PMIS/NRM =Brief report on SRI farmers and Agriculture students field visit.

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We had two days of SRI demo plots filed visit on (03/04-09-2007). We informed farmers one day before for this field visit. On the first day (03/09/07) we invited Jangharooq farmers and Students of Baghlan Agriculture Faculty. On the second day we invited Kelagai farmer's .we reminded them, we have one Sri Demo plot in **Old baghlan**, one here in Baghlan Agriculture faculty farm, two in **Takhar** (one at Nahri Said & one at Nahri Zargar) and we had one in **Kelagai** but we terminated its contract because in Kelagai each side had different responsibilities for SRI demo plot as we have with **Shamsuddin** in Old Baghlan. Farmer had his own responsibilities and **AKF/PMIS** SRI team had their own responsibilities that was agreed at the begging and singed by both sides in Kelagai. PMIS SRI team carried out their own responsibilities to Kelagai SRI demo plot unfortunately as our Kelagai farmer faced some family problems he couldn't carry out his responsibilities properly .Then both sides were obligated to terminate the contract which was on SRI in his field.

 \rightarrow We also explained to Kelagai farmers that they participated at the SRI Field visit why we terminated SRI contract in Kelagai? Kelagai farmers were very happy what they saw about SRI in baghlan agriculture faculty farm on SRI demo plots filed visit. We explained precisely the sense of Cultivating Paddy on SRI system to all participants on first and second day of field visit. Finally we gave chance to all participants to ask questions about Sri and SRI team answered their questions.

 \rightarrow Some of Jangharooq farmers said this system is difficult for those farmers they have more then twenty (20) Jeribs of land but we told them those farmers have more than twenty Jeribs of land they can Cultivate on this system one or two Jerib at the beginning then they can increase year by year when they learn enough experiences on SRI practices. \rightarrow Kelagai farmers told us we will cultivate some one or half Jerib of land (each farmer) on System of rice intensification next year. They liked the method but they said after harvesting of this SRI we will see the yield in order to be sure about its yield, so the tillering is great and we will get our final decision after harvesting.

These are the pictures of SRI Field visit in the Baghlan Agriculture faculty farm.

Kelagai is part of Dushi district in Baghlan province.



SRI plots In Baghlan Agriculture faculty farm. Ali is explaining what SRI is for these farmers and farmers are paying attention with more enthusiasm to this explanation.



On 4th of September 2007 Kelagai farmers are at Sri demo plots in Baghlan Agriculture faculty farm. SRI team is explaining SRI practices and SRI methods for them. 4th September 2007 Kelagai farmers are listening to SRI team with more interest. SRI team is explaining SRI and its history in different countries of the world.



4th of September 2007 farmers are in the Agriculture faculty farm and they are paying attention to Ali, he is explaining SRI for Kelagai farmers.



4th of September 2007 Kelagai farmers in Agriculture Faculty farm visiting SRI demo plots and they are discussing regarding SRI practices among themselves.



4th September 2007 Kelagai farmers are watching Mandava Weeder and they are surprised to it .SRI team is describing this tool to the farmers.



On 3rd of September 2007 Baghlan Agriculture faculty students and Jangharooq farmers are visiting SRI Demo plots in Agri Faculty farm. SRI team is explaining SRI for the participants

