



MANAGE-NIRDPR Short Course on “Building Evaluation Capacity”

In-collaboration with the Faculty from
Michigan State University (MSU), USA



Short Course for Mid-Career Agricultural and Rural Development Professionals

Learn How to Design, Implement and
Publish an Evaluative Studies for a Locally
Relevant Development Project & Apply
Results to Improve Your Local Agriculture
and/or Rural Development Programs

Jun 17-22, 2019 & Dec 22-29, 2019

WHAT

Be one of 30 professionals selected to receive training in program evaluation.

Participate in a two-phase program involving two six-day training sessions at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRDPR) and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), India. Use time between sessions to plan, implement, analyze and write up results of a locally relevant agriculture and/or rural development program or project.

Share results with your implementing agency and with external audiences through NIRDPR and/or MANAGE publications. (NOTE: Quality evaluation case studies will be revised and submitted for refereed journal publication).

WHO

Participants will be selected by NIRDPR and MANAGE

WHY

The demand for evaluation of agricultural and rural development programs is rising due to increased expectations for accountability and efficient use of funds, increased competition for limited funding, and the escalating number and complexity of issues to be addressed. Funders and stakeholders want to know how their money is used, if programs are effective, and if there is reason to continue funding. Evaluation, a critical programming function, provides empirical indicators for consideration by decision makers as they plan for future program development and funding allocation.

WHERE

First phase at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad, India and Second Phase at National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, India

WHEN

Jun 17-22, 2019: Evaluation purposes, models, ethics, applications, process, methods, sampling, proposal writing instrument development, data collection & analysis, interpretation

Dec 22-29, 2019 (tentative): Data analysis and interpretation of findings, presentation of results, report preparation Participants will plan, conduct and write their evaluation projects between sessions, and finalize writing

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

As a result of project participation, participants will:

- Understand and be able to explain evaluation principles, models and techniques;
- Develop and demonstrate skills in identifying/developing indicators of extension program success;
- Plan an evaluation project independently, to include selection of appropriate methods and techniques of data collection and analysis (quantitative and/or qualitative);
- Implement an evaluation project of a relevant on-going or completed program/project;
- Develop skills in data analysis, and apply those skills to their evaluation project; and
- Interpret the data, write an evaluation report, and share findings with stakeholders.

PARTICIPANT SELECTION

Applicants be nominated by their organization. Selection will be based on overall quality of individual applications and selected so that the final group is representative and diverse across organizational affiliations of participants (e.g., Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Rural Development, Agricultural University, ICAR etc.), geographic regions, genders, and nature/type of evaluation projects proposed. Each applicant must commit to full participation in two six-day training sessions in NIRDPR/ MANAGE, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, India, and to planning/ implementing/writing/ sharing a locally relevant evaluation project.

APPLICATION/NOMINATION PROCESS

- Fill the application form
- **Attach a letter from and signed by applicant's immediate supervisor**, indicating candidate's background and interest in program and policy evaluation, that person's potential to serve as a future trainer, and how that person will apply their skills beyond the training
- Attach a short description (~ 1 page) of the rural development or extension program or project to be evaluated (see list of elements in the right-side column)
- Sign the "commitment statements"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED EVALUATION PROJECT

- Name of the program/project;
- Indication of whether program/project is under way or complete;
- Identification of program/project location;
- Identification & brief description of the intended target population receiving benefit from program/project;
- List of program/project partners;
- Description of the program/project, including a brief "status report;"
- Rationale for why you want to evaluate program/project;
- How you plan to use the results; and
- List of questions to be answered through the evaluation.

APPLICATION

Deadline

Jun 10, 2019

Submit to

Dr. Saravanan Raj,

Director (Agricultural Extension) and
Course Director,

National Institute of Agricultural Extension
Management (MANAGE),

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FUNDING

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