

Training on Scientific Cultivation of Kharif Crops organized at Balarwa village

Two off-campus trainings on “Scientific kharif crop cultivation” were organized at two Dhanis separately in Balarwa village (Osian tehsil, Jodhpur district) on 29 June 2022 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Programme. In total, 123 farmers and farm women participated. Dr. B. L. Manjunatha informed farmers about the technologies and services such as quality seeds and planting materials made available by CAZRI through ATIC. The importance of scientific practices such as use of certified seeds of improved varieties, right time of sowing, line sowing, etc. were discussed. Farmers were explained that seed has to be replaced every year in case of hybrids (pearl millet) whereas they can save and reuse seeds for 3-4 years in case of HYVs/improved cultivars (green gram, moth and cluster bean). Dr. Pramendra explained farmers about the importance of crop insurance and asked farmers to insure the crops so that they are benefitted in case of crop loss due to drought, which is common in the region.

After the trainings, 123 farmers were distributed with quality seeds of pearl millet (*var.* MPMH-21), greengram (MH-421 and IPM-205-7) and mothbean (RMO-2251) for laying out field demonstrations. Farm implements such as improved sickles and hand weeders were also distributed. Farmers were informed to keep the records of the crop cultivation details such as date of sowing, quantity of inputs applied and other costs so that they can compare the performance of demonstrations against their traditional practices.

