

Training on Advanced Agricultural Research Methodology & Scientific Report Writing

A five-day long training on Capacity Development for Advanced Agricultural Research Methodology & Scientific Report Writing for mid-level scientists of Bangladesh was organized by KGF during 25-29 April, 2018 at BRAC-CDM Savar, Dhaka. Twenty four participants from different NARS institutes, universities and private sector attended the training. The training was supported by Winrock International with the engagement of Dr. Joel Kim Ransom, Professor, North Dakota State University, USA as a volunteer resource speaker. Dr. Ransom was assisted by Dr. Matiur Rahman, Former DG, BARI who was engaged on behalf of KGF.



Inaugural Ceremony

Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Director, KGF inaugurated the training program on 29 April at 9 am. Dr. Kabir highlighted the importance of organization of this training and mentioned KGF's efforts to implement it. The training was participatory in nature and besides lectures; it included group as well as individual exercises on problem identification and prioritization, choosing the appropriate research methodologies, data analysis, project proposal preparation and quality report writing. Dr. Ransom declared a cash reward for the best group presentation of a project proposal which created enthusiasm among the five groups formed for this purpose.

The concluding ceremony of the training was held on 29 April 2018 at 3 pm. It was attended among others by Professor Emeritus Dr. Abdus Sattar Mandal as chief guest and Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Director General, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute as guest of honor. Dr. Wais Kabir chaired the session.

It began with self introduction by participants and followed by feedback from two participants- Dr. Nargis Akter, CSO, BJRI and Dr. Ashraful Alam, SSO, BFRI on behalf of the training attendees. The participants thanked KGF for arranging the training. They expressed that it was their felt need and added that it has helped to widen their knowledge and refreshed what they know at present.

The resource speakers in their speech on experience sharing and suggestions for taking future initiatives joined the participants to emphasize on the follow up training on the same area. They also put value on organizing training on the subjects of demand-led areas. After that certificates were distributed among the participants. Dr. Anwar, SSO, BRRI and his his group received special award from the key resource speaker Dr. Joel Kim Ransom for best presentation of project proposal.

Dr. Abul Kalam thanked KGF by saying that the subject area of training is a demanding issue by the mid-level scientists and it will, no doubt, improve the capacity of the scientists to prepare and conduct quality research projects.

The chief guest Prof. Mandal thanked ED, KGF for inviting him to such an occasion which has been organized for the scientists to develop their capacities for conducting research for a better future. He was impressed by saying that the capacity of the individual scientist developed through this training is to be transformed to the capability of the organization for making contribution to facing the challenges in agricultural development of the country.



Guest in the Concluding Session

Dr. Wais Kabir in his speech as chair reiterated that KGF will continue its efforts and extend its support for conducting quality research bringing public and private sector research organizations in a cohesion. He thanked the participants, resource speakers and all those who made relentless effort to make the training successful. He thanked USAID Funded Asia Farmer-to- Farmer program of Winrock International for extending support and collaboration and making Professor Joel Kim Ransom available for this training. Dr. Kabir specially thanked Dr. Ransom and Dr. Matiur Rahnan for their untiring endeavours for successful completion of the training. Finally he thanked the chief guest and the guest of honor for their gracious presence which was inspiring for KGF to organize such events in future."