

Training Programme on

SUSTAINABLE MODELS ON AGRICULTURE-NUTRITION LINKAGES FOR BETTER NUTRITIONAL OUTCOMES

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Venue: NIRD& PR, Hyderabad



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ABOUT THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

India is the second most populous country in the world, with a population of 1.37 billion. Despite rapid economic growth in the last two decades, a large section of the population in India, particularly women and children in rural areas suffer from malnutrition. Malnutrition contributed one-third to one-half of child deaths in India, and the annual economic losses due to malnutrition levels is estimated to be about 3 per cent of country's GDP.

In India, nearly 60 per cent of the rural population is dependent on agriculture for its livelihood. There is a strong linkage (direct and indirect) between agriculture production systems in rural areas and the nutritional status of the population that depends on it. In order to achieve food and nutritional security, it is important to identify and understand the issues around agriculture - nutrition linkages, its constraints and potential in achieving better nutritional outcomes.

There are demand and supply side factors that contribute to better nutritional outcomes. Over years, we have made significant efforts in the case of supply side factors governing nutritional outcomes, primarily through food and nutritional security schemes like Public Distribution System (PDS), Mid Day Meal scheme and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) etc. However, to improve the nutritional status of vulnerable population, we need to focus our efforts in influencing demand side factors as well, and integrate the demand and supply side efforts. To achieve this, we need to develop frameworks and models that integrate the agriculture production system with the ongoing food and nutritional security programmes.

In this context, the training programme aims to make participants understand the development challenges due to malnutrition, major programmes and policies to address the issue of higher levels of malnutrition particularly among women and children, importance of agriculture production systems in influencing nutritional status of the population and the specific pathways through which agricultural nutrition linkages operate. The programme

will also create awareness about various models adopted by various agencies across the country in improving the agriculture-nutrition linkages.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- The major objectives of the programme are to,
- To understand the development challenges in nutritional status of population in India.
 - To familiarise with the programmes and policies for addressing malnutrition in the country.
 - To understand the role and function of agricultural production systems in determining nutritional outcomes.
 - To introduce sustainable models for improving agriculture – nutrition linkages which will contribute to better nutritional outcomes.

OUTCOMES OF THE PROGRAMME

At the end of the training programme, the participants will get a better understanding of

- a) the development challenges due to malnutrition and the various strategies and programmes to address that.
- b) the role and importance of agriculture production systems in determining nutritional status and the pathways through which it influences the nutritional outcomes of a population.
- c) the various models that are emerging and which can be adopted with necessary modifications for augmenting the agricultural-nutrition linkages for better nutritional outcomes.

TRAINING METHODS

Training methods will comprise of lectures, group discussions, and presentations. Presentations on good practices/ successful models will be imparted. There will be exposure visits and interactions with experts working in this domain.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Besides the in house faculty members who have long years of experience, eminent speakers/resource persons from outside will also be invited for taking sessions.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Officials from Depts. of Women and Child Development, Agriculture and Rural Development, CSR functionaries, NRLM, SRLM, SIRDs, ETCs, Research Scholars and NGOs.

There is No Training Fee for the programme.

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

This program is residential in nature and NIRD&PR will provide accommodation in its Guest House and will bear boarding and lodging charges for the participants during the training. However, to and fro travel expenses of the participants attending the training program must be borne by their nominating / sponsoring agencies. The participants are requested to report at NIRD&PR hostel, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad on 4th August, 2019 (evening). Before reaching the guest house, they may contact reception at 040 – 2400 8500.

ABOUT THE COORDINATING CENTRE

Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility, Public Private Partnership & Peoples Action

The Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility, Public-Private Partnership and Peoples' Action (CSR, PPP & PA) focuses on research, training, and consultancy activities that will bring convergence between rural development programmes and Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. The objective of the centre is to develop a synergic partnership among private partners, corporate houses, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj functionaries, civil society organisations and peoples' initiatives for sharing knowledge, impart skills and expertise on social responsibility and contribute to sustainable rural development. The centre organises national and international level capacity building

programmes, seminars, conferences and workshops on corporate social responsibility, public private partnership and public action that contributes to sustainable and inclusive rural development.

ABOUT NIRD&PR

Established in 1958, the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) is a premier training institute and a centre of excellence in research and consultancy services in the rural development arena. Recognized internationally as one of the UN-ESCAP centres of excellence, it builds capacities of functionaries in rural development, elected representatives of Panchayats, bankers, NGOs and other stakeholders. The institute is located in the historic city of Hyderabad in Telangana state.

LOCATION & FACILITIES

NIRD&PR is located on a sprawling 42 hectare beautiful campus in Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The institute has a well-organized and computerized library with a collection of over 90,000 volumes. Besides well-equipped classrooms and guest houses, the institute has a healthcare centre, a community health club with modern equipment, and facilities for yoga, Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis, Swimming pool, etc.

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NOMINATION FORM

(Please send the following details by e-mail for participation)

1. Name:
2. Designation:
3. Qualification
4. Organisation:
5. Address:
6. Telephone/ Mobile No:
7. E-mail address:
8. Brief Job Description:

Last date for Nomination & Confirmation

(23rd July, 2019)

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