



Strengthening Farm Livelihoods

Our Objectives

S3IDF strengthens the support systems critical to enabling small and marginal farmers to sustainably improve their own livelihoods. More specifically we help collectives:

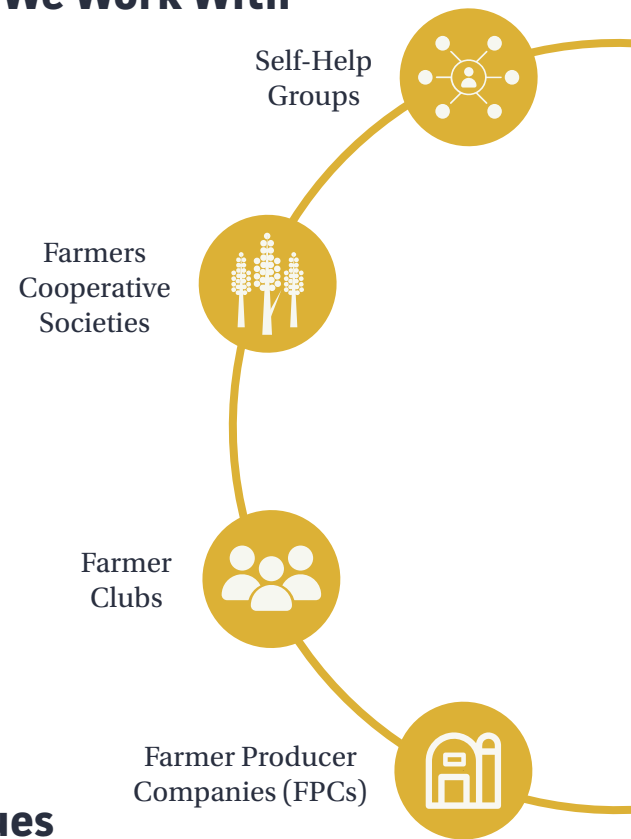
- Incorporate ecological and economic sustainability in the agro-ecological context of their region
- Identify, own and operate appropriate technology and infrastructure

Our Process

We build up the farmer collectives internal management capacity, and foster the external market connections necessary for them to grow and sustainably provide for their farmer and laborer members. S3IDF's typical interventions include:

- Creating access to finance from local financial institutions by removing barriers of credit
- Enabling flow of know-how and technology
- Providing close direct support during early stages of business operations

Who We Work With



Barriers Faced By FPCs & Mitigation Techniques

TECHNIQUES



Partial loan guarantees and other risk mitigation methods



Equipment identification, commercial assessment, & negotiation of buy-back agreements



Capacity building governance, financial literacy & management training



Arrange financing partnerships, analytics & storage to improve value add capture

BARRIERS

Limited/no access to sufficient opportunities & early stage investment capital

Lack of knowledge of & access to appropriate equipment/machinery options

Deficient business management capacity nor access to business incubation services

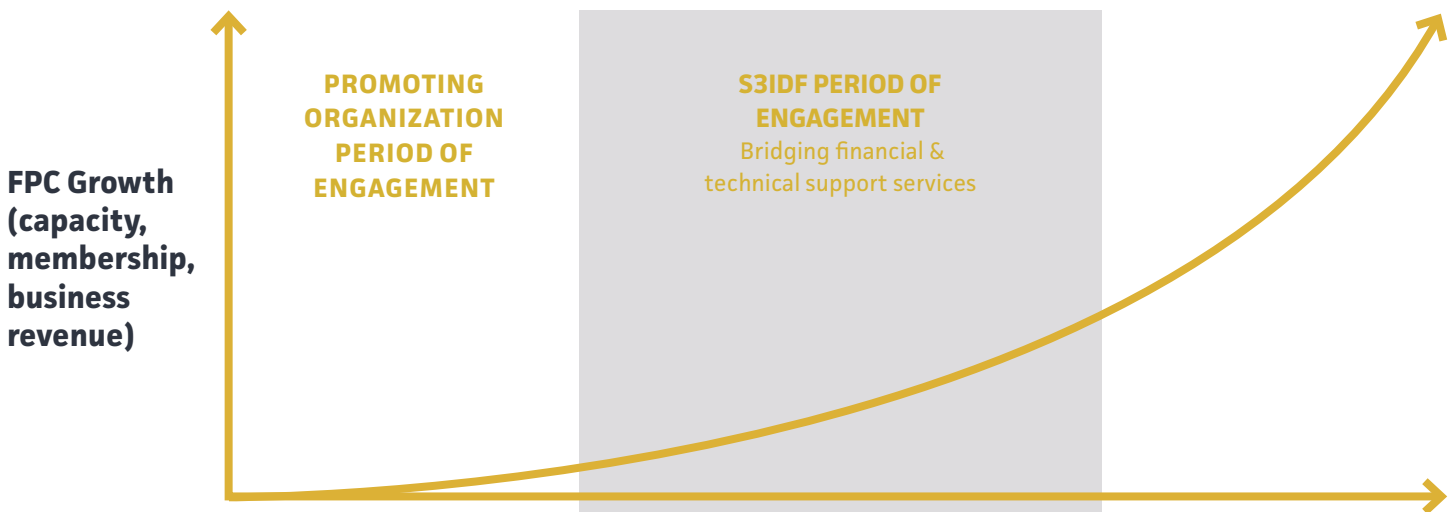
Lack of access to sufficient market analytics and ability to use dry and/or cold storage



Our Intervention Stage

We work with small and marginal farmers and their related communities at the collectives' early stages when the membership has reached some critical mass, but at a time when they are still searching for answers to help them move forward and make the collective more useful and meaningful for its members.

FPCs' Life Cycle And Early Stage Support:



	Life Cycle of the FPC		
Stage Timeframe	Formation	Early Stage (18-36 months)	Stability/Growth Stage
FPC Supporting Entity	Promoting NGO	Promoting NGO & S3IDF	Professionally managed
Financing Source	Grants to promoting NGO & FPC	FPC Equity & S3IDF bridging technical & financial services	Banks/NABKISAN (may leverage SFAC credit guarantee)
S3IDF Support Services	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business development Access to technology & training Access to finance Special partnerships (e.g. storage) 	Monitoring, evaluation, mentorship & advising



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