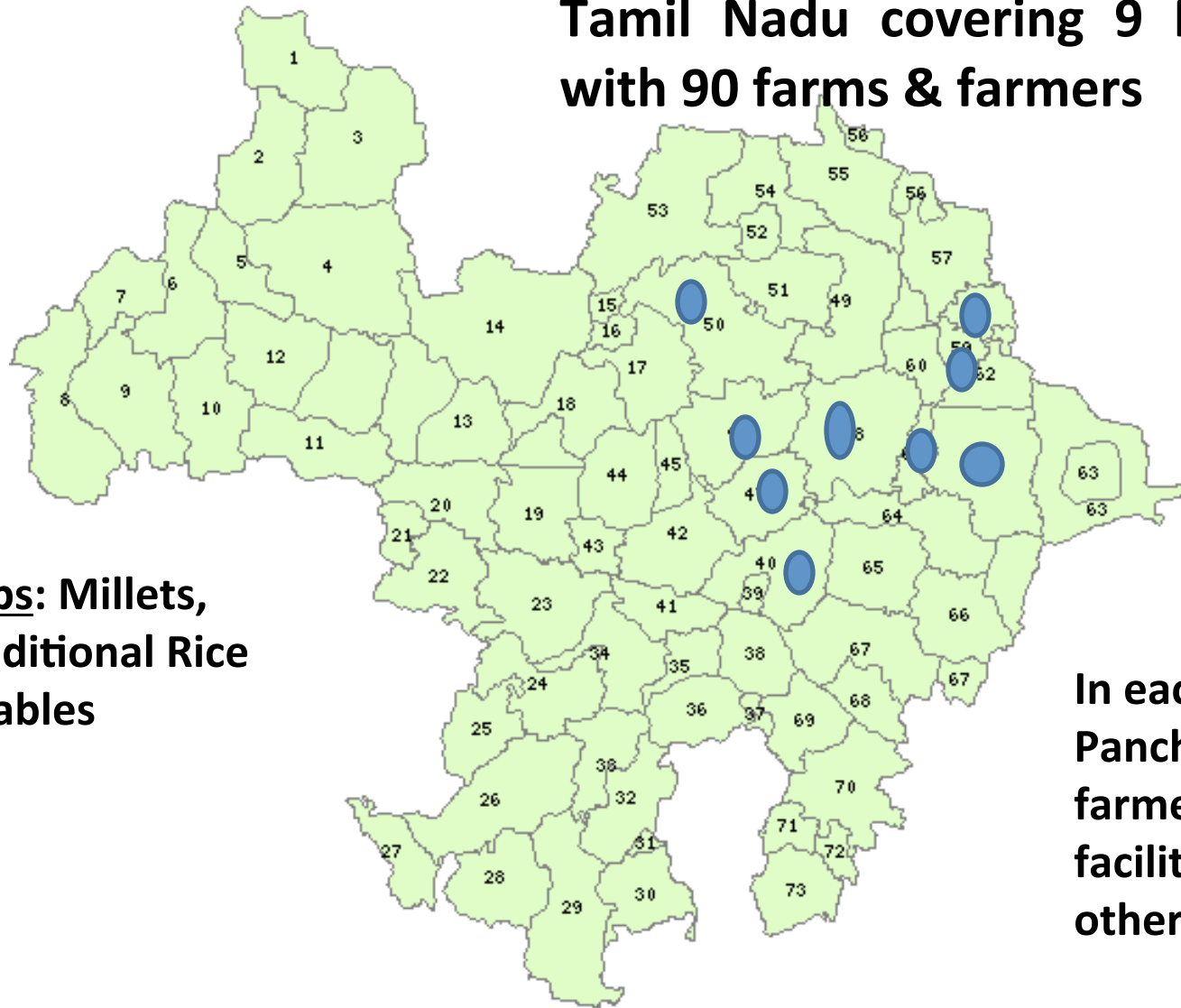


**KUDUMBAM
LOCAL LEARNING CENTRE
FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**

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**LLC located in Pudukkottai District of
Tamil Nadu covering 9 Panchayats
with 90 farms & farmers**



**Major Crops: Millets,
Pulses, Traditional Rice
and Vegetables**

**In each
Panchayat, 2 lead
farmers
facilitating with
other farmers**

CHALLENGES FOR THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF LOCAL FOODS

- Production and post harvest constraints
- Lack of skills on value addition
- Absence of knowledge on recipe preparation
- Lack of awareness on the health benefits
- Access and Availability
- Inadequate policy support

OUR INTERVENTIONS IN ADDRESSING PRODUCTION CONSTRAINS

- LLC organize annual seed fair and festivals for seed exchange and knowledge sharing.
- Periodical and Seasonal long trainings on crop and seed production.
- Training on soil and water conservation techniques and livestock management



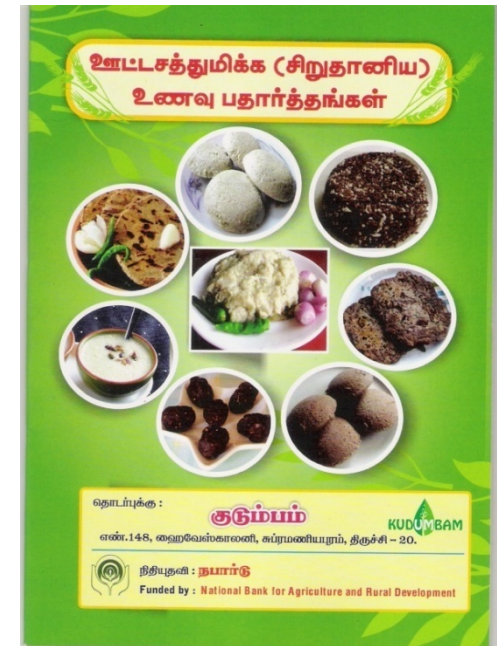
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- Promoting nutritional kitchen gardens and backyard gardens.
- Developing partnership programs with schools, colleges and universities for Greening their campus.
- Educating the urban people on Greening their terrace with organic vegetables and herbs.

OUR INTERVENTIONS IN CONSUMER'S AWARENESS ON EATING LOCAL FOODS

- Organizing health camps and traditional food festivals in villages, schools, colleges and also with universities.
- Recipe books on preparation of different kinds of millets foods are being published and distributed to the public.



OUR INTERVENTION IN ADVOCACY AND LOBBY WITH THE STATE



- Advocacy with elected peoples representatives for support in bringing millets in PDS and Noon meal programs .
- Face to Face meeting with State Agriculture Secretary to discuss the present agrarian crisis and the potential of local foods as solution.

