Assessment of Training Needs of Farm Women

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ABSTRACT

Vagad is assumed as an illiterate area of the Kachchh district having low. The living standard of the people where a agricultural as well as animal husbandry development is slow in this area. Farm women are equally engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry as man. Hence, there is a need to educate the farm women by providing various vocational as well as specialized training programmes for overall development. Thus, the present study was conducted in Rapar taluka of Kachchh district. Total 100 women were purposively selected from 10 village. The data were collected by personal interview and were analyzed with appropriate statistical procedure. The study revealed that majority (53.00 %) of the women belongs to middle age group (36-50 Yrs.), of respondents were illiterate (62.00 %) and dealing with farming and animal husbandry as per their occupation (60.00 %). The majority of the farm women prefer to receive training on specific areas like profitable farming of field crops (Rank I), family health and hygiene (Rank II) and storage of food grain and pulses (Rank- III).

Keyords : *Training need, Attributes of women*

INTRODUCTION

Vagad is assumed as an illiterate area of the Kachchh district in Gujarat state. The living standard of the people is low. The Agricultural as well as animal husbandry development is slow in this area. Farm women are equally engaged in agriculture and animal husbandry as man. Hence, there is a need to educate the farm women by providing various vocational as well as specialized training programmes for overall development in this area. Hence, it is very much essential to identify the problems of rural women on priority base. Therefore, a project on assessment of training needs of women of Rapar taluka of Kachchh district was proposed. Future training must be conducted on solving priority base problems.

OBJECTIVES

(i)   To study the profile attributes of farm women

(ii)   To assess the training need in farming and non farming area of farm women.

(iii) To identify the priority of training need as perceived by farm women.

METHODOLOGY

The present study was conducted in Rapar taluka of Kachchh district. Total 10 villages of Rapar taluka viz., Adesar, Lakhagadh, Fatehgadh, Bhimasar, Umaiya , Nilpar, Chitrod, Pragpar, Padampar, and Dabhunda villages of Rapar taluka were purposively selected for the study.From each village 10 women's from each village were selected randomly to make a total sample of 100 respondents. The data were collected by personal interview. The interview schedule was developed with through discussion with experts, scientist and extension officers working in the University. The data were analyzed with appropriate statistical procedure. The respondents were asked to opine about training need in various major area of field at three points quantum *i.e.*,mostly needed, somewhat needed and not needed with a score of 3, 2 and 1 respectively. Based on the total training need score of all the respondents mean score for each major training area was work out.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Profile attributes of farm women

Table 1 : Profile attributes of farm women

n=100

Sr. No.	Profile attributes	No.	Per cent
1	**Age**		
	(i) Young Age (15- 35 Yrs.)	27	27.00
	(ii) Middle Age (36- 50 Yrs.)	53	53.00
	(iii) Old Age (Above 50 Yrs.)	20	20.00
2	**Education**		
	(i)Illiterate	62	62.00
	(ii) Primary level(1-7 Std.)	26	26.00
	(iii) Secondary Level (8- 10 Std.)	12	12.00
	(iv) Higher secondary level (11-12 Std.)	0	00.00
	(v) College level	0	00.00
3	**Occupation**		
	(i) Farming	35	35.00
	(ii) Farming + Animal Husbandry	60	60.00
	(iii) Farming + Service	00	00.00
	(iv) Farming + Business	05	05.00
	(v) Farming + Business + Service	0	00.00

The data presented in Table-1 show that majority (53.00 %) of the respondents belongs to middle age group (36-50 Yrs.) followed by young age group and old age group 27.00 and 20.00 per cent respectively. It can be concluded that more than half of the respondents were having age between 36 to 50 years.

Major area of training need

Majority (62.00 %) of respondents were illiterate, followed by primary level of education(26.00 %) and secondary level of education(12.00 %)

The data presented in Table 3 portray that majority (60.00 per cent) of the respondents were dealing with farming and animal husbandry as per their occupation followed by farming (35.00 per cent) and farming + business (5.00 per cent) respectively.

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Table 2 : Distribution of respondents according to their major area of training need n=100

Sr. No.	Major training areas	Mean Score	Rank
1	Agriculture	2.63	I
2	Animal husbandry	2.18	IV
3	Health and hygiene	2.50	II
4	Self employment	2.40	III
5	Value addition and preservation	1.50	V

The data presented in Table 2 revealed that majority of the farm women prefer to receive training on major areas like agriculture (Rank I) and health and hygiene (Rank II)

The respondents were asked to opine about training need in various area of training at three points quantum i.e. mostly needed, somewhat needed and not needed with a score of 3, 2 and 1, respectively. Based on the total training need score of all the respondents mean score for each training area was work out.

Specific area of training need

Table 3 : Distribution of respondents according to their specific area of training need n=100

Sr. No.	Training areas	Mean Score	Rank
1	Profitable farming of field crops	2.60	I
2	Diseases and pest mgt in field crop	2.08	VIII
3	Profitable farming of horticultural crops	1.46	XV
4	Storage of food grains and pulses	2.38	III
5	Profitable milk production	2.22	V
6	Vaccination in castles and buffaloes	2.09	VII
7	Diseases mgt in castles and buffaloes	2.00	IX
8	Family health and hygiene	2.52	II
9	Child care and development	1.90	X
10	Care o pregnant women	1.52	XIII
11	Stitching – self employment	2.30	IV
12	Embroidery – self employment	2.18	VI
13	Value edition in vegetable	1.57	XII
14	Vegetable preservation	1.68	XI
15	Value edition in fruit crop	1.54	XIV
16	Fruit preservation	1.45	XVI

The data presented in Table 3 revealed that majority of the farm women prefer to receive training on specific areas like profitable farming of field crops (Rank I), family health and hygiene (Rank II) and storage of food grain and pulses (Rank- III).

CONCLUSION

From the above study it can be concluded that majority (53.00 %) of the respondents belongs to middle age group (36-50 Yrs.) and 62.00 per cent of total respondents were illiterate. Study also showed that majority (60.00 %) of the respondents were dealing with farming and animal husbandry as per their occupation. The majority of the farm women prefer to receive training on specific areas like profitable farming of field crops (Rank I), family health and hygiene (Rank II) and storage of food grain and pulses (Rank-III).

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