



## Training on SMI

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Venue: SACAL Training Hall, Sukhila Amba, Mohana, Gajapati

WASSAN in assistance of Agriculture Department Gajapati had organized a Training Program on “Training on SMI for Special Programme for Promotion of Millet in Tribal Areas” at SACAL Training Hall, Sukhila Amba, Mohana Block of Gajapati District on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. The AAO, AO, VAW, FA Coordinators and farmers from Rayagada, R. Udayagiri and Mohana Block attended the program. At the outset the Project Coordinator, WASSAN welcomed all the participants and a quick introduction was carried out among the participants.

The purpose of the training was to create awareness among the farmers and stakeholders about the Programme i.e. *Special Programme for Promotion of Millet in Tribal Areas of Odisha*. The objectives, components, protocols, farmer’s participation, role of community based organizations, are described vividly. Seedling bed preparation, Systematic Millet Intensification in Ragi and line transplanting of different millets were covered during the training by the Project Coordinator Rayagada. Cost benefit analysis and reviving of millet also described. The AAOs of above block share their knowledge and experience and insisted the farmers to revive the millet cultivation and to take benefit out of the program.

After completion of training, a field demonstration had been carried out where bed preparation, seed sowing, transplanting by using rope and wooden marker and weed control by cycle weeder was shown to the farmers.

The Coordinator SACAL gave vote of thanks to the chair and the programme ended.



