



2.3 Capacity building on value chain development

- Visit to Safe Harvest Private Ltd. hub, a leading pan-Indian pesticide-free food market player.
- Hands-on training on
 - Hermetic storage technologies & their deployment with GrainPro.
 - TNAU insect traps for monitoring storage pest infestation
 - Quality checking, aggregation & storage of pesticide-free produce with the support of Ruchi.
- Workshop on Pesticide-free post-harvest operations
Organised with National Coalition for Natural Farming for 25 NGOs in Madhya Pradesh.
- Training on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for post-harvest operations
Covered precautions to be followed during aggregation in the collection centre to avoid contamination & commingling, robust procedures for grain sample collection, the need for using safe floor cleaners, & good storage practices.
- Training on quality checking & enhancing the marketability of agricultural produce
This covered best practices for harvesting to minimise losses, proper drying, grading, & storage techniques to preserve nutritional value & prevent spoilage, & certification requirements to improve access to profitable markets.
- Training on Development of Agroecological Food Chains
Organised with SPS for APF partners & covered defining agroecological food chains, quality parameters to be looked at during procurement, & warehouse management.
- Training on ONDC registration for digital marketing of pesticide-free foods

