

SRI training in Jhapa

The District Agriculture Development Office Jhapa organized a one-day training and discussion meeting at Agriculture Wholesale Market, Birtamod on Friday, 4th March 2011. The training was arranged by the local Agriculture Service Center. Miss Sushila Dahal (Junior Technical Assistant) has created awareness about SRI among farmers and invited them to attend the training. Senior Agriculture Development Officer of DADO Jhapa Mr. Rajendra Uprety facilitated the training and discussion session. SRI booklets and posters were distributed among participants. There were 32 participants from 5 village development committees (as Sanischare, Arjundhara, Anarmani, Garamani and Charpane). Participants were very curious about SRI and rotary weeders. Some of the participants were users of hybrid rice seed before and reported that some of the SRI practices (younger seedling, single transplanting and wider spacing) were similar with hybrid rice cultivation. At the end of the training, hybrid seed user participants hopes that by using SRI methods they will be able produce similar yield to hybrid seed, but with a much cheaper price (NRs. 400-500/kg for hybrid seed instead of just 40-50 for non-hybrid seed). Several participants were ready to try SRI in the current spring season and the upcoming main season. They were also very interested to try rotary weeders for weed management.



Photo: training session



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Photo: Training participants



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