seed Storage – Thombai



Seed exchange



**Seed Distribution** 



## **Cultivation**

## **Productivity Enhancement (PVS, QSP, Intercropping)**

"Farmer participatory research in identifying high yielding varieties through PVS

"Yield Enhancement
Demonstrations for increasing productivity with profitability

"Promotion of intercrops for better nutrition

"Reduction of drudgery of women in crop production - row maker, cono weeder, inter cultivation and modified spade



FARMERS' METHOD	IMPROVED METHOD		
Traditional seed	Selected quality seed		
Broadcasted seed	Row planted seed		
Little or no manure & fertilizers	Promote healthy soil management with use of manure & fertilizers		
No regulation of plant population	Thinning and seedling density regulation		
Weeding or no weeding	Weeding & interculture		









## Farmer Participatory method for Increasing Productivity with Profitability

Availability of Quality seeds in sowing time

Knowledge on quality seed production

Training for production of quality seeds

Knowledge on identification of varietal mixtures

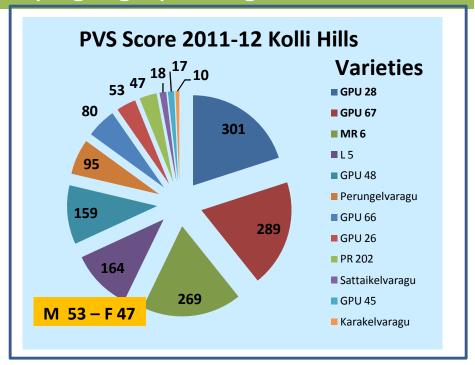
	Location			No	No. of trials No. of training 2011 2011			No. of farmers 2011		
	Kolli Hills, Tamil Nadu			3 3		70				
X	Location	Major variety	% of se used	eed	Rough 1	% of seed used	Roug	h 2	% of seed used	
	Kolli Hills	GPU 48	95%		Perunkelv aragu	3%	Satta		2%	

#### Farmer participatory research in identifying high yielding varieties

Location	No. of trials (2011-12)	No. of training (2011-12)	No. of farmers (2011-12)
Kolli Hills	4	4	100
Jeypore	4	4	209
Total	8	8	309

Sl.No	Seeds used in Kolli Hills
1	GPU 28
2	GPU 67
3	MR 6
4	L 5
5	GPU 48
6	Perungelvaragu
7	GPU 66
8	GPU 26
9	PR 202
10	Sattaikelvaragu
11	GPU 45
12	Karakelvaragu

- Limited access improved varieties
- Limited Knowledge on Varietal Selection
- Capacity building on Varietal selection based on different parameters
- Option for more improved and local varieties suitable to agro ecology











#### Farm implements to reduce drudgery of women in on farm work



Manually Dravin Six-row marker (1 m long)

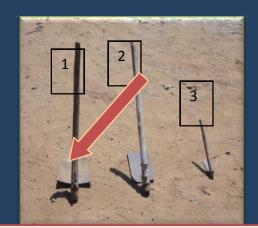


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TM	IM		
8hr per person X3 = 24 hrs /Acre	1hr per person X2 = 2 hrs /Acre		
200/ of woman time saved			

TM	IM		
6hr per person X12= 72 hrs /Acre	6 hr per person X4= 24 hrs /Acre		
75% of women time saved			





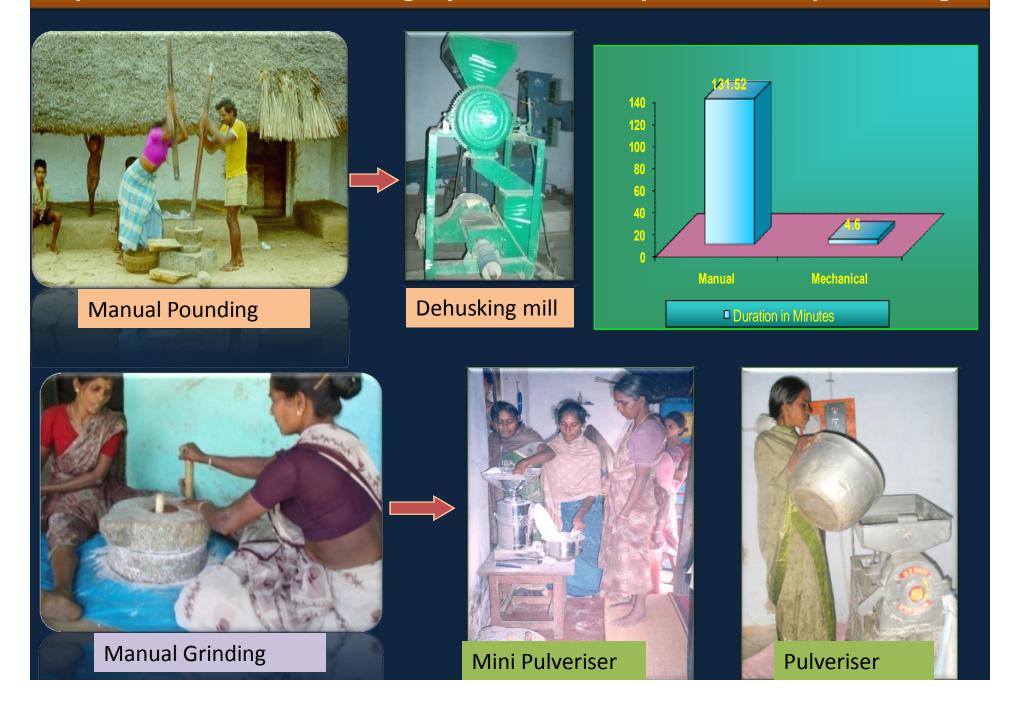
TM	IM
6hr per	6 hr per
person X12=	person X7=
72 hrs /Acre	42 hrs /Acre

40% of women time saved

WEEDING IN TAPIOCA IS DONE BY WOMEN USING WIDE BLADED SPADE (1). MILLET INTERCROP CAUSED PROBLEMS IN WEEDING WITH THE SAME BLADE. THIS PROBLEM SOLVED WITH NEW SPADE NARROW SPECIFICATION (2).

## Consumption

#### Implements to reduce drudgery of women in post harvest processing



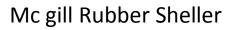
#### Research Gap: Dehulling Machines



Ball mill -45-50%



Husker and Polisher 65%





Perfura CIAE model of Stone Machine 77-82%



Dehusker with Hopper 68-70%

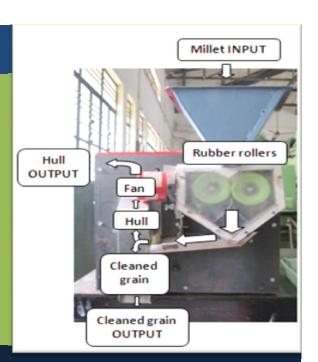


Double Hopper and Single Sheller 82-85%

#### New prototype for Little millet - McGill



- "McGill University in association with MSSRF, UASD
- "Emery and Centrifugal Technology
- Double Pass Process
- " 95-98 % Milling Efficiency
- " 100 % Separation
- " McGill University



#### **Multi-location Participatory Technology Appraisal**

Region	Location	Qty of Grain at Start in Kg	Qty of Grain at End in Kg (Rice)	Qty of Husk mixed with rice in Kg	No of Time Passing	Duration for Dehullin g/5kg (hr:m:s)	Starting time of dehullin g (hr:m:s)	Ending time of dehulling (hr:m:s)	E.B reading (kwh)	Opening reading (kwh)	Closing reading (kwh)
Kolli Hills	Puliyampatti	5	4.100	0	8 Times	2:15:17	04:00:0 0 pm	06:15:17	1	00977(9)	00978 (5)
ППЗ	Keeraikkadu	5	2.900	1.100	8	2:23:20	10:30:0	pm 12:53:20	1	02137(3)	02137(9)
					Times		0 am	pm		(-)	
	Chinnamangalam	5	4.275	0	8	1:44:10	2:30:00	04:14:10	1	634(8)	635(4)
					Times		pm	pm			
	Namakkal	5	4.260	0	8 times	2:21:20	8:30:00	10:51:20	1	0837(2)	0837(8)
							am	am			

#### Value addition Training through Nutrition Science sector



Gap in culinary knowledge in millets

Building capacities on Culinary Knowledge (Processing, Cooking and Consumption) in Millets and value addition

#### KOLLI HILLS TRADITIONAL RECIPES OF SAMAI (Little Millet) & THINAI (Italian Millet)



### **Promoting Nutritional literacy using traditional crops**







## Millets Food Fair, Seed Fair, Inter School Competition







## Commerce

#### Diverse Millet Product Development







#### Value Added Products

Finger Millet Malt (Ragi Malt)

Thinai Payasa Mix

Thinai Laddu

Samai Bajji Mix

Samai Uppuma Mix

Samai Rava Dosa Mix

Little Millet rice

Italian Millet rice

Finger Millet Flour

Baked,

Puffed &

Friedõ ..

Neutraceuti cal Mixes











































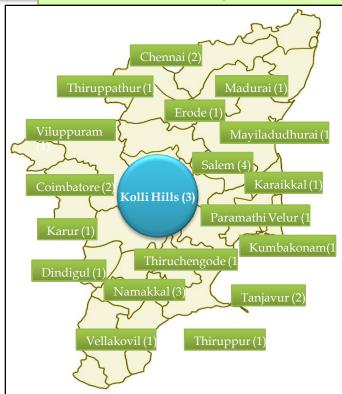
#### Millet Value Chain Development

Producer – Procurer - processor – Value adder – Distributor - Consumer

Quantity of different form of millets Marketed 2001 - 2012

Year	Whole	Little and Italian	Value Added	Gross Returns (Rs)		
	Grain	Millet Rava and	Products (Kg)			
	(Kg)	Flour (Kg)				
2001-2002	9000	1200		62,000		
2002-2003		2662		70,068		
2003-2004		1365		25,524		
2004-2005		3138		71,500		
2005-2006		2255	1110	1,16,098		
2006-2007		1062	240	50,598		
2007-2008		1770	414.45	73,694		
2008-2009		2672	831	1,29,639		
2009-2010		1465	1061	1,25,853		
2010-2011		681	984	1,32,893		
2011-2012		1373	1119.75	2,42,422		
2012-2013		3658	1660.2	4,20,054		
2013-2014		5486.5	1497.85	5,49,908		
2014-2015		5227.5	1405.35	5 50 201		
(December)		5221.5	1400.30	5,50,201		
Total	9000	34015	10323.6	26,20,452		

Linkages of products to Health foods shops and organic outlets



Kolli Hills Natural Food Shop

Managed by the KHABCOFED

Collectives of the Members of the federation

Function as a Hub in the supply chain of the Kolli Hills products



## **C**ollectives

## Community Based Infrastructure creations through Social Capital building

- Creating Common Property
- " Partnership deed in SHG
- MOU with the Block development Office
- Tax Payer's Identification Number certificate (TIN)
- Sales Tax Certificate (CTC)
- " Small Scale industry certificate (SSI)
- Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Certificate













Sales Deed

Dhan Settlement Partnership Deed

TIN Cert

Sales Tax Cert.

SSI Cert.

FSSAI

# Village Resource and Knowledge Centers Linked with local Biodiversity and Weather Monitoring Systems

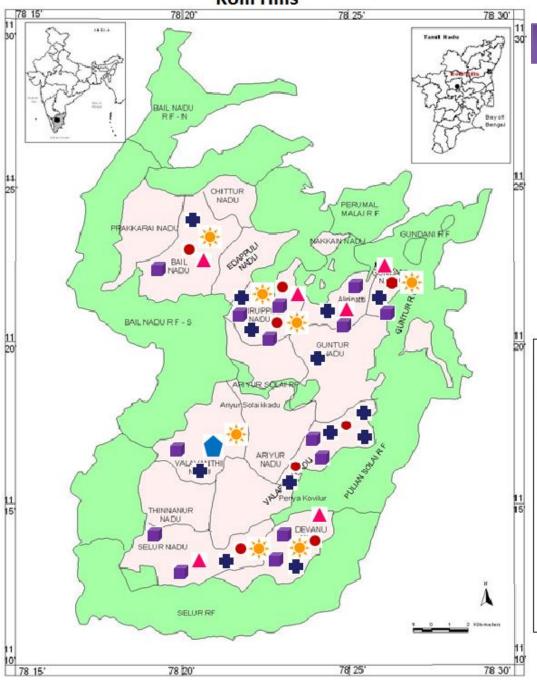






Community Weather Stations in Kolli Hills	LOCATI ON	DATE	TIME	TEMP (c)	R.H %	W.S- km/s	W.D(°)	Rain - mm	Solar - W/m2	Batter y
-15	VENDAL A PADI	23-1- 2015	11:10: 00 PM	11.24	98.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.10
	NAVAKA DU	17-2- 2015	12:10: 00 AM	18.06	74.21	0.20	106.56	0.00	0.00	13.20
	ARIPALA PATTY	17-2- 2015	12:40: 00 AM	15.12	89.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.20
	PULIYA M PATTI	17-2- 2015	12:20: 00 AM	19.53	67.52	2.01	145.17	0.00	0.00	13.00
	THUVAR APALLA M	7-2- 2015	12:30: 00 PM	19.00	100.00	2.21	339.46	0.00	152.52	13.60
	KEERI KADU	11-12- 2014	10:00: 00 AM	23.68	90.00	0.40	29.05	0.00	151.72	13.90
www. weatherdata.in	SEMME DU	15-2- 2015	10:25: 00 AM	0.00	0.00	1.80	345.00	0.00	0.00	13.90

#### Kolli Hills



#### **Grassroots Institutions and Capitals**

#### Legends:

- Village Knowledge Centre
- Automatic Weather Station
- Millet Processing Unit
- ▲ Custodian Farmers' Network
- Community Seed bank

#### **Collective Action and Governance**

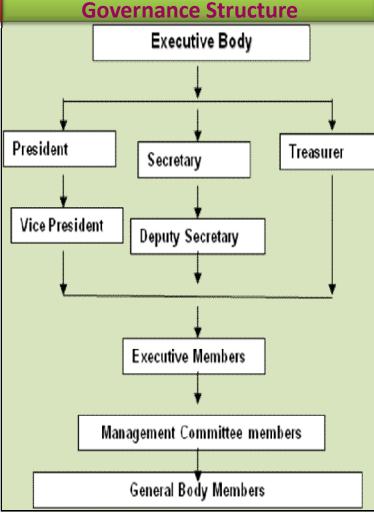
#### **Assets of KHABCOFED**

- Total of 109 Groups (16 Men, 30 Women, 1 Mixed, 62 Farmers clubs
- Membership of 985 Males and 526 Females
- Millet producers, Custodian Farmers, Organic producers,Traditional Knowledge holder, Folk Artists,Healers and Entrepreneurs
- Managing 13 Pulversing mills,3
   Dehsuking and Flour mill
- Organic produce collection centres and Community based Value addition units each at three locations
- Village Millet resource Centres at 16 location
- Managing Internal control systems farms under organic farming
- Community based natural food shops at 2 locations
- Total Financial turnover is 92,29,913
   INR

















## Communication

## Campaigning for Millets











Wall Painting

Folk Theatre

Rural Markets

Road Show







**Exhibitions at Various Fora** 

Awareness-raising and marketing campaigns effective in increasing use of millets



### Engaging Youth, Panchayat Raj Institutions, State departments



## Legal literacy Forum



- " Legal literacy on PGR conservation PPVFRA and BD Acts and provisions
- Registration of Landraces and farmers varieties
- Genome savior award provisions

Policy makers, Scientists, Administrators











## **Self Initiatives**















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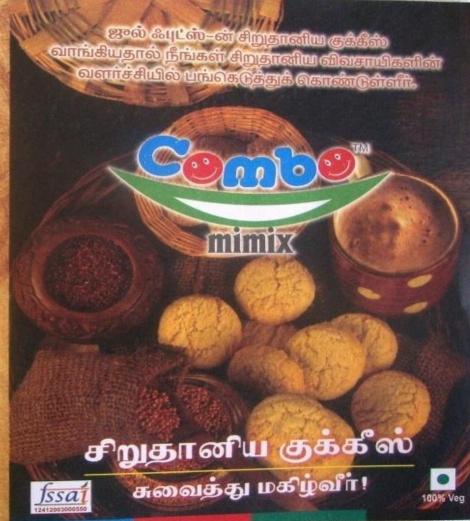


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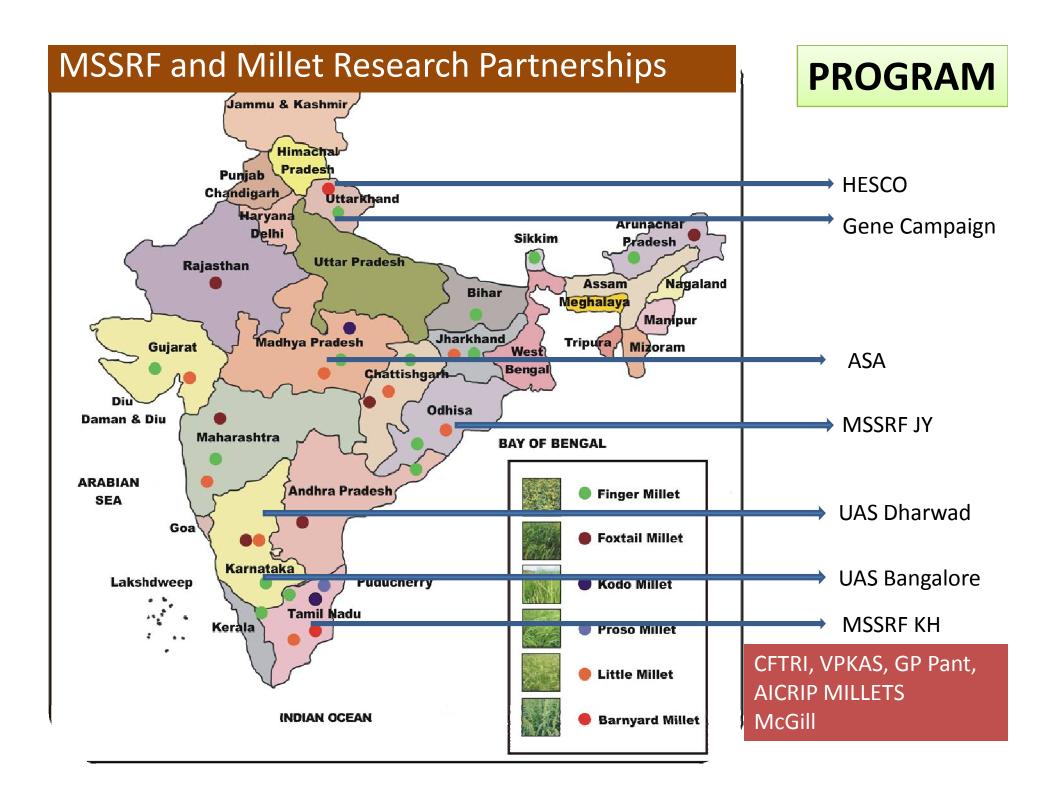












#### Critical leads for this IFAD EU CCAFS project

- Diversity Estimation and Documentation climate resilient agriculture practices (Millet and Associated crop diversity)
- Community based Seed banks and Information systems
- On Farm mechanisation and Post harvest processing small millets
- Community institution for NUS promotion
- "Branding, labelling and packaging for millet products
- Diversity based local production, local market development and private sector partnership
- Establishment of local weather stations and Market information systems
- " Attempt to include in the ICDS, NMS and PDS

