

Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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1. Back at Work Plan Report

I. Responsible use of Pesticides in Ghana

Mr. Copperfield Kwami Banini, Deputy Director, Ministry of Food and Agriculture from Ghana, was trained under Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program on 'Plant Biosecurity and Food Safety' at National Institute of Plant Health Management (NIPHM), Hyderabad, Telangana, India, during March, 2018.

During the training program he was exposed to National and International regulatory framework, skills on Pest risk analysis, phytosanitary treatments, knowledge on food safety Regulations, Quality control of pesticides, pesticide residues in food, etc.



Mr. Copperfield Kwami Banini

He noticed that there have been reported cases and notifications of harmful organisms (thrips, false codling moth) in the Agro produce exported to the EU in recent times. This has led the farmers to use the chemical pesticides indiscriminately, to be able to produce clean produce to this lucrative market. As a result, most water bodies are polluted and aquatic animals are dying and it is also affecting human health. Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) confirmed the presence of pesticide residues in these produce.

Sensing the urgent need to address this issue, he initiated his Back at Work Project to create awareness about safe and responsible use of pesticides through training the farmers, Agriculture Extension officers and District Development Officers.

Mr. Copperfield organized two training programs to train Agricultural Extension Officers at Adenta Municipal, Accra, Ghana and Gomoa East District, Swedru, Cape Coast, Ghana. He also trained 42 Agricultural Extension Officers. Further, he conducted two Farmer Field Schools (FFS) for the group of 34 farmers, focusing on pest control in chilly fields. The trainees of the FFS expressed their willingness to contribute to the environment safety measures in their agricultural practices.



Mr. Copperfield sensitizing the farmers about Pesticide usage



Mr. Copperfield demonstrating on the field

Outcomes

1. Farmers are now able to analyse pest and natural enemy population before deciding to initiate the measures to control the pest.
2. They can identify the insect pests and the type of damage caused by them.
3. Plant population per unit area is also enhanced since they now adopt appropriate planting distances.

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II. Forage for higher productive of Dairy Farming in Uganda

Dr. Asiimwe Karimu Grace is a Veterinary Officer from Uganda trained under Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program on “Modern Dairy Technology and Management” at ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, Haryana, India, during 15-29th April, 2017. Post training, he decided to train the farmers on pasture growing and management techniques which he learned during the training program at NDRI.

Under the Agricultural Technology and Agribusiness Advisory Service (ATAAS) project six farmers were provided with pasture seed (Chloris Gayana, Lablab) and maize for silage. Then they were aided in ploughing and weeding of the gardens.

A demonstration was conducted on silage and haymaking in all the six demonstration farms. A total of 420 dairy farmers benefited from this demonstration and 24 extension workers got benefited from this exposure.

As a result, a demonstration garden has been established at the district headquarters to demonstrate different varieties of Napier (A fodder crop with different sugar levels, different biomass, drought resistance and different growth rates) to farmers. Farmers were excited about availability of different varieties as they can buy seeds and plant them.



Dr. Asiimwe Karimu Grade Sensitizing on Pasture Management



Demonstration of Pasture Chopping



Dr. Asiimwe Karimu Training Farmers on Pasture Management

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III. A Policy Initiative for Public-Private Partnership in Liberia

Mr. Teekpeh Oliver Boye from Liberia was trained under FTF ITT Program on “Public-Private Partnership in Agricultural Extension Management” at the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad during 17-31 October, 2016. He is serving as a member of the secretariat staff of the Liberia Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (LIFAAS).



Mr. Teekpeh Oliver Boye

Based on his experience during the training program in India, he successfully developed the policy framework on Public-Private Partnership in Agricultural Extension Management by formulating and forwarding it to the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) through LIFAAS.

Mr. Teekpeh further promoted the group-led advisory services in Liberia. In addition, he advised the Ministry about mobilization and capacity building of Liberian Agriculture Extension Professionals for agro advisory services.



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2. FTF ITT to promote participation of Private and Civil Society sector alongside the Government Employees



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Feed the Future India Triangular Training program facilitated the diverse learning among more than 700 executives from 17 countries through 28 training programmers till date. Majority of these executives were representing the government sector from Africa and Asian countries.

Recognizing the increasing role of private players in the development of agricultural and allied sectors, we are encouraging the participants from private and civil society organizations with proven contribution in their field of operations. We believe that, this will facilitate the synergy of work in public-private partnerships in partner countries. This will also facilitate the cross learning and sensitization of both the sectors about the other domains.

The points of contact under FTF ITT were responsive to this idea and accordingly nominated good number of executives from private sectors. The summary of nominations and selected candidates for the program on "Value Chain and Innovations in Agriculture Marketing" scheduled from 1 - 15th October, 2018 at CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur, Rajasthan, India is given in the table below.

Country	Nominations / Selected		
	Public	Private	NGO
Afghanistan	4/0	1/0	0/0
Kenya	2/2	3/3	0/0
Liberia	6/0	0/0	0/0
Malawi	1/1	1/1	2/2
Mongolia	2/2	0/0	0/0
Mozambique	3/1	0/0	0/0
Myanmar	3/3	7/7	0/0
Nepal	0/0	4/4	2/2
Uganda	1/1	0/0	1/1
Total	20/10	16/15	5/5
Grant Total	43/30		

We hope that, participation of executives from private and civil society will prove to be rewarding in terms of better back at work plan and Public private partnerships in the development of agriculture and allied sectors in their respective countries.

3. Impressions



"We did not realize that 15 days were past, the sessions were really good; however we felt it was tightly packed. We request a similar programme for policy makers from Kenya. This will help to fasten the implementation of back at work plans"

**- Ms. Agili Grace Pauma, Deputy Director,
Department of Agriculture, Kenya**



"The Kudumbashree structure which advocate the bottom up approach is the best gift to take back home. Please try to include a short visit by our Government officials and Legislators. Congratulations and big thank you to the entire FTF ITT team at MANAGE and Kudumbashree."

**- Mr. Kansiime Zachary, Programme Officer,
Skills Development & Entrepreneurship, Uganda**

4. Media Outreach: Success story of FTF ITT participant -U.S., India share farming innovations with Africa and Asia by Mary Jane Maxwell, September 6, 2018

The pigs on Rose Lukwago Nassali's farm in Uganda are growing in size and in number now that she has developed a new feed formula that uses shelled maize cobs that farmers used to discard.

"My business is certainly thriving," said Nassali, who credits this success to a 15-day course administered by FTF ITT of MANAGE and funded by the United State Agency for International Development (USAID) and India's Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare held in India.

The program taught Nassali that maize cobs still have nutritional value after shelling. When she returned to Uganda, she created a new pig feed formula using the cobs.



When she returned to Uganda, she created a new pig feed formula using the cobs. “I learned that nothing is wasted from the farm to the consumer, unlike in Uganda, where wastage is quite high,” Nassali said. “Everything can be put to use,” she said.

Nassali is one of the 717 people who have received specialized training through the Feed the Future India Triangular Training Program, a Joint U.S.-India initiative. By 2020, the program aims to train 1,500 people involved in agriculture - farmers, food processors, agricultural business owners and agricultural policy experts - from 11 African and six Asian countries. Among the topics: Agricultural Innovations from the U.S. and India and the latest in farming practices. “My piggery project is certainly expanding” because of the program, she said.



Staying connected, passing it on.

A Feed the Future program to Promote Aquaculture in Bangladesh (USAID). Most of the training takes place in India at specialized agricultural research training institutes. Mr. Vamsidhar Reddy T.S, an Development Assistance Specialist with USAID who helps manage the program,

said the program targets mid-to senior-level agriculturists who at the end of each training experience show how they will implement their new knowledge to benefit farmers once they return home. About 60 percent of the training time is spent with trainees practicing new skills, visiting places where new technologies are developed and meeting with farmers who are using the techniques, he said.

Mr. Reddy said that participants go back from the training with increased confidence and remain connected by social media platforms such as WhatsApp Group and Facebook to keep exchanging information and motivate each other. He said, “Trainees realize that the Indian smallholder-dominated agricultural context is similar to the one back home, and if these new technologies are successful in India, they should work in their respective countries.” Nassali passed on her pig formula made from wasted maize cobs to other farmers in Uganda, and now this seemingly useless product to farmers has a new dimension and value.

FTF ITT Training Program Overview

Total Number of Training Programs Completed: 28

Number of executives trained till now: 717

Male: Female: 425:292

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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