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Guidance Note for Krishi Sakhi

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1. Introduction:

Krishi Sakhi is a Community Agriculture care Service Provider (CASP) which will enable the last mile coverage in rural areas where farm based services for agriculture activities is not available on time or expensive to afford for rural poor. *Krishi Sakhi* is envisaged to create awareness and capacity building of the community on agricultural activities and facilitates aggregation and marketing of the agricultural produced. ***Krishi Sakhi is not an employee of ASRLMS, they are Community Agriculture care Service Provider (CASP) selected by VO/CLF.***

For sustainable agriculture based livelihoods at SHGs/household level, *Krishi sakhi* model has been developed. A pool of identified *Krishi Sakhi* shall provide the basic technical support/treatment to the rural farmers. *Krishi Sakhis* will be developed through structured training programmes by the agriculture experts conducted by ASRLMS. They will act as medium of interface between agriculture department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Village Level Extension Worker (VLEW) and rural poor by linking the HHs for their agriculture activities.

2. Objective:

The objective of this model is to make agriculture based livelihoods sustainable and viable enterprises for the rural poor. There will be specific focus on the ultra poor households who have limited or no access to land or other factors of production. It would build a strong extension network of agriculture workers who are the community based practitioners and are accountable to the community institutions. The model would aim at strengthening the existing livelihoods of the rural poor by bringing in a clear impetus on agriculture related activities.

3. Eligibility criteria for Krishi Sakhi:

- 3.1. She should be a native and residing in the same GP (member from women SHG).
- 3.2. Educational qualification of the Krishi Sakhi should be minimum 8th pass and she should able to read and write in Assamese / local language. She should have basic numerical skills. However higher educational qualification and knowledge of writing and reading of English language will be preferred.
- 3.3. She should be best practitioners in the field of agricultural crop production.
- 3.4. She should have good motivational and speaking skill (articulation skills).
- 3.5. She should have no mobility constraints to provide handholding support to Producers.
- 3.6. She should be willing to attend trainings/ exposure (within/ outside the state) organized by Producer's Group/ Mission.

- 3.7. She should have ability to convene any awareness programme in the community.
- 3.8. The age of the Krishi Sakhi should be between 20-45 Years.

4. Process of Selection:

Village Organisation with the help of its livelihoods sub-committee will aware the concept of *Krishi Sakhi* among the villagers. The *Krishi Sakhi* identification process will be done at the VO / CLF level by the Livelihoods Sub-committee where BPM/BC will be facilitator of the team. VO will organise a meeting on identification of *Krishi Sakhi* and the livelihoods committee along with President and Secretary of the VO will conduct the identification process. The local Agriculture Development Officer (ADO)/Extension Officer-Agriculture/his representative may be invited in the meeting. The panel of member's of livelihoods Sub-committee in consultation of BPM, President/Secretary of the concerned VO / CLF and along with the Agriculture Development Officer (ADO)/Extension Officer-Agriculture/his representative will select the *Krishi Sakhi* for the said area based on interview/written test. At present, one (1) *Krishi Sakhi* per 50 mahila kishan will be selected. (***Preferably two krishi sakhi per VO subject to vary as per requirement***). After completion of selection process, VO/CLF will send the detail profile of the selected krishi sakhi to BMMU for record and uploading the data in MIS.

5. Roles & Responsibility of Krishi Sakhi:

- 5.1. The primary responsibility of krishi sakhi is training and capacity building of rural house hold members.
- 5.2. To collect necessary information of each individual farmer/ producer member and update the data related to land, annual rainfall, no. of rainy days, rice productivity pattern, cropping pattern, water availability, soil fertility, input use and varieties, irrigation source, household information, alternative income sources, educational level, social classes, land holding size in relation to population size, household manufacturing and processing centre, marketing and infrastructure facility.
- 5.3. To visit individual farmers field at different stages of the crop and to provide technical guidance for intercultural operations.
- 5.4. To demonstrate various steps of the improved practices.
- 5.5. To facilitate the yield assessment exercise.
- 5.6. To ensure timely supply of farm inputs (organic and need based inorganic) for agriculture based activities from custom hiring centres at village levels.
- 5.7. To ensure monthly meeting of Producer Group for agriculture.
- 5.8. To prepare annual crop calendar for agricultural activities- including home vegetable garden, horticultural activities, apiculture activities etc.

- 5.9. To facilitate support for required credit to farmers from the SHGs and CIF/VO of ASRLMS as and when required.
- 5.10. Ensure crop insurance coverage for agriculture / horticulture.
- 5.11. To provide guidance during harvest and post harvest operations
- 5.12. Minimum days of visit should be twenty and households to be contacted are 50 per month.
- 5.13. All the day to day activities need to be recorded in the prescribed diary and time to time reporting of the activities as and when required by the BMMU /VO at present (later to Cluster level / Producer Group Federations).
- 5.14. Any other assignment periodically assigned by the Producer Group/ VO at present (later to Cluster level / Producer Group Federations).

6. Capacity building and exposure to the Krishi Sakhi:

Krishi Sakhi are to be trained enough on Agro ecological practices under Farm based agriculture, pest management and disease management of farm produced along with identifying the marketing linkages to sale the agriculture items. She will also organize the training programs for the stakeholders with the help of resource persons of the line department as and when required. They can directly support the HHs on Agriculture practices, pest and diseases management to bridge the gap between rural farmers and agriculture experts. The training of the *Krishi Sakhi* will be conducted in phase manner at various levels by the resource persons.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- i. Work done of *Krishi Sakhi* will be on the basis of assistance given to the number of members for agriculture practices.
- ii. All the day to day activities need to be recorded in the prescribed diary and should be signed by the member of producer group whom she has assisted.
- iii. Consolidated report of work done should be submitted to VO for the release of payments.
- iv. VO will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the work done by *Krishi Sakhi*. Time to time reporting of the activities should be done as and when required by the VO at present (later to Producer Group).