

*Focus Group Discussion on “Post-Harvest Management & Value Addition of Fruits in Production Catchments in SAARC Countries” Projects*

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THIMPHU- A Focus Group Discussion was held at the SDF Secretariat with relevant stakeholders of the project from the participating Member States and SDF Officials. The objectives of the Focus Group Discussion were:

- To identify and share the knowledge on post-harvest and fruit processing technologies across the SAARC countries.
- To adapt, evaluate and disseminate post harvest, processing and value addition technologies for fruits in SAARC countries.
- To establish post-harvest infrastructure and value addition in production catchments of fruits in SAARC countries.
- To develop effective marketing linkages of processed products in SAARC countries.
- To assess the impact of adapted technological packages at project sites.
- To ensure product quality and safety in the adoption of package of technologies

The common activity budget for the project was developed and finalized. It was decided that SDF will create a network Portal dedicated to Post Harvest project. All relevant documents will be uploaded in this Portal with access to all the Post-Harvest Project Managers. Since only SDF can upload document in the Portal, the Project Managers will send the documents to SDF for uploading.

