

## **106 D. 10) Establishing Biomass Dryers at Yadgir**

Adoption of fuel-efficient biomass dryers to dry fruits and vegetables to reduce the fruit and vegetable spoilage and post-harvest losses. Project also aims to address malnutrition, to provide rural livelihoods by involving SHG's and FPO's in Yadgir District of Karnataka. Identification of products, specifications/standards, preparation of site ready for installation of bio dryers and engaging partners to study the socio-economic and health baseline conditions/parameters of Yadgir district are some of the activities taken up so far. Except shelf life testing other parameters have been tested at IIHR, Hesaraghatta.

Baseline survey completed by project partner BAIF. The Socio-Economic survey is expected to be completed within the next one month. The report indicates the extremely low levels of human resource indicators in this Aspirational District.

Trial run of banana and tomato dehydration and standardisation of equipment is under process. Expected to get the FSSAI corticate by the end of March, 2023.



Drying of banana and tomato