

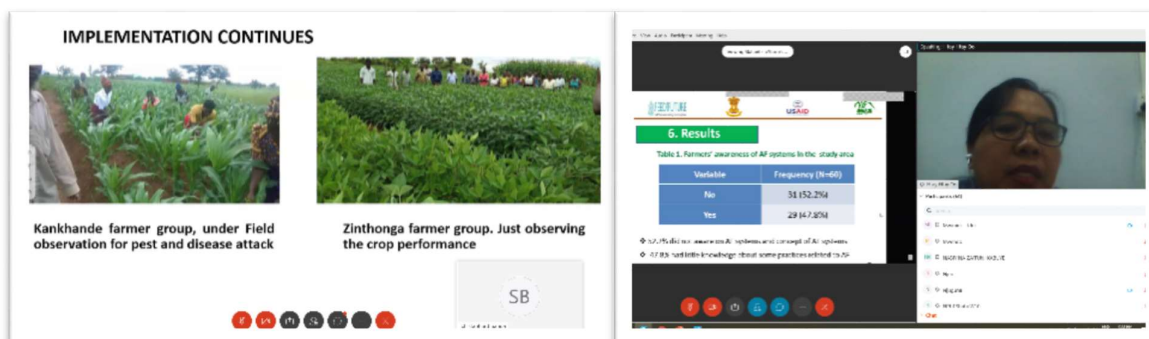
Feed The Future India Triangular Training (FTF ITT) Program

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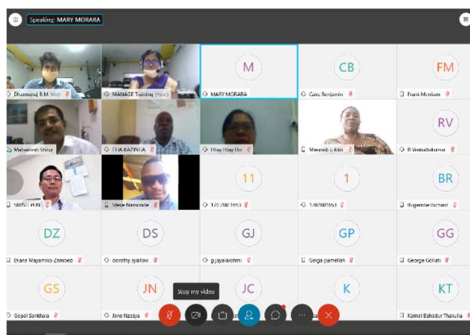
1. Brief report of International Webinar on 'Back At Work Plan presentation and success stories of FTF ITT trainees'

MANAGE in collaboration with the USAID organized an international webinar on "Presentation on Back at Work Plan Success Stories of FTF ITT Trainees" on 8th September, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm (IST). The webinar intended to give opportunity to the selected FTF ITT trainees for showcasing the successfully implemented Back At Work Plans. Under the Feed The Future India Triangular Training Program, MANAGE with the support from USAID India has trained 1144 trainees from Africa and Asia in 44 different training programs on the demand driven themes. Back at Work Plan (BAWP) is a plan of work proposed by the participants of the FTF ITT training to address one important agriculture problem in their jurisdiction of work. Broadly the BAWP is an individual choice of the trainee to pick an important lesson which can potentially offer a solution to the problem of their region. The trainers and subject domain experts from the training institutes will help the trainees for problem identification, analysis of problem, framing objectives of work plan, identifying actions/ follow-up actions of work plan, anticipate the developmental challenges in their country. The webinar will help the trained participants under FTF ITT to share their experiences, challenges and way forward with respect to their BAWP. The webinar was intended to motivate other executives to pursue their Back At Work Plans (BAWPs) with commitment.



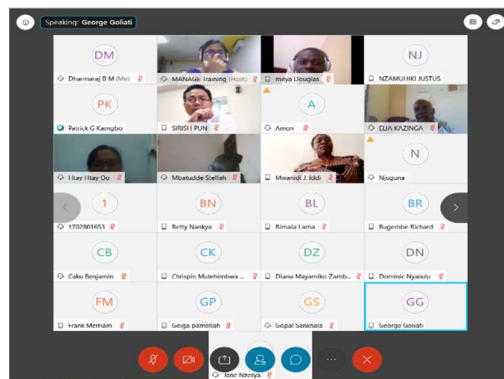
Trainees during their presentation of BAWP and Success stories

In the welcome address, Dr. Mahantesh Shirur, Deputy Director (Agricultural Extension) welcomed Smt. G. Jayalakshmi IAS, Director General, MANAGE, Mr. Vamsidhar Reddy, Development Assistance Specialist



(Agriculture), USAID India and all the participants of webinar. Smt. G. Jayalakshmi IAS, Director General, MANAGE addressed the trainees and lauded the officers who have made use of the knowledge gained during FTF ITT training program. Mr. Vamsidhar Reddy thanked MANAGE for continuing their support and follow up activities with the trained officers under different FTF ITT programs.

In their presentations, the trainees who succeeded in implementing their BAWP expressed their thanks to their respective training institutes and MANAGE. They also shared the results, challenges, impact by their work in their regions. During the presentations, all officials mentioned the important lessons they learnt to bring positive changes in their region. Out of the 20 officers invited to present, 17 officers presented their BAWP. A total of 60 members participated in the webinar including presenting officers, heads of FTF-ITT training partner institutes, PMU staff and trained executives.



Details of the presenters and their works are as below.

The webinar on Presentation on Back At Work Plan and success stories served its objective. The presenters & participants played a very active role all through the webinar which reflects their interest on the FTF-ITT programs. The presentation on plan of action, challenges faced, successful implementation by the presenter motivated other trained executives who are in the process of implementing their BAWP. After every 4 or 5 presentations, the discussion was allowed in the webinar. The discussion and Question & Answers session helped the participants to realize the solutions to overcome the challenges to implement BAWP in their region. In closure of the webinar, Dr. Jyothi S.S.P, Program Manager, FTF ITT, MANAGE thanked the Director General, MANAGE, Program Director, FTF ITT, USAID representatives, the presenters and all the participants for making the webinar successful.

Table 1. Officers presenting their BAWP during the webinar

Sl. No.	Name of presenter, Country	BAWP title
1.	Mr. Njuguna Peter Kamau Kenya	Dissemination of FAW control measures in Kenya
2.	Mr. Caku Benjamin Uganda	Collectivism for Addressing challenges of Dairy Industry in Arua District, Uganda
3.	Mr. Shah Mahmood Hamidi Afghanistan	Awareness Training on Phytosanitary Treatment for Afghanistan Plant Quarantine Staff in Kabul, Afghanistan
4.	Dr. Mary Morara Kenya	Dairy collectivization/ Linking Small Dairy Farmers to Market and diversification – Che Youth Group based in informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya
5.	Mr. Dominic Amon Nyasulu Malawi	Awareness and Youth Engagement in Fall Armyworms management focusing on Scouting, Monitoring in Malawi
6.	Mr. Frank F. Merriam Liberia	Value Addition & Commercialization of Cassava in Liberia
7.	Mrs. Htay Htay Oo Myanmar	Farmers' Awareness on Agroforestry Systems in selected Area of Myanmar
8.	Mr. Nzamuhiki Justus Uganda	Creating awareness about FAW occurrence and its impact on cereal crop enterprises
9.	Mr. Sirish Pun Nepal	Inputs to Ministry for Policy Making on: Agriculture Produce Market Management (APMC) in Nepal
10.	Mr. Milya Douglas Uganda	Production Of Poor Quality Coffee Seedlings in Nazigo Sub-County, Kayunga District, Uganda
11.	Ms. Winnie Mashaghala Mwanyigha Kenya	Transformation of the Kenyan Food Systems: Smart Food Kenya
12.	Mr. Staphord Banda Malawi	Promotion of organic farming in Malawi
13.	Ms. Mwanaidi Japhary Iddi Tanzania	Good Agriculture Practices for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries
14.	Ms. Giga Pamellah Uganda	Formation of Farmer Field School (FFS) in Uganda
15.	Mr. Bugembe Richard Uganda	Sensitization of coffee farmers on quality coffee production in Uganda
16.	Mr. Elia Kazinga Malawi	Train frontline extension workers and farmers in Identification, management and control of pests in Makande, Malawi
17.	Mr. Evans Makokha Kenya	Hatchery Management and Production of Chicks in Kenya

2. Success Story from Back at Work Plans

Training for prison inmates on seedling production of agroforestry species in Uganda

Mr. Gawaya George, Afforestation Officer from Uganda was trained under 39th FTF ITT International Training on 'Agroforestry: Policy Practice and Impact' during 10 -24th October, 2019 at World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), New Delhi, India. In the training many agroforestry components were taught such as mini clonal technology, Hi-tech nursery, plywood, other wood-based industries, agroforestry and livelihood opportunities from Lac & Gum resin and value addition of plantation residues.

East Africa's population continues to grow and so does the demand for fuel-wood and wood products for construction and fencing. Wood is an embedded and vital part of the lives of most people in East Africa. Poor rural and urban communities, rely mostly on wood for energy and for construction. About 90% of this was fuel wood used for cooking and heating. Mr. Gawaya George realizes the scope of agroforestry and application part of agroforestry from the Indian experiences during the training. After he returned to Uganda, he committed to disseminate his learnt knowledge in unique way in his country. He chose to engage prisoners to work on his BAWP.

Clones

Clones are genetically identical plants which are not reproduced from seed but by some other means such as rooted cuttings or tissue culture.

He identified the issue of inadequacy of seedlings for fuel wood production in Uganda Prisons. He decided to impart his knowledge and skills of cloning technology in eucalyptus spp. Hence, he took initiative to train the prison inmates of Uganda's prison about the skills of cloning in eucalyptus in the central tree nursery, Luzira located in Nakawa Division in South Eastern Kampala, Uganda. He identified the fast growing as well high yielding species of eucalyptus for cloning and multiplication for further dissemination.

Activities:

- Sensitization meetings on agroforestry and production of seedlings among Ugandan prison service farm managers.
- Trained the prison inmates in different tree nursery operations.
- Taught the prison inmates about cloning of Eucalyptus.



Eucalyptus clone mother garden



Eucalyptus tree nursery

Prison inmates were imparted skill on modern seedlings production as part of the correctional service before the expiry of presentment terms / sentences. This initiative of Mr. Gawaya George intended to quadruple the quality seedling for bio fuels and to increase the seedling production by 75 per cent in 2020.



Prisoner being trained in disinfecting clone tubes before planting



Ready Clones for planting

Results of his activities

1. 15 prisoners trained in tree nursery operations
2. 16,000 Eucalyptus clones made ready for planting
3. 20,000 seedlings of indigenous agroforestry species being raised in readiness for planting in next season

The motive behind the successful implementation

The new idea conceived during FTF ITT Training helped Mr. Gaway George to implement the acquired knowledge through prison inmates. The skills in cloning that he learnt during training at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India was quite helpful to him. The availability of prisoner labor and their active participation made his BAWP implementation easy. Many other factors like goodwill of government and Uganda Prisons services management, favorable policy framework for tree establishment, high demand for high quality seedlings, increasing demand for industrial timber and other wood products, increasing demand from niche markets for certified (legally sourced, sustainably managed forest plantations) wood products his cause. He continues his trainings by periodical training to sustain his plan of action. Thus, the prison inmates are skilled on agroforestry practices and making them happy about their employable skills.

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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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