ICAR Short Course
Tools on Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment of Rainfed Technologies and Agricultural Development programmes

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Background
Agriculture development programmes implementation involves huge costs of investment, resources and time. Many times outcomes are not satisfactory due to inherent challenges and complexity of technical programme. Evaluation can provide feedback on factors affecting and at same time be influential in bringing change. A comprehensive plan of action of monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment encourages learning and improvement in outcomes of the programmes is necessary. It helps the programme implementing agency in reorientation, reassessment and refinement of technologies and programmes for effective future planning. Understanding the concepts, principles and procedures of evaluation is most important skill necessary for facilitators of M & E and training programme in designed with the objectives.

Objectives
To identify the important concepts and components of monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of rainfed development programmes.

To acquaint with commonly used designs, methods, approaches, indicators and data collection methods in monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of NRM programmes and technologies.

To understand how to interpret and communicate results from monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment in order to ensure their use in programme planning and implementation.

Methodology
The course will consist of in-house lectures, field demonstrations/practicals, hands on training, interactive discussions in a participatory mode and exposure visits.

Course Content
The course content will be deal with concepts, purpose, role of monitoring evaluation and impact assessment design, theory of change evaluation matrix, evaluation methods, indicators, statistical tools, softwares and practical exercises on impact assessment of watershed development programmes, agriculture development programmes etc.

Faculty
The scientists of CRIDA would be the resource persons for the training course in addition to a few selected experts of evaluation from other ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities, International Organizations etc.

Duration
The duration is 10 days i.e., from November 1-10, 2017. Participants are expected to arrive latest by October 31st evening and can leave CRIDA on 10th November after 1700 hrs.

Venue
ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture
Santoshnagar, Hyderabad – 500059
Telangana State.
Eligibility
➢ M.Sc./ Ph.D in Agriculture & allied Sciences/Agriculture Extension/ Home science Extension & Veterinary Extension.
➢ Working not below the rank of Assistant Professor/Scientist or equivalent in the State Agricultural university/ICAR. Institute.
➢ The number of participants for the programme will be limited to 25 on first come first serve basis.

Nomination & Course fee
There is no Course fee, however a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 50/- (Rupees Fifty only) is to be remitted through Uncrossed Postal Order drawn in favour of Director, CRIDA payable at Saidabad Post Office, Hyderabad.

Travelling Allowance
Participants will be paid to and fro fare for journey performed by the shortest route by rail or bus or other means of transport. The payment will be made as per their entitlement but restricted to maximum of AC II tier train fare only. If any participant chooses to travel by Air, he/she may do so, but their claim shall be restricted to AC II tier train fare, provided they travel by Air India and book the tickets with ICAR code (095).

Boarding and Lodging
Lodging and boarding facilities will be provided free of cost to the participants at CRIDA campus. Participants will be provided rent-free accommodation at CRIDA Guest house (040-24535335), wholesome meals and refreshments. Local participants will be provided lunch and inter-sessions tea only. They are requested not to bring their family members, as the accommodation is strictly meant for trainees only. No DA will be paid by the organizers to the participants.

Application and registration
The participant’s application should be sent online using CBP vortal through http://iasri.res.in/cbp or under the link Capacity Building Program at http://icar.org.in. After filling the online application, participant has to take a printout of the application/registration form and get it approved by the competent authority of the organization. Finally, they have to upload the scanned copy of the application in the CBP portal. The hardcopy along with registration form and postal order can be sent to Course director before the last date. In case of any difficulty, you may contact Course Director.

Important Dates
Last date for receipt of applications: October 3, 2017.
Intimation to selected applicants: October 4, 2017.
Confirmation by the applicants: October 9, 2017.

Address for correspondence regarding short course

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