

Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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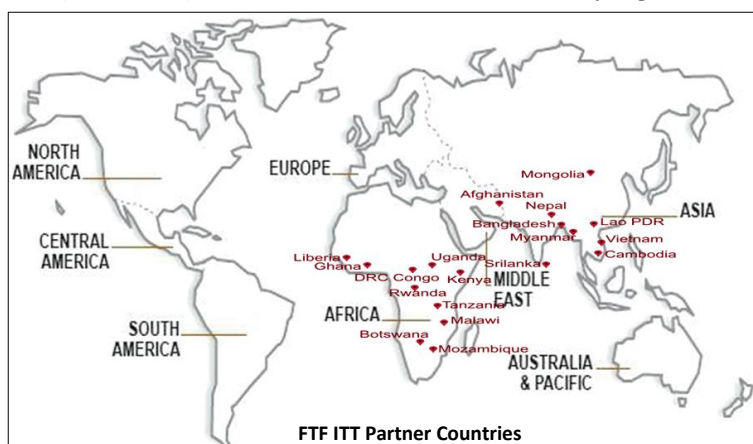
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1. Report on Closing Ceremony of FTF ITT Program

About FTF ITT Program

A new Agriculture Partnership between US and India to achieve Ever Green Revolution to address Global Food Security was announced during the State visit of the then US President Mr. Barak Obama to India in November 2010. The effort included Triangular Cooperation adapting technological advances and innovative solutions to address food security challenges in Africa. This pilot stage focused on three African Countries i.e., Kenya, Liberia and Malawi with potential to expand throughout the African Continent in future.

After the success of the pilot project, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), India and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India launched a program titled 'Feed The Future India Triangular Training' (FTF ITT) on 25th July, 2016 in New Delhi. The program was designed to organize 44 need based training programs covering 1100 executives from 21 partner countries for Asia and Africa during the program period (2016 – 2020).



FTF ITT envisaged the role of training as a means to drive the desired changes in the spread and adoption of technologies and innovations in agriculture and allied disciplines in Asia and Africa. The program was designed and delivered by the joint efforts of USAID, India and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) with the support from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

Valedictory of FTF ITT:

With the successful completion of all the 44 mandated training programs during 2016-20, the Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program was formally concluded on virtual platform on 30th September, 2020. The conclusion of FTF ITT program was marked by release of the report of FTF ITT program and a book of success stories of FTF ITT trainees. The valedictory program of FTF ITT was hosted by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Govt. of India at New Delhi through virtual online platform.

The valedictory session of FTF ITT was chaired by Chief Guest Shri. Sanjay Agarwal IAS, Secretary (A&C). Ms. Alaknanda Dayal IAS, Joint Secretary (Extension, IC & Policy) and Shri. Arun Kumar, Director (Extension) from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, Mr. Mustafa El Hamzaoui, Director, Food Security Office, USAID, India, Mr. Vamsidhar Reddy, Development Assistance Specialist, USAID, India, faculty of MANAGE and FTF ITT trainees from Africa and Asian countries were present in the event.

The closing ceremony started with the welcome note by Smt. G. Jayalakshmi IAS, Director General,



MANAGE. Director General welcomed Chief Guest Shri. Sanjay Agarwal IAS, Secretary (Agriculture), Ms. Alaknanda Dayal IAS, Joint Secretary (Extension), Mr. Mustapha El Hamzaoui, Director, Food Security Office, USAID India, officials from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The officials and invitees from USAID India, Heads of Partner Institutions,

Program Directors of different 44 FTF ITT programs, Points of Contact in all the partner countries and the trainees representing 20 countries under FTF ITT.

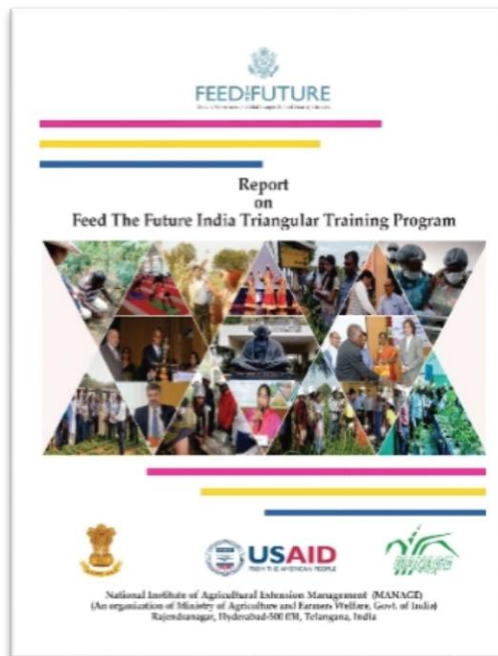
After the welcome address, Director General, MANAGE presented a report on FTF ITT program, its origin, journey of accomplishments, results and impacts on trainee's knowledge. She thanked the Ministry and USAID for lending constant support to MANAGE throughout the program to ensure its success and completion as per the timeline.



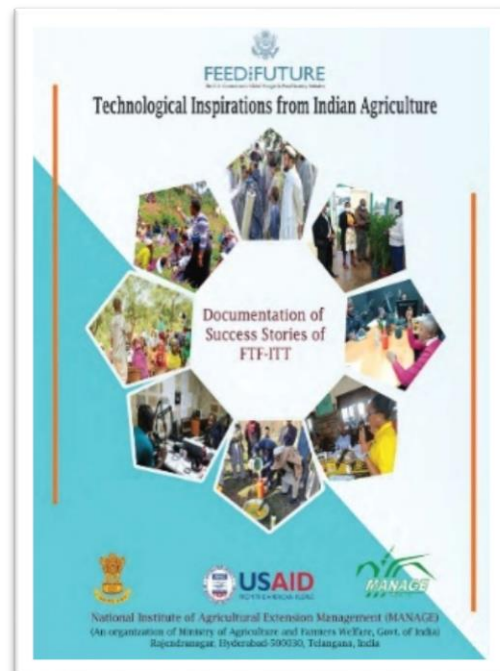
Mr. Mustafa El Hamzaoui, Director Food Security Office, USAID gave his remarks about the FTF ITT program. He expressed his gratitude to the Government of India and MANAGE for the cooperation and support lent for making this project achieve its goal and maintaining professional standards. He congratulated the Program Director, PMU, MANAGE and heads of partner training institutes and all trainees who contributed for the success of this project.



During the valedictory ceremony, two publications about the FTF ITT program entitled ***'Report on Feed The Future India Triangular Training Program'*** and ***'Technological Inspiration from Indian Agriculture; Documentation of Success Stories of FTF ITT trainees'*** were released by Shri. Sanjay Agarwal IAS, Secretary (A&C) and Ms. Alaknanda Dayal IAS, Joint Secretary (Extension, IC & Policy), Shri. Arun Kumar, Director (Extension), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Government of India at Krsihi Bhawan, New Delhi on virtual platform.



Report on FTF ITT Program



Success stories of FTF ITT trainees

Mr. Mutehimbwa Chrispin Kabuba, Executive Director, Sensitise Uganda, Kampala, Uganda, one of the trainee of FTF ITT program trained in the year 2019 gave his feedback about the training program he undergone. He said that the training he attended on Agribusiness and Management was very informative and gave new insights for him on agribusiness opportunities for Uganda. The training gave comprehensive knowledge on agribusiness and management through lectures and practical exposure by field visits. He thanked USAID and MANAGE for giving him this opportunity for learning things which enabled him to transfer the learnt knowledge to his fellow countrymen in Uganda.



Dr. P. Chandra Shekara, Director General, CCS NIAM who was also the Program Director of FTF ITT at MANAGE during 2016 to 2018 appreciated the strength of partnership between MANAGE, USAID and other Partner institutes to organize a global training and capacity development program under FTF ITT. He requested the Ministry and USAID to continue the support for such program and extend the FTF ITT by including more countries and more training themes.



The Chief Guest Shri. Sanjay Agarwal IAS, Secretary MA&FW, Govt. of India delivered the valedictory address in the program. During his speech he appreciated USAID for being a partner in global development and congratulated Director General, MANAGE and team for the smooth execution of program right from its start to its completion. He was especially appreciative of the fact that FTF ITT trained 1144 trainees from 20 countries on various themes of agriculture and allied sector.



Krishi Bhawan - Mahalanobis Room

Centre: **Shri. Sanjay Agarwal IAS**, Secretary (Agriculture)
Left: **Mrs. Alaknanda Dayal IAS**, Joint Secretary (Extn., IC & Policy), Right: **Shri. Arun Kumar**, Director (Extension)

In his speech, he made a special note on how the program was relevant and timely by addressing themes for African and Asian nations, such as; agri-business management, agricultural marketing, agricultural extension and policy issues, animal husbandry, dairy, poultry and fisheries, women empowerment, plant health management, mechanization, value addition and processing in horticulture crops, climate-smart agriculture and natural resource management.

The secretary urged all the trained officers to be the agents of change and disseminate the learnt knowledge under FTF ITT. He suggested MANAGE and USAID to continue to work on the strength of collaboration efforts and contribute to the development challenges such as food and nutrition security.

Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Program Director (FTF ITT), PMU, MANAGE presented vote of thanks to the Chief



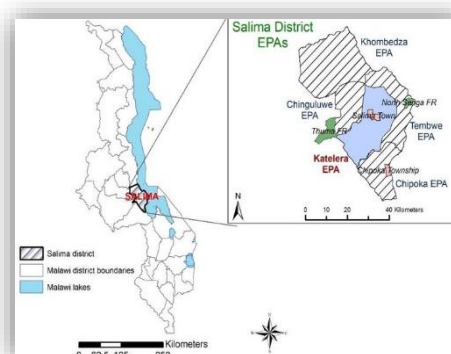
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Govt. of India conveyed his gratitude for the USAID's constant support and advice in making this project successful.

2. Success Story from Back At Work Plan

Mr. Matiya Haward Phiri, Crop Development Officer from Malawi has trained under 28th FTF ITT International Training Program on “Modern Storage Technologies in Agriculture” during 11-25th June, 2018 at Central Institute for Post-harvest Engineering and Technology (ICAR-CIPHET), Ludhiana, Punjab, India. The training program dealt the various post-harvest engineering and technology in agriculture such as modern storage methods such as; Plastic culture technology for drying and grain storage, storage & post-harvest issues of rice & maize, loss assessment methods in grain storage, Overview of grain storage in global perspective and grain storage practices & handling systems in India and Economics of food grain storage in Silos v/s Bag storage etc. through lectures and practical site visits.

Mr. Matiya Haward Phiri after returning to his country, he analyzed the scenario of farmers with respect to post-harvest storage methods. He analyzed the flaws and reasons of post-harvest loss occurring in his Extension Planning Area (EPA). Basically Mr. Martiya Haward is a Crop Development Officer of Salima district, Central Malawi. He sensed that there is knowledge gap in proper handling, processing and storage of grain (Maize and Sorghum) by farmers as well as frontline staff in this scenario, he decided to sensitize the extension workers and farmers regarding modern methods which he learnt during the FTF ITT training program at ICAR-CIPHET, India.



In this scenario, he decided to sensitize the extension workers and farmers regarding modern storage methods which he learnt during the FTF ITT training program at ICAR-CIPHET, India. He targeted to sensitize 30 Frontline staff and 450 farmers from two Extension Planning Areas namely; **Matenje** and **Chinguluwe** of Salima district.



Conducting farmer awareness meetings on post-harvest losses in Chinguluwe and Matenje EPA

Nature of activities initiated:

1. Conducted awareness meetings to Field Officers and farmers on proper Storage of Cereals (Maize & Sorghum) in two Extension Planning Areas EPA
2. Conducted demonstrations on how to use PICS bags in storing Maize and sorghum.
3. Conducted three field visits to some farmers who are keeping their grain in the cribs exposing the grain to weevils and other environmental factors facilitating damage.

Place of Implementation:

1. At Salima District Agriculture Officer where Subject Matter Specialists were sensitized on the Modern Storage Technologies in Agriculture
2. Field officers were sensitized and conducted demonstration on use of PICS bags in two EPAs of Salima district i.e. **Matenje** and **Chinguluwe**. (The demo was done in Matenje EPA)

Outreach:

Extension Personnel: 13 Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) & 32 Field Officers have been sensitized and trained in Modern Storage Technologies in Agriculture.

Farmers: 245 farmers have been sensitized but for the demonstration, targeted a group of farmers and 25 of them attended the demonstration.



Visiting farmers with grain cribs in Matenje EPA



Demonstrating on how to use pics bag

Results:

1. Reduced loss of grain maize and sorghum in terms of quality and quantity
2. Increased knowledge in Staff and farmers in proper grain storage.

Impact:

- Since the exercise has just started, the success stories are; 14 farmers in Matenje EPA have purchased PICS bags so that they can safely store their maize and sorghum grain.
- Secondly, Mr. Matiya Haward Phiri is serving as a resource person in trainings in modern storage technologies. He was involved in two trainings, one organized by our District Agriculture office and another one by a local NGO known as Kulima BETTER project. Thus he is continuously spreading the knowledge he gained from FTF ITT in the Central Malawi.
- Usually harvesting of maize and sorghum in Salima district starts in March and ends in June in every year. He has been organizing awareness meetings on Good Storage Practices. Majority of farmers are showing much interest in adoption of storage technologies.



A staff briefing on Modern storage organized by Kulima Better project

<https://wire.farmradio.fm/farmer-stories/malawi-farmers-use-airtight-storage-bags-to-prevent-losses-and-avoid-chemicals/>



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3. Sneak Peak into the coming issue

- ❖ Report on the FTF-ITT virtual closing ceremony and release of publications.
- ❖ More success stories from Back at Work Plans.

FTF ITT Training Program Overview

Total number of training programs completed: **44/44**

Number of executives trained: **1144**

Male: Female: **700: 444**

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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