

Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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1.1 Upcoming International Training Program under Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT)

- I. "Post-Harvest Technologies in Horticulture Crops" during 06th -20th November, 2017 at ICAR - Indian Institute of Horticulture Research (IIHR), Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

1.2 Ongoing International Training Programs under Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT)

- I. "Modern Storage Technologies in Agriculture" during 01-15th September, 2017 at ICAR - Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana, Punjab, India.
- II. "Plant Health Management Technologies and Approaches" during 04-18th September, 2017 at National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad, Telangana, India.
- III. "Recent Trends in Harvest and Post Harvest Technologies in Fisheries" during 12-26th September, 2017 at ICAR- Institute Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Cochin, Kerala, India.

Participating Countries: Afghanistan, Botswana, Cambodia, Kenya, Malawi, Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Lao-PDR, Myanmar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam

We have received adequate number of nominations for the ongoing training programs

2.1 Feedbacks from Dignitaries about FTF ITT International Training Program



"The FTF ITT training will be of immense use for the African nations, as India has passed the path similar to those of us in achieving the present level of development. I am confident that new learning acquired from India can easily be transferred to the conditions back home."

Mr. Samuel Karicho,
Minister in the High Commission of Kenya, New Delhi

2.2. Feedbacks from Executives about FTF ITT International Training Program



"This training opened up to the idea of actual women empowerment and what women can achieve through collective efforts"

Ms. Sajea Amarkhail, Afghanistan

Executives trained under FTF ITT program at Kudumbashree, Kerala



"The community structure and discipline maintained in groups reflects the need of bringing a system approach in community activity"

Ms. Kona S. Kollie, Liberia

Executives trained under FTF ITT program at Kudumbashree, Kerala



"In Ghana, cassava and yams are cultivated extensively, leading to surplus production of tubers which could be used for converting into value added products. The post-harvest losses are amounting to 40% and we are desperate to reduce the wastage. Through FTF ITT program we looking for good quality tuber crops varieties and equipment for harvesting and post-harvest processing."

Mr. Owusu Micheal, Ghana

Executives trained under FTF ITT program at CTCRI, Kerala



"Cassava is the secondary stable food in Liberia. As we have plenty of cassava, we are looking for the techniques for control post-harvest losses. We have learned value added processing tubers into diversified products at CTCRI, India."

Ms. Wonyene Rugie Barry, Liberia

Executives trained under FTF ITT program at CTCRI, Kerala

3. Back At Work Plans of the Executives- Progress

3.1. Empowering women farmers field training in three provinces of Afghanistan



Dr. Mariam Habib is an Extension Manager under Ministry of Agriculture, irrigation and livestock (MAIL) at Jamal Meena. She was trained on "Public Private Partnerships in Agricultural Extension Management" at MANAGE during 17th- 31st of October, 2016. After training she selected her Back at work plan on "Farmer Field School Training (FFS)".

After going home, since October 2016, Ms. Mariam Habib had established 70 women groups in 3 provinces (Mazar, Nangarhur and Herat) of Afghanistan. Each group consist of 15 women including 6 women extension workers in these 3 provinces of

Afghanistan. Now Ms. Mariam is planning to start women farmer training in these three provinces of Afghanistan.



Ms. Mariam having interaction with Women groups

3.2. Value addition of Milk through intervention of appropriate technology through training

Mr. Matsiko Mark, a Senior Research Technician from Uganda Industrial Research Institute. He was trained under 7th FTF ITT Training Program on Modern Dairy Technology and its Management at National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) during 15th-29th April, 2017. Using his training in India, i.e. milk prices in India are determined by the cooperatives which cater for the farmer's interest, he prepared his Back at work Plan i.e. Promoting value addition to milk by use of appropriate technology.

In line with the back at work Task and company, the Uganda Industrial Research Institute (UIRI) mandate of identifying appropriate and affordable technologies that will enhance adding value to local products, participants were able to acquire knowledge and skills in Processing and packaging of various dairy products. After training, Mr. Matsiko Mark trained a group of 48 students from 5th May - 2nd June 2017 at the Uganda Industrial Research Institute (UIRI). Trained students groups were from the Africa Institute for Strategic Resources Services and Development (AFRISA) pursuing certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes in the Dairy industry, were trained in various value addition technologies.



Theory session at the UIRI conference hall for the AFRISA/UIRI training

AFRISA students packaging ice-cream during the practical session at UIRI Dairy Pilot Plant

3.3. Value addition to Milk through intervention of appropriate technology through training

Ms. Chifuniro Somanaje is a District Agribusiness Office in the Mwanza District Agriculture Office of Mwanza region of Malawi. She was trained under 3rd Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT)



International Training Program on “Emerging Trends in Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables” from 16-30th November, 2016 at National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur.

In Kenya there are high post-harvest losses due to poor handling of onions and tomatoes hence Ms. Chifuniro selected her Back at Work Plan on “Develop training material and build capacity of farmers”.

After going home, Ms. Chifuniro identified one horticulture group in Zamba district, to reduce post-harvest losses in onions and tomatoes, improved incomes from selling of onions and tomatoes. Now in year 2017, she is planning postharvest training to be given to these identified group in Zamba district with horticulture officer. This training is expected to start during winter cropping season of 2017.

4. Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) Governance Group Meeting at Kathmandu

The annual AESA Governance Group meeting was organised at Hotel Greenwich Village, Kathmandu on the 24 July 2017 to review the progress of the national networks, to share and validate the findings of the online capacity need assessment of AESA Network, and develop a capacity strengthening plan for AESA. Participants from five out of eight South Asian countries participated in this meeting. India was represented by Dr P Chandrashekhara, Dr Mahesh Chander and Dr R Saravanan.



AESA Governance Group



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