

Residential Training to Farmers on Promotion of Millets

Venue-PRAYAS, CYSD (Boipariguda) Date- 3rd and 4th Sept-2017

Two day residential Training on promotion of millets and use of farm machinery under Millet Mission project in tribal areas was organized by CYSD PRAYAS, Boipariguda on 3rd and 4th September 2017 in conference hall of village of Doraguda.



In the first day, Deputy Director of Agriculture Mr. Kali Das Biswas along with Training Officer attended the training programme and briefed about the uniqueness of the Millet Mission Program to the farmers, PRI members and other villagers. More than 20 farmers, 6 CRPs, 6 ward members and 07 AWW were participated. Basic objective of training programme was to promote millet food

items, bases millet inclusion, reason for extinction of different millets and revival of millets.

In the second day of the training program, District Coordinator of the WASSAN discussed with the farmers about best cultivation practices of the millet in the different villages and can we adopt? if the methods are suitable and sustained. There was also discussion on *Special programme for promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas*. The discussed proceeded towards the millets cultivation like SMI and Line Transplantation, raising nursery bed for SMI and Line transplant, Weeding & Log rolling, creating demand for market and more production of different types of millets at village and block level. The most important topic was discussed among the farmers, PRIs, AWWs, SHGs on Nutritional benefits of millets for the children and especially the lactating women, who lived in the village.

After that, 3-4 groups were formed and topic was given to all the groups regarding types of millets available in their respective area and they listed like–MamiMandia, BadaMandia, Dasramandia, Sana Mandia, Suan, Kangu, Jana etc. And discussion was carried forward on millet recipes suitable for the children and they can eat properly.

In the afternoon, all the participants visited to see the SMI/LT spot exposure. So that more farmers can adopt in future and discussed the use of farm machinery and, the DDA Koraput along with AAO of Boipariguda visited to see the processing unit with the participants. At the end of last session of the training program, the Program Manager of CYSD, Prayas was briefed the feedback for the promotion of the millets in the tribal area and finally the training program was wind up with Vote of thanks to the participants by the Senior Program Manager.