



## 5.2 Food Processing Fund (FPF)



# From Cashews to Careers: Empowering Women Through Sustainable Processing Jobs

**Name of the Project:** Cashew Processing in Gujarat

**Implementing Entity:** M/s Aelea Commodities Private Limited

**Total Financial Outlay:** ₹304.44 million

**NABARD's Support:** ₹100 million

**Year of Sanction:** 2020

**Year of Completion:** 2023

**Location of the Project:** Surat, Gujarat



## Impact

Processing capacity created (MT)	Cashew processing Unit – 40 MT /day
Employment generated (person days)-non-recurring	Recurring – 200
Employment generated (person days) non-recurring	Non-Recurring – 250 (99% Local employees, 85% Women Employees)
Capacity to sort and grade fruits and vegetables (MT)	40 MT/Day
Capacity per hour to extract and aseptically pack fruit pulp (MT)	500 MT

## Challenges Addressed

- ❌ Lack of processing units for cashew nuts.
- ❌ Employment opportunities for semi-skilled and unskilled workers.

## Strategies

1. Providing marketing linkage to the farmers through direct procurement of their produce.
2. Providing avenues for value addition through scientific processing.
3. Creating integrated facility for processing agri commodities making the farmers one of the most cost-efficient producers.
4. Improving quality of processed products through better procurement practices.

## Cashew Processing: From Tree To Treat

