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Training for Nursery Owners

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A memorandum of understanding between Blue Gold Program and Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Germ Plasm Center, Mymensingh, was recently signed for adapting underutilized fruits and vegetables at different Blue Gold polder areas through participatory action research. The objective is to promote crop diversification and to increase year round availability of fruits and vegetables promoting food security.

Under this collaborative program a three day long training course on *Fruit Tree Propagation, Nursery and Mother tree Management* was organized from 26 to 28 April 2015. Twenty nursery owners selected from Blue Gold polder areas in Patuakhali, Barguna and Khulna participated in this course.

The training consisted mostly of hands-on practical sessions such as cutting, layering, veneer grafting, cleft grafting, stone grafting, budding, rootstock and scion selection as a propagation technique of fruit trees. For mother tree management pruning and training techniques were also practiced by all participants. Other topics discussed during this training were importance of fruit cultivation, introduction of new fruit varieties, disease and pest management of sapling and fruit trees, garden lay-out etc.

The facilitators were professors from Horticulture, Entomology and Pathology department of Bangladesh Agricultural University. They conducted their sessions with live specimen. The trainees expressed their gratitude to learn such advanced knowledge, which they will disseminate among the community while practicing in their own nursery.

Training for Farmer Field School Organizer (FOs) on Fruit Tree Management

A collaborative action research between Blue Gold Program and Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Germ Plasm Center, Mymensingh, was running in BG polders areas from 2015 to promote crop diversification and to increase year round availability of fruits and vegetables promoting food security.

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To strengthen the action research activities at polder level a three day long training programme was organized by Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Germ Plasm Center, Mymensingh for Farmer Field School Organizer on "Propagation, nursery and management of fruit trees and vegetable crops". The objectives of this course were to build capacity of FOs on 1. Fruit tree management, 2. FFSM practice, 3. Propagation practice of fruit and vegetable, 4. Production practice of fruit and vegetable. The course was held on 26-28 April 2015.

During this practical, hands-on training, the FOs facilitated themselves with a range of propagation techniques of fruit trees, such as the use of cutting (e.g. banana, dragon fruit, rose garden), or layering (e.g.荔枝, guava) and grafting techniques (e.g. mango, papaya). Other different and interesting techniques (e.g. propagation, vegetable and ornamental management of fruit and vegetable identification, irrigation, pest management) are part of the three day training.

The practical experience gained in this training course is important for the FOs facilitators as they are involved in organizing Farmer Field School (FFS) that include extension on homestead fruit and vegetable production. They will also be involved in providing backstopping support to nursery owners who received a similar training on propagation techniques. Since this 2015 a number of new fruit and vegetable varieties were introduced to BAU in several Blue Gold polders to use them in a practical action research programme together with FFS farmers. Crops that are being tested include jack-fruit, dragon fruit, acerola/rose and improved varieties of mango, banana, papaya, guava, passion fruit and kiwifruit. For more facts it is still too early to draw conclusions, but you and you have performed very well, which means that besides homestead use there could also be commercial opportunities for these crops.

The facilitators were professors from Horticulture, Entomology and Pathology department of Bangladesh Agricultural University. They conducted their sessions with live specimens, practice sessions, farm visit etc. The trainees expressed their gratitude to learn such advanced knowledge, which they will disseminate among the community while use the FFS and monitor farmers field activities.

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The wiki version of the Lessons Learnt Report of the Blue Gold program, documents the experiences of a technical assistance (TA) team working in a development project implemented by the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) over an eight+ year period from March 2013 to December 2021. The wiki lessons learnt report (LLR) is intended to complement the BWDB and DAE project completion reports (PCRs), with the aim of recording lessons learnt for use in the design and implementation of future interventions in the coastal zone.

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