

Self-Directed Study Title : Training and Extension Activities for
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ABSTRACT

The objectives of this investigation were to study the training and extension activities related to agricultural development in regard to community-based development management, and to study the training and extension needs of farmers of the Ta Saang Development Center, Svay Rieng Province, Cambodia.

A set of guideline questions for interviews and secondary data by studying the literature were used to collect data. The results were as follows.

Agricultural training and extension activities in Ta Saang aim to increase the knowledge level and develop skills of all farmers on the different aspects of growing crop, in order to increase their yield and income. Therefore, training and extension activities in Ta Saang are the important components of the agricultural food production program for the

local people.

A training needs assessment was conducted before providing in-service training among farmers training and extension services for the farmers in the project area. Depending upon these needs, and informal in-services training programs were developed.

After the in-services training programs, an extension service were started to disseminate the basic knowledge of growing crops among the farmer beneficiaries.

The planning activities were started, the trainers and extensionist were assigned in the project, a training needs assessment were conducted.

At present, the country's economy depends on agriculture. The major role of training and extension service in Ta Saang is to produce more food for the people. The strategies such as use of new varieties, improve cropping systems, animals production, fish production, irrigation are brought about the appropriate common technologies. In order to fulfill these strategies, they elaborated training and extension plans based on existing local conditions and resources availability, formulated useful technical information and educate target groups to be aware of food deficiency. Moreover, they cooperated with other agencies to facilitate target group to adopt agricultural development practices.

Many factors such as facilities, manpower, management of training and extension skills, and security were influence of program implementation. In addition, practical recommendations and suggestions of training and extension models were given to the setting up of an agricultural training and extension services.