

Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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I. The Inaugural Ceremony

The 39th FTF-ITT Program on “Agroforestry: Policy, Practice and Impact” was inaugurated on 11th October, 2019 at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), New Delhi, India. A total of 26 participants (14 male and 12 female) from ten countries in Africa and Asia; Bangladesh, Botswana, Cambodia, Malawi, Myanmar, Nepal, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Uganda, actively participated in the training.

The training started on 10th October, 2019 at New Delhi with remarks by **Mrs. V. Usha Rani (IAS)**, Director General, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad. She emphasized the participants to work on the “Back at Work” plan, a unique hand-holding feature of the training program, based on the learning of the training program to serve the problems of the respective country and to promote Agroforestry activities.

During the inaugural session on 11th October, 2019, Mr. Mustapha El Hamzaoui, Director, Food Security,



Mr. Mustapha El Hamzaoui, Director, Food Security, USAID, India addressing the participants

USAID, India referred the participants as Ambassadors of Agroforestry for their countries and said that Agroforestry is the approach for secured future of mankind. Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Program Director, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhary, Assistant Director-General, Natural Resource Management, ICAR, Dr. Javed Rizvi, Director South Asia, ICRAF, Dr. Inder Dev, Principal Scientist & Co-Coordinator, CAFRI, Jhansi and Dr. K. K. Suresh, Dean & Co-Coordinator, FCRI,

Mettupalayam also presented their annotations during the inaugural program.

Dr. Javed Rizvi, Director South Asia, ICRAF strongly expressed that organizing the training on “Agroforestry Research and Development to improve livelihood, nutritional and environmental security: Policy, Practice and Impact” for our Asian and African partners is a glowing tribute to the thriving partnership of all stakeholder institutes. He expects that the training will further enhance the efforts of the Government of India to promote collaboration with India and other partner countries through its “South-South Cooperation”.



Group Photo of the participants with Chief Guest, Mr. Mustapha El Hamzaoui, Director, Food Security Office, USAID, India (Third row, 9th from right)

Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhary, Assistant Director-General, Natural Resource Management, ICAR in his inaugural remarks, said, “Agroforestry is about producing maximum on the same piece of land with few inputs. He also expressed that they value the partnership with ICRAF through which novel approaches on both the cutting edge science and transfer of technology is achieved”.



Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Program Director, MANAGE, Hyderabad presented an overview of FTF-ITT program and its journey from the beginning to this date. He appreciated the partnership efforts of MANAGE, ICRAF CAFRI and the College of Forestry, Mettupalayam. He thanked USAID for supporting MANAGE as lead institute in the implementation of FTF ITT program.

II. Brief Summary of the Program

The 39th FTF ITT training program on “Agroforestry: Policy, Practice and Impact” was conducted by the World Agroforestry Centre at New Delhi. World Agroforestry (ICRAF) along with Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI) was a key partner in the development of the National Agroforestry Policy (NAP), launched in 2014 and thereafter in the implementation of the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF). The program was conducted in three phases; the first phase was conducted at the World Agroforestry, Delhi Office which focused on the agroforestry policy, research and development, and new innovations. Second phase of the training on research and development, practice and on the field learning was held at Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI) at Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, institute in Asia dedicated for research in agroforestry, under the umbrella of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). For the third and final phase of the training, the impact of agroforestry through industrial linkages and business aspects, the participants travelled to the Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI), Mettupalayam, Tamil Nadu.



Central Agroforestry Research Institute (CAFRI) located in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh, is the only national institute in India to work exclusively on agroforestry research. They have pioneered various models and innovative technologies both in the research fields and in the farmers' fields.



The Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI), located in Mettupalayam, Tamil Nadu is a prestigious institution under the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University. FCRI is the first institute in India to establish an Agroforestry Business Incubator along with an agroforestry consortium of farmers, industry and scientists. They have a successful protocol of developing linkages with big and small business, including nurseries for sale of new clones developed by the institution.

The training course curriculum was designed by ICRAF in consultation with MANAGE, CAFRI and FCRI. The training comprised of 26 classroom lecturers and 8 case studies & field visits. The lecture topics were in five broader areas as tabulated below:

Sl. No.	Broad areas of Training lectures
1.	AF 1 - Agroforestry: Research and Development, and Policies
2.	AF 2 - Agroforestry Practice for Livelihood, Nutritional and Environmental Security, and Impact
3.	AF 3 - Agroforestry: Commercial & Value Chain Aspects
4.	AF 4 - Case Studies and Field Visits
5.	AF 5 - A Glimpse of History and Culture of India

The senior scientists of national institutions, Indian Council of Agroforestry Research (ICAR), CAFRI, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), FCRI and ICRAF, and senior policymakers from the National Rainfed Agriculture Authority (NRAA), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) and MoEFCC interacted with participants during the training sessions. All the resource persons immensely contributed in providing the lecture notes which were shared with the trainee executives at the beginning of the training.



Participants examining the water harvesting system at the project site in Jhansi with Scientists from ICAR-CAFRI



Visit to the Timber based Industry

III. Valedictory

The valedictory session of the training was held on 24th October, 2019 at the premises of the Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI), Mettupalayam, Tamil Nadu chaired by Dr. N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. Dr. Kumar thanked ICRAF for providing the TNAU with an opportunity to showcase its agroforestry technologies developed for arid and semi-arid regions and experience of initiating business incubators to Asian and African executives. This is a beginning and hopes to partner in such endeavor in the near future he said. Dr. Kumar distributed the Certificates to the Executives for successful completion of the training. Certificate of appreciation was also given to 5 Executives who helped in Documentation, Time management, Food and Accommodation, Cultural Representation and as Batch Coordinator during the training. Special appreciation was made to Dr. Noor Shaila Sarmin, Associate Professor and Head, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Bangladesh in the compilation of the report of the program.



Valedictory Ceremony on 25th October, 2019 (From right: Inder Dev (CAFRI), Dr. N. Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU (Chief Guest) Dr. S.K. Dhyani (ICRAF), Dr. Noor Shaila Sarmin (Executive Trainee), Bangladesh)

1. Story from Back at Work Plans

Mr. Najibullah Saeedi who was a participant in the 32nd FTF-ITT program "Modern Dairy Technology, Management and Cooperatives" during 5th – 19th February, 2019 at ICAR-National Institute of Dairy Research (NDRI), Karnal, Haryana, India was a highly motivated man. During the training program Mr. Najibullah learnt the importance of contract farming agreements in providing a sustainable market for both parties by reducing price uncertainty for rural milk producers. Mr. Najibullah Saeedi, in the Balkh province of Afghanistan is being recognized as a dairy advisor among the farmers. He is linking dairy farmers of this area with a dairy cooperative. Mr. Najibullah is facilitating signing of formal contract farming agreements between 200 female milk producers in this area with a renowned dairy cooperative, Balkh Dairy Union.



First Contact Farming Event: BLDU Conference Hall: Shirabad village of Dehdadi District/ Balkh-15th July, 2019

The Economic Impact of the Contracts:

- ❖ 200 female milk producers linked with Balkh Dairy Union through formal contract farming agreements.
- ❖ Backward and Forward linkages established between 200 female milk producers and Balkh Dairy Union.
- ❖ 200 female milk producers will supply **2400 liters** of fresh milk to Balkh Dairy Union on daily bases.
- ❖ Balkh Dairy Union agreed to purchase the surplus milk of producers on current market price **per liter / 22** Afghanis.
- ❖ 200 direct jobs created for unemployed women who are living in rural areas of targeted districts. Majority of the beneficiaries are Female Headed Household.
- ❖ Balkh Dairy Union products such as milk, yoghurt, cream, butter, buttermilk were marketed; several TV and newspaper reports broadcasted by Media / TVs who participated the contract farming events.
- ❖ Support to National Priority Program 2 (SNaPP2) supported and equipped two milk collection centers one in Dehdadi and one in Nahri Shahi districts with necessity operational tools.
- ❖ SNaPP2 provided capacity building programs on cattle management, housing, nutrition, hygiene and marketing as well as provision of tool-kits for the contracted 200 dairy households.
- ❖ Transportation facility provided to milk producers through SNaPP2 and Balkh Dairy Union to transfer the livestock products from milk collection center to dairy processing plants.
- ❖ Loses or wastage of livestock products in the targeted districts decreased and income of female milk producers increased.

Due to this initiative, the dairy farming in this province is running as a holistic system and is also continually looking for cultural practices that are sustainable both environmentally and economically. The farmers also experiment with different techniques and methods to optimize their dairy farming practices.

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3. Welcome to Mrs. G Jayalakshmi, IAS as new Director General, MANAGE and Farewell to Mrs. V. Usha Rani, IAS, Director General, MANAGE

MANAGE welcomes the new Director General, **Mrs. G. Jayalakshmi, IAS** and extend our heartiest congratulations to assume the additional charge as Director General, MANAGE. Mrs. G. Jayalakshmi is the Director General of National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM). The PMU team is happy to have Madam as our leader owing to her prior experience in execution of FTF-ITT programs as partner institute at NIPHM, Hyderabad.



Mrs. V. Usha Rani, IAS, served as Director General, MANAGE from 31/07/2015 to 23/10/2019. The PMU team thanks the able leadership and guidance of Mrs. V. Usha Rani, IAS in implementation of FTF ITT and ITEC International Training Programs during her tenure. Under her guidance, the FTF-ITT program has witnessed a great success in its networking and outreach to international partner countries. Mrs. V. Usha Rani, IAS is transferred to her home cadre as Secretary to Government (Land, Endowments), Andhra Pradesh. We wish her all the best in her new responsibilities in Andhra Pradesh.

4. Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE welcomes Dr. S.S.P. Jyothi, Program Manager and Mr. Dharmaraj B M, Program Executive

Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE would like to welcome Dr. Jyothi S.S.P to the team. She has done her Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension from Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, Manipur and is a recipient of the ICAR-SRF Fellowship. She is a graduate in Agriculture and postgraduate in Agricultural Extension. In the past she worked in the Indian Institute of Rice Research as Research fellow for the Rice Knowledge Management Portal (RKMP) and as Scientific Officer with International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) at Hyderabad. She published her research in many peer reviewed international journals and presented in national and international conferences in India. PMU, MANAGE wishes Dr. Jyothi S.S.P all the best in her journey at MANAGE.





Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE welcomes Mr. Dharmaraj B. M., as Program Executive in Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE. Mr. Dharmaraj is an Agricultural graduate from UAS Dharwad Karnataka. He has previously worked for the Ninjacart Pvt. Ltd. as Sourcing Executive in procurement and supply chain team. He holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Extension from University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga. He was an intern at MANAGE during July to September, 2019. PMU, MANAGE wishes Mr. Dharmaraj all the best in his role as Program Executive at MANAGE.

5. Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE wishes Dr. Goldi Tewari and Mrs. Shakera Parveen for their new endeavors in life



Dr. Goldi Tewari served as Program Manager at Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE from November 2018 to November 2019. Dr. Goldi was actively associated with the successful execution of the FTF-ITT programs and PMU wishes to thank her for remarkable contributions. In the journey ahead of her personal endeavors and professional excellence MANAGE wishes Dr. Goldi very best for her future expedition.

Ms. Shakera Parveen served as Program Executive at Program Management Unit (PMU), MANAGE from October 2017 to October 2019. Ms. Shakera was very efficient and hardworking and had immensely contributed to the FTF-ITT programs during her tenure at MANAGE. Looking forward for her personal and professional career, MANAGE wishes her all the very best.



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1. Brief report of the 40th FTF ITT Program on "Integrated management strategies for major crop pests and Diseases in developing countries".
2. Visit of Mission Director, USAID to MANAGE, Hyderabad.
4. Some more success stories from the Back at Work

FTF ITT Training Program Overview

Total Number of Training Programs Completed: **39**

Number of executives trained till now: **1021**

Male: Female: **618:403**

Number of Countries covered: **20**

Name of the countries:

Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam

Africa: Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda

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