

Refresher Training for IPM Farmers Facilitators (*With emphasis on Rice, Vegetable Crop & Farmers & Science*)

Tentative Date	:	
Duration	:	8 Days
Participants	:	Selected Farmer Facilitators of already been graduated from farmer TOF
Venue	:	
Facilitators	:	3 Selected IPM Facilitators
Organizer	:	Support to National IPM Programme in Nepal/Plant Protection Directorate in collaboration with Regional Plant Protection Lab

Objectives:

- To refresh and upgrade the knowledge of farmer facilitators on basic principles of IPM & concept and approach for the conduction of F-F FFS & Farmers and science program;
- To refresh and equip the farmer facilitators with the tools and procedures to conduct F-F FFS with focus on seasonal and off-season vegetable crops;
- To upgrade the skill of farmer facilitators to carry out studies, experiments and case studies to generate information about the ecosystem and crop management for critical thinking and scientific decision making;
- To upgrade the capacity of farmer facilitators to work in groups through exposing them to the concept of group dynamics and team building;
- To refresh & upgrade the facilitation skill of farmer facilitators to effectively promote the IPM approach of crop production through conduction of FFS;

Expected Outputs:

- Selected IPM Farmer Facilitators provided with the opportunity to upgrade their knowledge on IPM and ecosystem based crop management;
- Farmer facilitators refreshed on the concept and approach of FFS and specific requirements for organizing F-F FFS on seasonal and off-seasonal vegetable crops;
- Farmers know –how to conduct various studies and experiments as part of F-F FFS and Farmer & Science programme upgraded as well as techniques to analyze the findings, make scientific decisions enhanced;
- Facilitation skill of farmer facilitators based on adult learning approach improved.

Curricula:

The framework of the tentative curricula of the refresher training is mentioned below.

The detail content and daily schedule of the training should be developed by the Training Coordinator jointly with concerned facilitators, which further to be submitted to the PPD for endorsement. While designing the detail content of the training programme it is advised to extensively include the, growth and development pattern of Rice & vegetable crops, specific requirement of eco-system based seasonal & off-season vegetable growing. The training content also should include planning and implementation procedures of location & crop specific participatory filed trials/experiments as part of the Farmer and Science activity.

Curriculum Framework for the Refresher Training of Farmer Facilitators

Day - 1	Day - 2	Day - 3	Day - 4	Day - 5	Day - 6	Day - 7	Day-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration - Introduction - Expectation matching - Preparatory meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trials and Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AESA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soil based exercises (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seed based exercise (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost and Benefit Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality matrix - Self M &E 	<p>Identification of alternatives on the identified problems and trial design</p> <p>Methods & techniques of testing alternatives through conducting farmers field trials,</p>
Lunch Break							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GAM - Cropping calendar - Specific features of the cultivation practices of seasonal and off-season vegetable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trials and Studies (Contd...) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special Topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pesticides based exercises (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Facilitation skill - Team Building and Group Dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report Writing -Concept of Farmers & Science -Demand exploration for participatory Field research 	<p>Parameters for data collection, technique of data collection, processing, assessment of tested alternatives and interpretation of findings;</p> <p>Procedures for disseminating results of innovation.</p>