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ABSTRACT

The rise in income and productivity of smallholder agriculture is an important driver of economic prosperity in rural areas. The farmer produce organizations are the institutional mechanism for effective socio-economic development of the community as they play a multi-faceted role in community extension by addressing need-based demands of farmers through the provision of extension services. Community extension approaches are the need of the hour as the formal extension channels are unsustainable. Various innovative community extension models have emerged to cater to the needs of the present-day extension and advisory services. The successful innovative models around the world were studied and best practices analysed with special emphasis upon Indian farmer producer companies as the Indian government is giving greater importance to the promotion of FPOs. In accordance with various reviews studied, a framework regarding the role of FPO in community extension has been developed along with the impact pathway of intervention. The institutional agencies have been playing a vital role in development of FPOs. The studies have recommended that rather than emphasis upon just creating FPOs, focus must be upon sustaining the existing FPOs with proper business model. The bottlenecks like lengthy procedural compliances, lack of single window system, inadequate professional management and conflict between members hinders the growth of FPC. There is urgent need to restructure operational mechanism of FPOs to derive maximum benefit from these special purpose vehicles and each FPOs must carve out their own strategy in accordance with the pertinent needs of the farmers in community. In view of the focus of the panel discussion, contributions based on both primary and secondary source review citing best practises in the field are invited.

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