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List of Abbreviations

BWDB	Bangladesh Water Development Board
DAE	Department of Agricultural Extension
EKN	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
FFS	Farmer Field School
FO	FFS Organizer
BWDB	Bangladesh Water Development Board
IPSWAM	Integrated Planning for Sustainable Water Management
WMG	Water Management Group
WMA	Water Management Association
WMO	Water Management Organization
DPP	Development Project Proposal

1. Introduction

1.1 Background information

The Blue Gold Program is a Dutch – Bangladesh joint endeavour to support the people of Khulna, Satkhira and Patuakhali districts in water management for development. In these three districts, Blue Gold Program will work in 9 polders that were already developed by BWDB during a previous project (IPSWAM) and 17 other polders will be selected for rehabilitation and fine-tuning. Total area of the Blue Gold polders is 150,000 hectares.

DAE will provide crop production technology to the WMGs through the Farmer Field School (FFS) approach. About 1000 FFS on rice, field crops, vegetables and fruits will be organized by Departmental Trainers (DT) and Farmers Trainers (FT). Total 25,000 farm household (one male and one female) both male and female would be trained up through these FFS and learning would spread out through FFS farmers to WMGs member in the polder. During the implementation period, DAE will also setup demonstration-trials for real learning opportunities to the farmers in the Blue Gold areas.

The crops FFS will be implemented by DAE under a separate DPP. These activities are expected to start in late November 2013, initially by organizing a season-long TOT for DAE staffs.

To review a curriculum on FFS and season long TOT, DAE organized a day-long workshop on . "Technology Selection (Curriculum Development for Farmers Field School & Season Long ToT Courses)" under the project entitled "Transfer of Technology for Agriculture Production under Blue Gold Program (DAE Part)" on Thursday, 19 December, 2013. The venue was at DAE conference room 2nd floor, middle building, Khamarbari, Dhaka.

1.2 Objectives of the DAE workshop

The main objectives of the DAE workshops are:

- To review the ICM curriculum and develop an updated version for homestead garden and crops in line with the Blue Gold objectives
- To review the ICM curriculum and develop a new version for season-long TOT for DAE staffs to achieve Blue Gold activities

1.3 Inauguration

KBD MD MATIAR RAHMAN, Director, Field Services Wing, DAE chaired the meeting. The inaugural session began with a recitation from the Holy Quaran. Tahmina Begum, Project Director, welcomed all the guests and participants in the curriculum development workshop and gave a short overview on DAE activities mainly crop part with DPP. She mentioned in the workshop that DAE was not involved in formulation of DPP initially. However, it was included with this project later and prepared a separate DPP. Funding for the DPP has not been released yet. On behalf of TA part Mr. Md. Ashraful Islam, Deputy Component Leader of Food security and agricultural component of Blue Gold programme gave an overview on Blue Gold activities. He focused on the project areas, duration and different components. The components are:

Component 1: Community Mobilization and Institutional Strengthening

Component 2: Water Resources Management Infrastructure Development, which will help to manage water properly which will help increase agricultural production

Component 4: Business Development. This component is working on value chain development that is from input supply to marketing. FFS participants will be benefitted by getting information on good input supply source and the best marketing places.

Component 5: Cross Cutting Issues, that is gender, Good Governance, Environment, Disaster management and Training.

Component 3: Food Security and Agricultural Production The main objective of this component is to help our target farmers to increase their production through FFS approach. Ashraf said TA team will implement FFS on Homestead garden, nutrition, poultry, livestock and fisheries and DAE will run the FFS on crop sector (rice, other field crops, homestead vegetables and fruits). The FFS curriculum should be realistic with current field situation. He hoped that the experts will review the ICM module and then suggest improvements to make a revised curriculum.

The Special Guest, KBD MD ABU HANIF MIAH, Director, Plant Protection Wing, DAE stated that before entering this workshop the project name was bit new to him and try to understand the meaning. After coming to this workshop he learned from his previous speakers. The objectives of this project are good. It is not confined with only vegetable or crop but also deal with livestock and fisheries. He said it is good to select a disaster prone area for the project and suggested to avoid overlapping with other project like IFMC, ICM, IPM, etc. He hoped that all experts will give their input and ideas to develop a good curriculum. He also stated that this project will practice environmental friendly agriculture activities by FFS approach. And in near future farmers could see the ultimate output.

After that, 2nd special guest, KBD ANIL CHANDRA SARKER, Director, Food Crops Wing, DAE, welcomed everybody to the workshop. He opined that the FFS should be conducted on considering the agroecological environment. The plain land activities may not be applicable for this project. And he emphasised on avoiding duplication with other projects. If the beneficiaries overlapped with other projects then the real number of beneficiaries will not be increased.

KBD MUKUL CHANDRA ROY, Director General, DAE, he stated that Blue Gold means water. To use water for crop production and then the produced crop will turn as gold to the farmers. He said that it's necessary to consider the baseline situation in different polders and develop the curriculum. That will indicate where we are and where we will want to go. Review the similar curriculum, find out the weakness of that curriculum and suggest improvements for Blue Gold. DG emphasized on water logging at the project areas. To consider the floating agriculture if possible and the ail crop. He mentioned that the activities should be depending on farmers demand. Rice-fish culture may be an option there. He opined that after developing the curriculum, it needs to be tested at field level before finalization.

Then followed the Chairpersons speech, in which he stated to learn about the selected area first. Water has different use like fisheries, agriculture, livestock etc and has conflicted with different groups. So, coordination among different groups is necessary. 1000 crops FFS will be run by DAE. That will bring benefit to the local farmers. Duplication need to be avoided with other projects. Water should be managed properly. He hopes that all expert members in this workshop will give their time properly and develop a good curriculum. He also thanked the project team for organizing this workshop with a political unrest and opened the session.

1.4. Working session

After the inaugural session Tahmina made an oral presentation to the participants. She focused on DPP with DAE.

- 1000 FFS will be run by DAE
- FFS for field crop will be for male
- FFS for HG and nutrition will be female
- Demonstration will be 380

- Exchange visit will be organized
- Demo will be organized.

After her presentation, an open discussion was started as the participants are not clear what kind of input they will incorporate. Project Director (SCDP) opined that for technology transfer it needs to be known the main crop in the project area. He mentioned that is the DAE, DPP confined with only rice? What will be happened if there any other crop which one is very useful for farmers or may be the new crop? Other participants also have some queries on that issue.

To clarify more about Blue Gold propgram, Mr. Ashraf then gave a presentation. He explained that the FFS will start with WMG members in different polders, nine polders are available now. FFS will start with first main crop but there is scope with the project to shift with new other crops with second cycle.

There is a innovative demo option with this project. Blue Gold will focus on Value Chain and Gender from TA part. Currently 22 FFS organizers are deployed within four polders and they are going to start their FFS very soon on poultry, nutrition and homestead vegetables and fruits. From TA part a curriculum workshop was organized for homestead garden, nutrition and poultry. Another fisheries and livestock development workshop will be conduct soon etc. At least 30% women will be included with FFS. After his presentation all participants got a clear idea about the overall activities of the project. However, PD of DAE emphasized to restrict with her DPP. She mentioned that it is not DAE's concern what TA team will do. DAE will do their activities according DPP.

According to today's schedule there were two groups work for FFS curriculum and two groups for season long TOT. But it was decided that two groups would work on homestead garden and nutrition modules and two groups will worked on rice curriculum module. Groups are divided numerically.

Group 1 and group 3 worked on rice curriculum and group 2 and group 4 worked on homestead curriculum. Season-long TOT activities were dropped from the schedule due to time constraint. She explained to the participants that 20 sessions will be prepared for rice and vegetables module each. Ashraf from TA team suggested that curriculum designed need to be based on the Blue Gold objectives. For vegetables module for TA part, there are 8 sessions suggested by the expert from a workshop. But the PD said for DAE part the session should be 20 for rice and vegetables each.

1.5. Presentation session: Group leaders

Curriculum for FFS on Rice (Group-1)

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
1	-	Several activities need to be prepared before the actual start of the
		FFS, even before the start of the growing season. These include:
		- Site selection for the FFS
		- Selection of 25 farmer families
		- Benchmark survey
		 Identify the local crop production constraints after discussing with the farmers
		- Site selection for trial plots.
		 Collection of seeds for trials/observation plots
		 Preparation of materials for ballot boxes
		- Purchase & collection of FFS materials.
2		- Pre FFS ballot box test
		- Introduction to Farmer Field School (FFS) and Integrated Crop
		Management (ICM) on rice
		 Discussion: Norms and Expectations for FFS participants Presentation of main subjects for each of the 20 sessions.
		 Presentation of the budget for the FFS and list of materials
		 Discuss the importance of group work and form groups
		- Group Dynamics: Role plays to present the name of the groups.
		- Brief inauguration of the FFS
		- Special topic on seed health: Characteristics of good quality seed,
		seed selection, sorting of seeds, germination test
		- Ideal seedbed preparation and sowing seed in the seed bed
		(establish within this week).
		- Raising vegetable seedling for ail crop
		Summarize and planning for next session Recap
3		 Observation and short discussion on results of germination test
		- Seed bad observation and management.
		- Salinity and adaptation techniques.
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "List as many as you can" or "Mental map
		exercise")
		- Special topic (group exercise): Effect of organic matter on soil
		texture, soil composition, water holding capacity, etc.
		- Discussion on special topics (farmer need based)
		 Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic requests2)
4		requests?) - Recap
4		 Observation of seed bed, and collection, sorting, identification of
		pest and defenders from seed bed
		- Short discussion on status of the seed bed.
		- Discussion on AEZ & Integrated plant nutrition system (IPNS) and
		fertilizer recommendation on the basis of AEZ & IPNS.
		- Dynamics (e.g. "Message relay" or "")
		- Special topic: Uprooting and transplanting technique
		- Summarize and planning for next session

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
5		 Recap Discussion on uprooting and transplanting techniques
		 Discussion on uprooting and transplanting techniques Soil health. Importance of OM on Soil health. OM preparation and
		usages.
		- Finalization on trial plot.
		- GD
		 Discussion on Granular pesticide. Special topics
		- Function of fertilizer.
		- Sumarization and planning for nex session.
6		- Recap
		 Discuss details and set-up the study/observation plots
		1. ICM plot versus FP plot
		 Variety study plot Ail crop (AC)
		4. Other trials/studies according to farmer's decision (e.g. rice-
		fish culture RFC/transplant 1/2 seedlings/ effect of seedling
		age on yield/ Alternate wetting & drying etc.)
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Doing things for or with peoples (across the
		river)" - Summarize and planning for next session.
7		- Recap
1		 Discuss details and set-up study/observation plots:
		1. Fertilizer management plots (3 plots, comparing Integrated
		Plant Nutrition System (IPNS), Inorganic Fertilizer (IF) and
		Farmers Practice (FP)) 2. Insect Zoo (IZ)
		3. Fertilizer Application Method (FAM) study, USG and prilled
		urea application
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Water Brigade" or "")
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
8		- Recap
		 Identification of growth phases of rice plant (vegetative phase) and its related management practices.
		- Techniques of field sampling.
		- Sorting, collection and identification of pests and defenders and
		analyze the results.
		- Role play on climate change issues and adaptation techniques.
		 Summarize and plan for next session (any special topic request for the men?)
9		- Recap
		- Observe insect zoo and reset the insect zoo, if necessary.
		- Set-up observation plots on detillering and defoliation.
		- Field survey techniques for pests and diseases of rice, and field
		 sampling of pests and defenders of rice. Discussion: Introduction to the concept of Agro-ecosystem. What is
		Agro Ecosystem Analysis (AESA)? How to do AESA?
		- Agro-Eco-System Analysis (AESA-1)
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Role plays on Predation" or "IPM story" or
		- Special topic: Food habits of crop defenders
		 General discussion on rice pest management, including insect/disease which was found important during the AESA session
		- Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic
		requests?)

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
10	0	- Recap. Review if decisions from AESA-1 were implemented.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation of variety demonstration, ail crop & fertilizer
		management plot.
		- Practice AESA-2
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Role play on pesticide" or
		"")
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found during the AESA session.
		- Special topic: Adverse effect of pesticides (discussion and role play) and discussion on how to reduce risk of pesticides.
		- Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic
		requests?)
11		- Recap
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation: Detillering, Defoliation, and Ail Crops studies.
		- Identification of growth phases of rice plant (reproductive phase)
		and its related management practices.
		- Field observation and decision making for ICM plot
		- Management of current pest: Pest or disease found during the field
		observations
		- Role play on cost reduction through combined irrigation
		- Summarize and program for next session.
12		- Recap. Review if decisions from AESA-2 were implemented.
. –		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observations study plots: Ail crop & Fertilizer application method
		- Practice AESA-3
		- Discussion on seed production techniques and practice (1st
		roughing)
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Protecting one self" or "Role play on seed"
		or "Natural defenders, pests and diseases" or "")
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease found important during the AESA session
		- Special topic: Conservation and Augmentation of Natural Enemies
		(parasitoids and predators)
		- Summarize and planning for next session
10		- Recap.
13		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		 Observation of insect 200 and re-set, if needed. Observations study plots: Ail crop & Fertilizer application method
		 Review if decisions from AESA-3 were implemented
		- Practice AESA-4
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "The boat is sinking (Titanic)" or
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. The boar is sinking (manic) of "")
		- Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found
		during this session during AESA
		 Discussion on reproductive phase and related management
		practices
		- Special Topic: Exercise on nutrient mining and nutrient flow
		- Special topic: (based on request by farmers, if any)
		- Summarize and planning for next session.

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
14	y	- Recap.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation of variety demonstration, ail crop & fertilizer
		management plot.
		- Review if decisions from AESA-4 were implemented
		- Practice AESA -5
		 2nd roughing practice for seed plot (ICM plot) Group Dynamics (e.g. Blind fold game" or "7 Up game" or
		"")
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found
		during the AESA
		- Special topic: (based on request by farmers, if any)
		- Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic
		requests?)
15		- Recap.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation: Detillering, Defoliation, and Ail Crops studies.
		 Review if decisions from AESA-5 were implemented Field observation and decision making for ICM plot
		 Field observation and decision making for ICM plot Management of current pest: Pest or disease which were found to
		be a problem in the field during the session.
		- Identification of growth phases of rice plant (Ripening phase) and its
		related management practices.
		- any special topic requests by participant.
		- Advantages of agril input purchage and collection through combined
		effort.
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
16		- Recap.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation of variety trial, ail crop & fertilizer application method
		plot. Review if last weeks decisions were implemented
		 Review if last weeks decisions were implemented Observation:, variety observation plot, and insect Zoo
	3-4 hours	- Practice AESA-6
		- Group Dynamics (e.g. "Finding lost items" or "Puzzles (Drawing
		insect)" or "")
		- Management of current pest: Insect or disease observed during
		AESA
		- Special topic: (based on request by farmers, if any)
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
17		- Recap.
		 Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Observation: Detillering, defoliation, & fertilizer management plot
		 Review if decisions from AESA-6 were implemented
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found
		important during field observations
		- Benefit calculation for improved practices (exercise) comparing the
		ICM with FP
		- Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic
		requests? For men?
		- developed market chain through group approaches
		- Summarize and planning for next session

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
18		 Recap Horizontal expansion of FFS learning Benefits of organization and element of a organization GD Any leftover topics.
19		Summarize and planning for next session - Recap
		 Organic sources of nutrient and IPNS concept in case the FFS participants decide to use legumes and green manure for next season. Importance of Green Manure (GM) / Brown Manure (BM) and it's cultivation procedures Seed collection. Processing and storage of seed. Adverse effect of chemicals used for fruit ripening, fish & vegetable processing Harvesting and yield recording of all observation and study plots, and make economic calculations for all plots Discussions and conclusions on all the studies Field day preparation. Who does what and when?
20		 Registration Group formation, Field and booth visit. ICM Component booth: Banners, explanation of what is ICM, including the ail crops, LCC and USG AESA booth: Explain AESA, Pests and Defenders, augmentation and conservation Pesticides booth: Adverse effect of pesticides and risk reduction: showing adverse effect and how to reduce risk while transportation, storage, spraying, etc. Soil booth: Including soil health, IPNS, show fertilizer recommendations for different grades, plant nutrition, nutrient mining and nutrient flow, results from observation plots, nutrient deficiency study in pots etc. Seed booth: Seed health, seed germination , seed production, storage and preservation, results from variety study plots etc Improved homestead activities: Showing homestead vegetable garden, information on human nutrition and cooking, improved stove, FYM, tree plantation etc. WMG booth: Show activity plans for the coming year and activities already performed. Big group presentations: A male farmer summarizes what they have done and learned in the FFS (max 5 minutes) Two persons (male and female) present their plans for a club (each max 5 minutes) Official inauguration of the club for all members (men and women) and visitors. Rewarding of the best female (2) and best male (2) farmers. Distribution of certificates to FFS farmers (if all sessions completed)

FFS Curriculum on Rice (Group-3)

Session	Timing	Activities/Topics
0	Before FFS (Facilitators along with tag SAAO will organize a meeting with the possible FFS farmers.)	 Site selection for the FFS Selection of 25 farmers Benchmark survey Identify the rice production constraints after discussing with the farmers Site selection for trial plots. Collection of seeds for trials/observation plots Preparation of materials for ballot boxes Purchase & collection of FFS materials.
1		 Inauguration of FFS Pre FFS ballot box test Introduction to Farmer Field School (FFS) Discussion: Norms and Expectations for FFS participants Presentation of main subjects for each of the 20 sessions. Discuss the importance of group work and form groups
2	Before seedbed preparation	 Characteristics of good quality seed, sorting of seeds & germination test Group Dynamics Ideal seedbed preparation and sowing seed in the seed bed (establish within this week). Special topics: Seedling production through polythene to protect from cold injury Summarize and planning for next session
3	Before transplanting	 Recap Observation and short discussion on results of germination test Effect of salinity on rice production and adaptation options Group Dynamics Special topic (group exercise): Effect of organic matter on soil texture, soil composition, water holding capacity, etc. Function of fertilizer and their deficiency symptoms Summarize and planning for next session
4	Before transplanting	 Recap Observation of seed bed, and collection, sorting, identification of pest and defenders from seed bed Discussion on AEZ & Integrated plant nutrition system (IPNS) and fertilizer recommendation on the basis of AEZ & IPNS. Group Dynamics Discuss briefly on trial plots and raising seedling in poly bag for ail crop Special topic: Uprooting and transplanting technique Summarize and planning for next session
5	Transplanting time	 Recap Discuss details and set-up the study/observation plots Improved practice versus FP plot Variety study plot Ail crop (AC) Rice-fish culture(RFC) Alternate wetting & drying (AWD) Group Dynamics Summarize and planning for next session.

Session	Timing	Activities/Topics
6		- Recap
	Transplanting time	 Discuss details and set-up study/observation plots: 1. Fertilizer management plots (comparing Integrated Plant Nutrition System (IPNS), Inorganic Fertilizer (IF) and Farmers Practice (FP))
		 Insect Zoo (IZ) Fertilizer Application Method (FAM) study (USG and prilled urea application) Group Dynamics
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
7		- Recap
	14 DAT	 Identification of growth stage of rice plant (tillering stage) and activities related to growth stage.
		 Techniques of field sampling. Group dynamics
		- Sorting, collection and identification of pests and defenders.
		- Summarize and plan for next session
8		- Recap
		- Observe insect zoo and reset the insect zoo, if necessary.
	21 DAT	- Set-up observation plots on detillering and defoliation.
		 Discussion: Introduction to the concept of Agro-ecosystem. What is Agro Ecosystem Analysis (AESA)? How to do AESA? Agro-Eco-System Analysis (AESA-1)
		- Group Dynamics
		- Special topic: Food habits of crop defenders
		- General discussion on rice pest management, including
		insect/disease which was found important during the AESA session
		Summarize and planning for next session
9		 Recap Farm yard manure (FYM): Discussion & practical (Importance of organic manure, source of organic manure, and importance of
		 covering the FYM pit and protect from sun and rain water. Group Dynamics
	28 DAT	- Special topics: Soil flashing
		Summarize and planning for next session
10		- Recap. Review if decisions from AESA-1 were implemented.
		 Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Observation of variety demonstration, ail crop & fertilizer
	35 DAT	management plot.
		- Practice AESA-2
		- Group Dynamics
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found during the AESA session.
		- Special topic: Adverse effect of pesticides (discussion and role
		 play) and discussion on how to reduce risk of pesticides. Summarize and planning for next session
11		- Recap
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
	42 DAT	- Observation: Detillering, Defoliation, and Ail Crops studies.
		- Field observation and decision making for Improve practice plot
		 Special Topic: Exercise on nutrient mining and nutrient flow Group Dynamics
		 Group Dynamics Management of current pest: Pest or disease found during the
		field observations
		- Summarize and program for next session.
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Session	Timing	Activities/Topics
12	3	- Recap. Review if decisions from AESA-2 were implemented.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observations study plots: Ail crop & Fertilizer application method
	49 DAT	- Practice AESA-3
	10 2711	- Discussion on seed production techniques and practice (1st
		roughing)
		 Group Dynamics Management of current pest: Insect or disease found important
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease found important during the AESA session
		- Special topic: Conservation and Augmentation of Natural
		Enemies (parasitoids and predators)
		- Summarize and planning for next session
13		- Recap.
		 Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
	56 DAT	- Observations study plots: Ail crop & Fertilizer application method
		- Practice AESA-4
		- Group Dynamics
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found during this session during AESA
		 Discussion on reproductive phase and related management
		practices
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
14		- Recap.
		 Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
	63 DAT	- Observation of variety demonstration, ail crop & fertilizer
		management plot.
		- Practice AESA -5
		 2nd roughing practice for seed plot Group Dynamics
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found
		during the AESA
		- Summarize and planning for next session
15		- Recap.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
	70 DAT	- Observation: Detillering, Defoliation, and Ail Crops studies.
		- Field observation and decision making for trial plot
		 Management of current pest: Pest or disease which were found to be a problem in the field during the session.
		- Summarize and planning for next session
16		- Recap.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed.
		- Observation of variety trial, ail crop & fertilizer application method
	77 DAT	plot.
		- Practice AESA-6
		- Group Dynamics
		 Management of current pest: Insect or disease observed during AESA
		- Summarize and planning for next session.
17		- Recap
		 Organic sources of nutrient and IPNS concept in case the group
	84 DAT	members decide to use legumes and green manure for next
		season.
		- Importance of Green Manure (GM) / Brown Manure (BM) and it's
		cultivation procedure
		- Group Dynamics
		 Post harvest management of rice seeds (harvesting, drying, winnowing, storage and preservation of seed
		 winnowing, storage and preservation of seed ummarize and planning for next session
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Session	Timing	Activities/Topics
18	91 DAT	 Recap. Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Observation: Detillering, defoliation, & fertilizer management plot Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found important during field observations Discussion on ripening phase and related management practices Horizontal dissemination of improved practices through result demonstration of trial plots Summarize and planning for next session
19	98 DAT	 Recap Follow up on Farm Yard Manure production Stored grain pest management Harvesting and yield recording of all observation and study plots, and make economic calculations for all plots Discussions and conclusions on all the studies Group Dynamics Discussion on safe food & food security. BBT Discuss program and planning for the field day. Who does what and when? Summarize
20	Field day session	Field day

Discussed issues: Alternative Water management, SRI, Topic, Session, Horizontal Learning,

Discussant: Dr. Anis, Munir, Ashraf, Tahmina, Zhumu, Shamsu, Jahedul Alam, Rezaul Islam

After discussion regarding alternative water management system it was concluded that due to salinity it is not always possible to practice this system. One master trainer from DAE did his Ph.D on SRI. He opined that in context of Bangladesh it is not always feasible because it need hard labour, more attention. SRI has 6 components, if one components failed then total system will be interrupted. For horizontal learning if will be with 18th session then learning can be spread with others. There will be some output to show the other participants in between the sessions. After discussion it was decided that if any result shown before the last sessions then that could be done before. In between one farmer can bring two farmers and show their activities and results for horizontal learning Minimum 6 AESA need to be incorporated with new curriculum. It was also discussed that it need to reduced topics and increased sessions.

Group 2 and 4 FFS curriculum vegetables

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
		- Site selection for the FFS
		- Selection of 25 farm families
		- Benchmark survey
		 Identify the local crop production
		constraints after discussing with the
		farmers
		- Site selection for trial plots.
	Before FFS	- Collection of seeds for
0		trials/observation plots
		- Collection of vegetable seeds for ails
		crops
		 Preparation of materials for ballot
		boxes
		- Purchase & collection of FFS
		materials.
		materials.
		- Pre FFS ballot box test
1		- Introduction to Farmer Field School
		(FFS) and Importance of homestead
		gardening & nutrition
1		- Discussion: Norms and Expectations
		for FFS participants
		- Discuss the importance & formation
		of group work.
		- Group Dynamics: Role plays to
		present the name of the groups.
		- Brief inauguration of the FFS
		 Problem analysis of vegetables &
		fruits and prioritizing the problem
		- Special topic on seed health:
		Characteristics of good quality seed,
2		seed selection, sorting of seeds,
_		germination test
		- Ideal seedling growing of vegetables.
		 Summarize and planning for next
		session
		- Recap
		- Observation and short discussion on
		results of germination test
		- Group Dynamics
		- Special topic (group exercise): Effect
		of organic matter on soil texture, soil
3		composition, water holding capacity,
		etc.
		- Give responsibilities for collection of
		materials for next week's practical
		session on improved stove
		preparation
		- Summarize and planning for next
		session (any special topic requests?)
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Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
4		 Recap Homestead vegetable gardening: Introduction (how and why) and setting up plots Introduction to some vegetable pests and defenders: collection, sorting, identification of insects found in vegetable gardens. Pest management in homestead vegetable garden by using IPM concepts. Group Dynamics Special topic: Discuss and practice hand pollination in vegetables Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic requests?)
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6		 Recap Discuss details and set-up the study/observation plots ICM plot versus FP plot Variety study plot Ail crop (AC) Other trials/studies according to farmer's decision Group Dynamics Summarize and planning for next session.
7		 Recap Discuss details and set-up of Insect Zoo (IZ) Group Dynamics Summarize and planning for next session.
8		 Recap Sorting, collection and identification of pests and defenders and analyze the results. Summarize and plan for next session (any special topic request for the men?)
9		 Recap Observe insect zoo and reset the insect zoo, if necessary. Discussion: Introduction to the concept of Agro-ecosystem. What is Agro Ecosystem Analysis (AESA)? How to do AESA? Agro-Eco-System Analysis (AESA-1) Group Dynamics Special topic: Food habits of crop defenders Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic requests?)

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
		- Recap
		- If homestead vegetables were
		already planted in previous women
		session then include a short visit to
		observe the plot, followed by
		discussion.
10		 What is food, classification of food on the basis of function (Discussion &
10		practical)
		- Farm yard manure (FYM):
		Discussion & practical (Importance
		of organic manure, source of
		organic manure, and importance of
		covering the FYM pit and protect
		from sun and rain water.
		- Group Dynamics
		- Recap. Review if decisions from
		AESA-1 were implemented.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set,
		if needed. - Practice AESA-2
11	10 th session	- Group Dynamics
	3-4 hours	- Management of current pest: Insect
		or disease which was found during
		the AESA session.
		- Special topic:
		 Summarize and planning for next session (any special topic requests?)
		- Recap
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set,
		if needed.
	11 th session	- Review if decisions from AESA-2
12	(about 2 hours).	were implemented. - Field observation and decision
	(1-1.5 hour)	making
		- Management of current pest: Pest or
		disease found during the field
		observations
		 Summarize and program for next session.
		- Recap. Review if decisions from
		AESA-2 were implemented.
		- Observation of insect zoo and re-set,
	12 th session	if needed. - Practice AESA-3
40		- Group Dynamics
13		- Management of current pest: Insect
		or disease found important during the
	3-4 hours	AESA session
		- Special topic: Conservation and
		Augmentation of Natural Enemies (parasitoids and predators)
		- Summarize and planning for next
		session
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Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
14		 Recap. Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Review if decisions from AESA-3 were implemented Practice AESA-4 Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found during this session during AESA Special topic:
15		 Recap. Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Review if decisions from AESA-4 were implemented Practice AESA -5 Group Dynamics Management of current pest: Insect or disease which was found during the AESA Special topic:
16		 Recap. Observation of insect zoo and re-set, if needed. Review if last weeks decisions were implemented Practice AESA-6 Group Dynamics Management of current pest: Insect or disease observed during AESA Special topic:

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
		- Recap
		- Brief visit to the vegetable plots
		- Practical on planting of saplings, and
		tree management.
		- Introduction to some pests that might
47		attack fruit-trees and natural enemies
		(parasitoids and predators) of those
		pests, and discuss their management
17		in the light of ICM.
		- Group Dynamics
		 Post harvest management of rice
		and vegetable seeds (harvesting,
		drying, winnowing, storage and
		preservation of seed, and storage
		pest management)
		 Summarize and planning for next
		session (any special topic requests?)
		- Recap
		- Vegetable garden visit, field sampling
		pest and defenders and observations
		- Discussion on vegetable garden field
		visit, identification and discussion on
		collected pests and defenders, and
		the management of these pests
		(=AESA style exercise for the
		women)
		- Follow up on Farm Yard Manure
		production and Tree Plantation
		- Group Dynamics
		- Balanced diet: What is balanced diet
18		and why it is necessary. Discussion
		on diet for vulnerable groups (infants,
		adolescent girls, pregnant and
		lactating mothers) and adults.
		 Discussion on safe food & food
		security.
		 Practical on making balanced food & cooking
		cooking. Follow-up discussion on how the
		 Follow-up discussion on how the annual work plan can be
		implemented.
		 Discuss program and planning for
		the field day. Who does what and
		when?
		- Summarize

Session	Timing & duration	Activities/Topics
		- Recap.
		 Adverse effect of chemicals used for fruit ripening, fish & vegetable
		processing
		- Harvesting and yield recording of all
	20 th session	observation and study plots, and
19		make economic calculations for all
		plots
		 Discussions and conclusions on all the studies
	3-4 hours	- Follow-up discussion on how the
		annual work plan can be
		implemented
		- Field day preparation. Who does
		what and when?
20		- Field day preparation
		 Registration Group formation,
		 Group formation, Field and booth visit.
		8. ICM Component booth
		9. AESA booth: Explain AESA,
		Pests and Defenders,
		augmentation and conservation 10. Pesticides booth: Adverse effect
		of pesticides and risk reduction:
		showing adverse effect and how
	Field day session	to reduce risk while
	Field day session	transportation, storage, spraying,
	4 hours	etc. 11.
		11.
	Before harvesting time (= with	13.
	crop still in field, but no yield	Big group presentations:
	data available)	- A male farmer summarizes what they
	or	have done and learned in the FFS
	After harvest (no crop in field,	(max 5 minutes)
	but all yield results are	 A female farmer summarizes what the women have done and learned in
	available)	the FFS (max 5 minutes)
		- Two persons (male and female)
		present their plans for a club (each
		max 5 minutes)
		- Official inauguration of the club for all
		members (men and women) and visitors.
		 Rewarding of the best female (2) and
		best male (2) farmers.
		- Distribution of certificates to FFS
		farmers (if all sessions completed)

Topics suggested for fruit portion

- White mite management of coconut -
- Fertilizer management in fruit trees -
- Pest management in mango (Hopper) and fruit fly Impact of calcium carbide in fruit preservation -
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- Caterpiller management of Hogplum
- Post harvest management of fruit (common session)
- Die-back and Anthrocnose disease management of Guava
- Value addition of fruit
- Rodent management in coconut
- Month-wise fruit selection planning fro year round fruit supply
- Sapling preparation, raising, selection and planting technique (Practical) and Demonstration setup on New fruit/new variety of a fruit
- Collection, sorting, identification of pest, diseases and nutritional disorder of existing fruit
- Horticultural management in fruit trees (training, pruning, thinning)
- Production and management technique of Jujube
- AESA in fruit garden (20
- Trail set up (Coconut, Mango, Guava
- AESA-2

Topics suggested for vegetable portion

- Organic matter and
- improved stove
- Importance of homestead vegetable cultivation
- Year round vegetable cultivation
- Homestead space planning
- Vegetable production technology of x crop (major vegetable of that area
- Vegetable production technology of y crop (2nd major veg. of that area
- Production technology of saline tolerant vegetable (any one/two saline tolerant veg. suggested by BARI/Res.)
- Production techniques for floating vegetables cultivation (Special & need based topic)
- Natural enemies of vegetables crops
- Insect pest management of vegetable
- Disease management of vegetables
- AESA fro Veg. (at least 3 AESA)
- Trail set-up
- 1. Homestead Space Planning
- 2. Variety trial
- 3. Fertilizer management (Organic+inorganic)
- 4. Pest management through IPM methods
- Post harvest management of vegetable
- Organic matter management (FYM/Compost)
- Safe use of pesticide (handling, storage, cleaning etc
- Improved stove: preparation and use
- Storage and preservation of vegetable seed
- Trial/ study plot observation & discuss results

Topics suggested for

- Food classification on the basis of function
- Food, nutrition and nutritional disorder and their remedies
- Balance food, importance of balance food and food habit
- Extra balanced food requirement for different age group
- Safe food and food security
- Proper cooking

Horizontal learning -Field day -Farm walk The presenter shown their suggested topics and said that the topic should be organized according to farmers needs.

Discussed issues: Number of session, topics, field day, new variety **Discussant:** Ashraf, Idris, Rezaul, Tahmina, Zhumu

It was found from the FFS curriculum presentation on Homestead Garden that the session increased from 12 to 20 with new FFS curriculum. Problem analysis, space planning, trial set-up, risk reduction for using pesticide need to be emphasized. Saline tolerant variety need to be selected for homestead garden like Indian spinach. One day need to spare for field day preparation.

2. Conclusion:

Through Workshop on "Technology Selection (Curriculum Development for Farmers Field School & Season Long ToT Courses)" under the project entitled "Transfer of Technology for Agriculture Production under Blue Gold Program (DAE Part)" DAE part got several new ideas to improve their FFS curriculum on rice and homestead vegetables and fruits. Due to time shortage season long TOT curriculum was dropped from the schedule. The four groups mainly worked on ICM curriculum and made only few changes for both of curriculum. The modules require further review. Tahmina thanked all participants for their contributions and opined that the curriculum modules need further fine tuning.

Blue Gold TA staffs opinion is that there is no need to separate male and female FFS but that the FFS should focus on households (male and female of same family) as in AEC. There is no need to spend 20 sessions on one crop, or 20 sessions on homestead. It is better to follow AEC curriculum and replace the club sessions with extra homestead vegetable sessions. Other adjustments to curriculum needed are more horizontal learning and introduce market orientation in the FFS.

Invitation letter on Workshop



Appendix 1

Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) cordially invites you to the workshop on "Technology Selection (Curriculum Development for Farmers Field School & Season Long ToT Courses)"

under the project entitled "Transfer of Technology for Agriculture Production under Blue Gold Program (DAE Part)" on Thursday, 19 December, 2013 at

9.30 AM at DAE conference room, 2nd floor, Middle building, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215.

KBD. MUKUL CHANDRA ROY, Director General, DAE has kindly consented to grace the occasion as the chief guest.

KBD. ANIL CHANDRA SARKER, Director, Food Crops Wing, DAE Will attend the workshop as special guest.

KBD. MD. ABU HANIF MIAH, Director, Plant Protection Wing, DAE, will also attend the workshop as special guest.

KBD. MD. MATIAR RAHMAN, Director, Field Services Wing, DAE will preside over the workshop.

You are kindly requested to attend the workshop on time and participate actively to make the workshop successful.

TAHMINA BEGUM Project Director Transfer of Technology for Agriculture Production under Blue Gold Program (DAE Part)

Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215.

Appendix 2 Programme Schedule

Program Schedule

Venue: DAE Conference room, 2nd floor, Middle building, Khamarbari, Dhaka-1215. Date: Thursday, 19 December, 2013 Time: 9.30 AM

Inaugural Session

09.00-10.00: Registration 10.00-10.05: Guests take their sits 10.05-10.00: Recitation from the Holy Quran 10.10-10.20: Welcome Address by **TAHMINA BEGUM**, Project Director 10.20-10.30: Speech by the Special guest -1 10.30-10.40: Speech by the Special guest -2 10.40-10.50: Speech by the Chief Guest and inauguration of the workshop 10.50-11.00: Speech by the Chairperson and closing of the 1st session 11.00-11.20: Tea Break

Group Exercise

11.30-11.35: Group work introduction by **TAHMINA BEGUM** 11.35-01.15: Group work (Four Groups) 01.15-02.00: Lunch and prayer break 02.00-03.30: Group work presentation Group - 1- FFS Curriculum Group - 2 - FFS Curriculum Group - 3 - Season long ToT Group - 4 - Season long ToT 03.30-04.15: Wrap up and concluding remarks 04.15-04.30: Tea break and closing

Appendix-3 : Participants List

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Appendix-4: Presentation by Ashraf

Appendix 5: Some pictures