



2.2 Support for FPOs

Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) are an important institutional intervention in the development of markets for the pesticide-free food category. In this perspective, N+3F has been working with partners to strengthen their FPOs. The initiatives taken include:

a) Formation of the FPO

- Training given on steps for FPO formation, mobilization of shareholders & share capital, selection of Board of Directors & registration procedures.
- Supported preparation of proposals to get funds for initiating FPO, like Producer Organization Development Fund of NABARD

b) Customised support to strengthen FPOs

There was a large variation across the partners in the performance of FPOs. So the N+3F team visited partners to assess the FPOs promoted by them. Based on the assessment, the following customised training and support were offered to partners & interested organisations.



i. Collective capacity-building on FPO development for FPO & NGO staff

- Basics of FPO management.
- Exposure visits to Ram Rahim Pragati Producer Company Ltd., a well-performing FPO.
- Preparation of a business plan for the FPO.
- Legal compliances to be followed for FPOs.
- Financial linkages to FPOs.

ii. Customised training to the Board of Directors, FPO staff & NGO staff of individual agencies

iii. Business plan preparation support

It involved participatory on-site identification of business opportunities with BODs and staff of VIEWS, vision building on business interventions, & drafting the business plan

