

Flood Based Livelihoods Network Foundation
In Association with
Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO), Pakistan

Farmer Training

at University of Agriculture Tando Jam, Sindh, Pakistan

April 10-12, 2017

Training Title: Flood Based Farming for the Farmers of Spate Areas of Sindh & Balochistan

Participants: 15 Farmers from Balochistan FBLN and 15 Farmers from Sindh FBLN

Day 1

2 days training was organized to enhance the farmer knowledge in crop cultivation, water application and disease control. 30 active spate irrigation farmers from Sindh and Balochistan provinces were invited to participate in the training session. The session started at 9 AM and following topics are covered by the faculty members:

1. Introduction to Flood based Farming and spate irrigation practices in Sindh and Balochistan by Dr. Munir Ahmed Mangrio
2. Identifying Main flood based crops in two regions: (Sindh and Balochistan) by Dr. M.S. Mirjat
3. Group discussion on missing crops in Sindh and Balochistan by Dr. Abdul Ghafoor Siyal
4. Water application methods in the field, Surface and subsurface and high efficient irrigation methods by Dr. Irfan Ahmed Shaikh
5. Crop water requirement and root zone of different crops and evaporation by Dr. Mashooque Ali Talpur
6. Disease and disease control and introduction of missing crops in Sindh and Balochistan; Dr, Abdul Ghafoor Sial

The session was participatory and questions and answers session held at the end of each presentation by the experts. All farmers participated with keen interest.



Day 2

All participants were taken to the Darawat Dam in the leadership of RDF, farmers from Balochistan where they had discussion with the local farmers present at the dam for pumping of water for irrigation. At the end of visit graduate award were distributed among the training participates.

In the afternoon Balochistan farmers were taken to the local grain market at Hyderabad in order to explore the marketing opportunities. The group met with the President of Market Jalal Khan and shared the information on the net harvest of Sorghum, chickpeas, mung and mooth which are sold locally in Balochsitan. Jalal Khan informed that there is ban on export of pulses out of the country so local product in Pakistan are selling at low price. However, he informed on them the grading of the harvest and its market prices. He further said that send us the sample of the grain through courier and we shall give you the market rates. However, he said strictly that marketing is totally a business of trust and honesty we don't know each other but the quality of items determines the trust and market level. Farmers got lot of business cards for the future contact to sell their produce on better price comparatively at the larger market of the country. Farmer from Sindh returned to their home on the same day.

Day 3

Balochistan farmers travelled back to the areas 13th of April 2017