Two days farmers' awareness programme on recent agriculture technologies for livelihood improvement of farmers successfully conducted at Begunbari village, Malda during 18-19 August 2023

Two days SCSP funded farmers awareness programme on recent agriculture technologies for livelihood improvement of farmers was conducted on 18th to 19th August 2023 at Begunbari village, Habibpur block, Malda district in West Bengal jointly by ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region Patna and ICAR-CISH Regional Research Station, Malda. A total of 80 SC farmers participated in each day. Dr. Bikash Sarkar, Principal Scientist, Division of Land and Water Management, ICAR-RCER, interacted with the local farmers and discussed the different aspects to increase the farmer's income. He also focused on the role of aquaculture and their management. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Scientist, Division of Livestock & Fishery Management, ICAR-RCER, Patna discussed the importance of backyard poultry farming and their management. He also emphasized on the various diseases in the poultry, their management and importance of mineral nutrition in poultry. Dr. Saurabh Kumar, Scientist, Division of Crop Research, ICAR-RCER, collected the soil and water sample from the village for their nutrient and arsenic profile. In this programme 24 kg of pigeon pea seed (Variety: IPA 203), 400 kg of table fish, 600 mango saplings (Himsagar, Amrapally and Langra) and 205 poultry chicks were distributed to the farmers. In this program baseline survey of farmers regarding agriculture production and income was also conducted. In the baseline survey it was found that the availability of irrigation water is major problem in this village. Village profile of the Begunbari village was also recoded. The awareness program ended with the combined meeting with the farmers.

Interaction meeting and seed distribution

Fish distribution

Distribution of mango saplings

Distribution of Poultry chicks

Farmers collecting Poultry chicks

Interaction with farmers

Measurement of fish pond

Baseline data collection