

Sustainable Organic Farming through Women Farmers:

EDUCATR with the support of EU CAN AID – BELGIUM has taken up this new challenge in promoting women farmers. Even among the OCIVD 19 SECOND WAVE PANDEMIC all planned activities are successfully carried as the impact of COVID not much affected the rural villages.

One day Training for the Project Beneficiaries:

EDUCATR conducted and organized one training programme for the selected 20 beneficiaries of women farmers of 04 March 2021 at EDUCATR training Centre. Dr. R. Velmurugan, Managing Trustee – EDUCATR presided over the function and explained the project planned programme activities, organic farming and the revolving scheme among the beneficiaries.



EDUCATR also invited Mrs. K. Amirthavalli, Agricultural Department Assistant Officer, Government of Tamilnadu and the team. The Officer explained to the beneficiaries, the present need of promoting women farmers and organic farming. She motivated the beneficiaries to take up the opportunity and carry out agricultural work and become role model for many other women.

While explaining the project and the support from EU CAN AID – BELGIUM, Dr. Velmurugan, Managing Trustee encouraged them and function as a Women Farmers Group and develop agriculture in their own land and become successful farmers with regular income. It has been discussed and planned to start their work from next month with the

seed grant and follow it with revolving scheme. Mrs. Ponnuthai, One of the beneficiary rented vote thanks for EDUCATR and EU CAN AID – BULGIUM for providing such an opportunity in their life.

Field based training on preparing “Seed Beds” and Exposure visit:

From the initial project preparation activities, we learned the women famers shown more interest in getting involved in promote organic cultivation, As the initial step, we taken the selected 20 women farmers and conducted 03 days field based education and learning programme on vermin compost and organic fertilizer. The three days training progamme conducted in one of the beneficiary agricultural field and the education training classes conducted on preparing the seed beds, seed cultivation, vermin compost and preparing and using organic fertilizer. Women farmers are given the training to spay organic fertilizer by using sprayer in the field. All the selected 20 women farmers participated in the training programme.



Providing “Seed Grant” to 20 beneficiaries with Rs. 20, 000 each:

After the preparation work, one day training and field based training on seed bed preparation, vermin compost and preparation of organic fertilizer, the selected 20 women farmers are provided the seed grant of Rs. 20, 000/- each to take up organic farming and cultivation on 26 March 2021.



Our Field Staff Mrs. Pramara facilitated the women farmers meeting during the seed grant distribution and explained to them the details of revolving system. And they repay Rs. 5,000 as monthly instalment. The first monthly instalment will be repaid at the last week of June 2021. And the collected instalment funds will be provided as seed grant to new beneficiaries.

20 beneficiaries repay Rs. 5000 for the seed grant received:

As explained, the follow up meeting for collection of loan repayment was conducted on 29 June for the first instalment. The beneficiaries participated in the meeting, shared their

experience in organic farming. They expressed that they are very happy to repay the first instalment of Rs. 5, 000. Totally Rs. 1, 00, 000 has been reimbursed and the collected money has been again distributed to 05 new women farmers to take up organic farming and cultivation.

