

11. UPGRADATION OF EATERIES FOR HYGIENIC STREET FOOD – KAKINADA

“A city that is economically vibrant, inclusive, livable & sustainable”

– Vision of Kakinada, as mentioned in its Smart City Proposal (SCP)

CONTEXT

Kakinada has a population of 312,538 according to census 2011. Like in most Indian cities, street food vending is a common practice in Kakinada. A large number of people uses street food eateries across social strata; but especially the working class uses these eateries for their regular day meals and refreshments, as these eateries are able to meet their food requirements at affordable prices.

Although ubiquitous, the street eateries have remained a concern in respect to hygiene and public health – as most food vendors’ have no training in safety & hygiene practices and in many cases use dilapidated food-vending facilities.

THE INTERVENTION

Project description

The food regulator in India, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has launched a national campaign to give training to street food vendors for improving their hygiene practices and safety standards. However, suitable facility/ equipment are equally important for preparation and vending of safe and hygienic food. Keeping this in mind Kakinada took initiative to improve street food-vending facility in the city. Under the initiative, modern food-vending carts were procured for street eateries. These carts were provided to food vendors from economically weaker section of the society by arrangement of bank loans.

Key outputs/ outcomes

100 modern food-vending carts have now replaced the dilapidated food-vending facilities, facilitating safer/ more hygienic food for consumers.

Impacts

The initiative is likely to improve public health by facilitating safer street food for a large number of citizens.

Support and mobilized resources

The project centre has a costs outlay of around INR 5.6 crore, with 80% financing from the beneficiaries (by way of bank loans) and 20% financing from Smart City Mission (SCM) funds.



Modern food-vending eateries for safe/ hygienic food vending in Kakinada