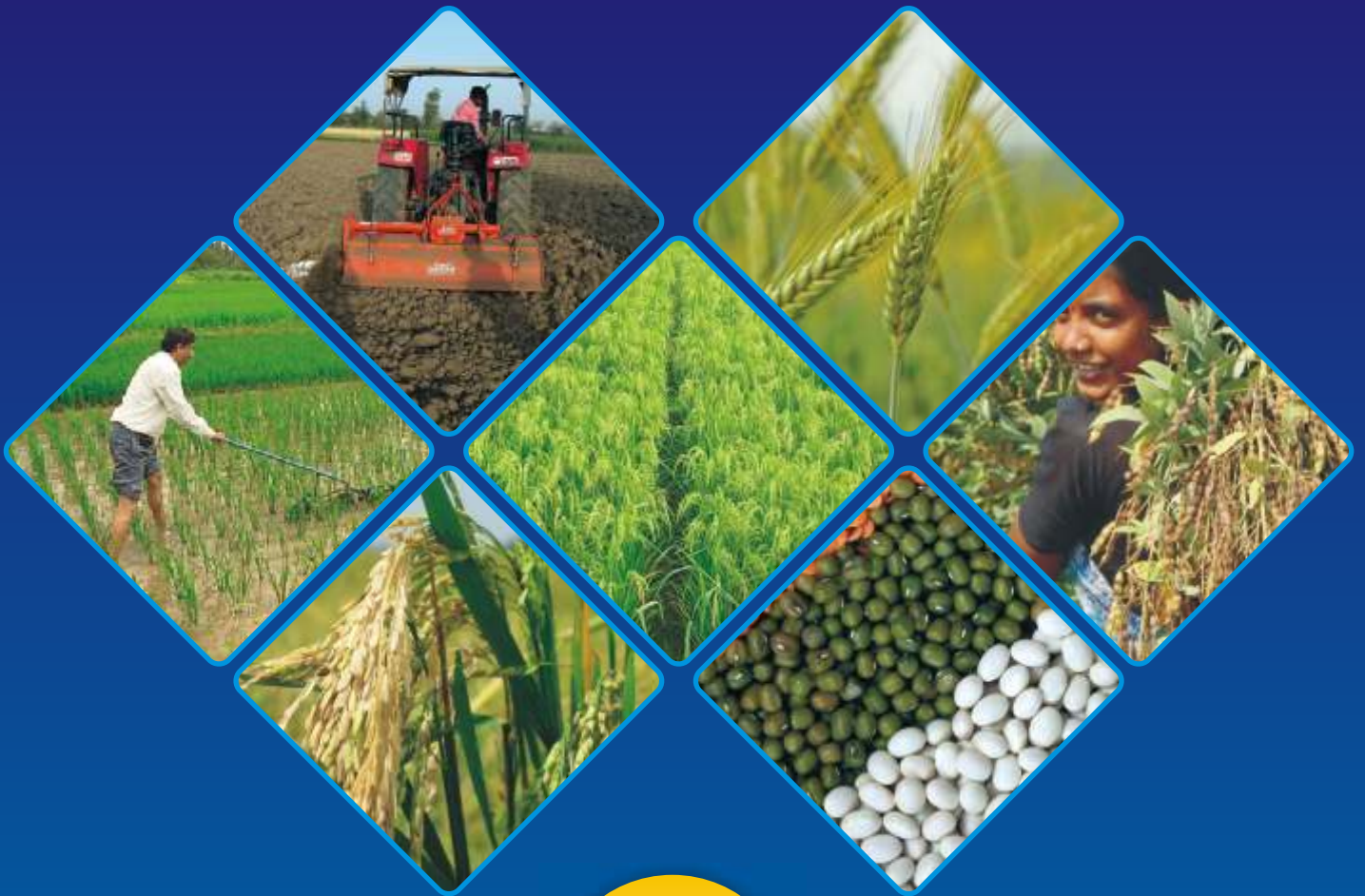


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FOREWORD

The National Food Security Mission launched during October, 2007 has begun well in its initial phase of implementation. The experiences of administering this scheme during the first agriculture year of its implementation have been very satisfying in terms of ensuring quality of delivery of agricultural services to the farmers and good outcome achieved in the process. The focused approach of the mission with direct funding arrangement to the State and District level autonomous agencies and provisioning of dedicated project management teams for catalyzing result oriented implementation has been benefiting millions of farmers across the country in the targeted States and the Districts.

The first edition of Operational Guidelines had been useful for the States in the preparation and implementation of the State Action Plans as per the Mission's objectives, programme interventions, and norms of assistance. However, while implementing the scheme, various States and Districts expressed practical operational problems in ensuring wider coverage, clarity on subsidy administration and for effective project management. Based on the feedback from the states, with the approval of the General Council of the National Food Security Mission headed by the Union Agriculture Minister, timely changes have been made to modify/include/clarify some of the guidelines, keeping in mind the greater interest of the farmers and demand from the States.

This revised booklet of operational guidelines containing all the modifications/clarifications is being brought out for the benefit of the field functionaries to ensure clarity in implementation of the programmes.

I am sure State Governments will disseminate these revised guidelines among all the stakeholders of the Mission so as to enable them to contribute their utmost in this noble endeavor of ensuring food security for the country.

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