

Residential Training to Farmers on Promotion of Millets

Venue-Pragati, Padwa (Nandapur) Date- 8th and 9th Sept-2017

Two day residential Training on promotion of millets in tribal areas under Millet Mission project was organized by PRAGATI on 8th and 9th September 2017 in the field school of PRAGATI in the village of Padwa Near the Dakbangla.

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 50 farmers, 4 CRPs, 6 ward members, 10 AWW and 03 newly elected Sarapanchas 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 and the Millet Mission having plan to include millet in departments like Education department hostel schools, ICDS and MDM etc.

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—Mami Mandia, Bada Mandia, 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 participants visited the field for exposure to see the SMI/LT for adopting this practice in future. Finally the training program was wind up with Vote of thanks to the Participants by the Program Manager.