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Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia (LANSA)

Report on

"Farmers Meeting"

28th September 2015 (Monday) At YUVA Rural Organisation, office Wardha



Brief Introduction about YUVA organization:

Yuva Rural Association (YRA) head office is at Nagpur and this organization works in the areas of Deoli block in Wardha District. The organization promotes straight variety of

Deshi cotton to the farmers. Yuva Rural Association connects with us in CICIR Nagpur which already provides us with Moringa seed for plantation purpose.

YUVA organization Participant:-

- 1. Ms. Dipali Naik
- 2. Shri.SachinP.Wadatkar

Resource person:-

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Sahaj sammurdhan organization Bangalore.

Objective of the Meeting:

- To delivered the knowledge about Deshi cotton cultivation & its importance.
- Motivate the farmers on organic farming.
- Promotion of straight varieties & Deshi seed material collection and its conservation.
- Processing of seed.
- Linkage with other organization and agencies.

The detail discussion done with farmers:

- Straight variety of cotton crop growing in field.
- Possibility of Organic farming in straight variety of cotton crop (Suraj) & other crops also.
- Organic farming system to reduce or minimize the cost of cultivation and to increase the crop production.
- Seed storage & seed bank.
- What are the problems faced by the farmers who grow straight variety of cotton crop.
- To form farmers group for seed production & seed conservation purpose.

- Organic farmer motivation for sustainable farming system.
- Linkage with other organization.
- Processing of seeds to save the seed cost.
- Build-up farmers group for seed production.
- to provide LANSA with Deshi vegetables seeds support.

Lessons learned:

- Promotion of straight varieties & other Deshi crops conservation of seeds.
- Seed production, Processing & seed conservation
- Economic farming through seed production.
- To minimize the expenditure on seed.
- Motivating the farmers for cultivation of straight varieties.
- Organic farming & local seed conservation.
- Capacity building.

List of participant:

| Sr. No. | Name | Village |
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| 1. | Rambhau Keshav Kokate | Saheli |
| 2. | Deorao Balwant Uike | Saheli |
| 3. | Nitesh Ambadas Arbat | Saheli |
| 4. | Bajirao Mandari | Borgaon |
| 5. | Dadarao Yashwant Masram | Borgaon |
| 6. | Swapnil Manik Bhalavi | Susund |
| 7. | Tejram Hiraman Bhalavi | Susund |
| 8. | Sarjerao Hiraman Bhalavi | Susund |
| 9. | Gangadhar Udgirkar | Susund |

Field staff:

| 1. | Manoj R. Sayre | MSSRF-Wardha |
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| 2. | Mahesh Sadatpure | MSSRF-Wardha |
| 3. | Fakirchand Khandate | Field assistant |
| 4. | Sudir Kumare | Field assistant |

| 5. | Nilesh Nagose | Field assistant |
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