



**Scaling up Small Millet Post-harvest and Nutritious Food Products Project**

**Project Dissemination Workshop**

**Date: February 15, 2018 Time: 12:30 pm Venue: The Gateway Hotel, Pasumalai, Madurai**

In India, declining cereal diversity in diets is one of the key factors behind malnutrition and the prevalence of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes. Bringing back small millets in the mainstream diets could be an answer. Small millets include finger, little, proso, barnyard, foxtail and kodo millets. Performing well in marginal environments they have superior nutritional properties, including high micronutrient and dietary fibre content, and low glycemic index. However, there has been a drastic decline in production and consumption of small millets in the last few decades, mainly due to limited productivity, high drudgery involved in their processing, negative perceptions of small millets as a food for the poor and policy neglect when compared to other crops.

DHAN Foundation, with the support of Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) under International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada and Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and in partnership with McGill University, Canada and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore implements an action research project titled “**Scaling up Small Millet Post-harvest and Nutritious Food Products Project**”.

DHAN Foundation organises Project Dissemination Workshop in Madurai between 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at The Gateway Hotel, Pasumalai, Madurai to disseminate the technologies and scaling up practices developed on processing, value chain development and consumption of small millets in the project among the small millet stakeholders. Farmers, small millet processing equipment manufacturers, food enterprises, research organisations, eminent persons from Government and NGOs are expected to participate in the Project Dissemination Workshop. This workshop is expected to be a platform for deliberating on various interventions needed for mainstreaming small millets in the regular diets.

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