



# ENHANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE OF SMALLHOLDER FARMERS IN INDIA



## **CONTEXT**

India is the world's largest producer of milk, pulses and jute, and ranks as the second largest producer of rice, wheat, sugarcane, groundnut, vegetables, fruit and cotton. It is also one of the leading producers of spices, fish, poultry, livestock and plantation crops.

Agriculture, with its allied sectors, is the largest source of livelihoods in India. 70 percent of its rural households still depend primarily on agriculture for their livelihood, with 82 percent of farmers being small.

#### **CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION**

Sahyadri Farms, incorporated in 2011 in Nashik, Maharashtra in India, is the largest farmer owned integrated value chain operators in the fruits and vegetables sector in India handling 245,000 metric tons of food produce. The company is engaged in procurement, post-harvest management, processing, storage, logistics, marketing and sale of fresh fruits, vegetables, and processed foods in domestic and international markets. The company works with 22,000 farmers cultivating multiple crops (key crops: grapes, tomato, mango, banana, pomegranate, sweetcorn etc.). The company has a strong commitment towards environmental and social impact, and aims to reduce its environmental footprint and improve the wellbeing its farmer supplier base and their communities.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT**

The project aims to upscale Sahyadri Farm's climate action by developing a decarbonisation strategy and to support climate resilience of its supplier base.

The expected results of the project are:

- Reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by Sahyadri Farms.
- Increased climate resilience of up to 22,000 smallholder farmers through the implementation of a climate resilience plan.

#### **IMPACT INVESTOR**



# BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Sahyadri Farms (SME) – India, working with 22,000 farmers

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### **STARTING DATE**

June 2024

#### **DURATION**

8 months

### **TOTAL BUDGET**

€ 83,463 Including € 62,597 (75%) contribution from SSNUP

