

Introduction to Training

Report on Follow-up Survey and Guidance in ICA-Japan Training Project FY2020

Implementation Report

The follow-up survey and guidance as joint program with ICA-AP is conducted every year as part of the ICA-Japan training project to 1) give proper guidance to challenges the ex-participants of the projects have faced and 2) to find how action plans made by the participants in the training courses have been implemented. Up until 2019 the programs had been conducted in the form of direct visits to selected two countries and questionnaires to the ex-participants of the target years. The situation in FY2020 was, however, different due to COVID-19 pandemic: we had no other choice than online and questionnaire survey.

It was planned as a five-day online program by the following methods:

- 1) Questionnaire survey to the ex-participants of the training courses from FY2017 to FY2019 to see how their action plans have been implemented
- 2) Online survey to selected countries, namely, Bhutan and Nepal with a) video materials provided by the ex-participants from the countries to show the situation of the cooperative movement in the respective countries, b) report on the progress of action plans and c) presentation of excellent implemented cases of action plans, which is a new way of the survey.



01 Bhutan and Nepal

It started with reports online connecting with ex-participants of Bhutan and Nepal by using video materials covering the situation of agriculture and agricultural cooperatives of the respective countries.



Photo: Video of Bhutan

Then the survey went further onto selected progress reports on the action plans made in the ICA-Japan training courses together with question and answer sessions and exchange of views. Even though survey by field visits were not realized in difficult situation under COVID-19 pandemic, online survey utilizing video reports turned to be very fruitful.



Photo: Part of the presentation

02 Presentation of excellent implemented case of action plans

This was a new method employed in the follow-up guidance and survey. Excellent implemented cases of the action plans had been selected from three training courses (*) of FY2017 to FY2020, three cases from the respective courses before the online survey started. In the online program presentation on the cases was made with exchange of views among the ex-participants and other ICA-AP member organizations. This program, we believe, would be very useful for the participants of the training courses of FY2020 to find tips on how their action plans should be implemented.

(Note)* Three training courses

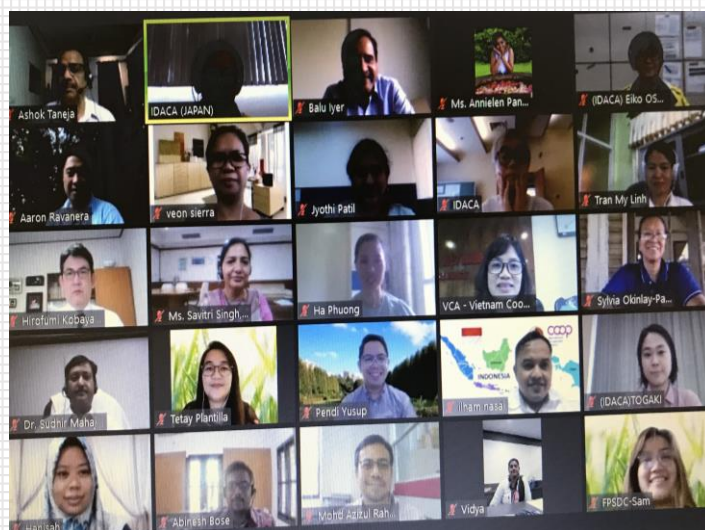


Photo: Online presentation

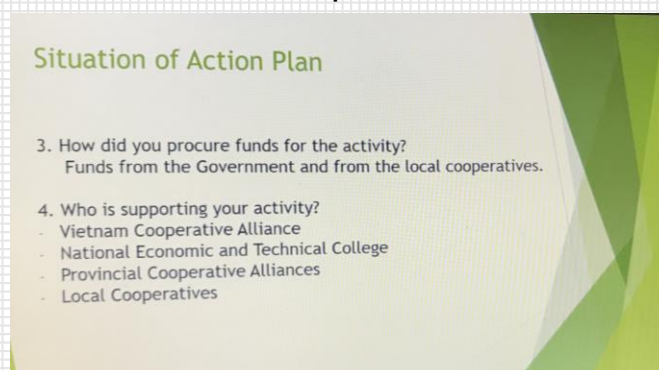


Photo: Part of the action plan

Messages from trainees



Ms. Evi Nurifah J (Indonesia)

Being participant at IDACA is very glad; I am the participant on Empowering Woman on Agriculture cooperative with 8 women from ASEAN member states.

The IDACA staff are very kindly, supportive and very enthusiastic. The material topic in class or out class is very excellent. When we are entry or leave from the training IDACA staff took care of us very friendly. Thank IDACA !



Mr. Victor (Ghana)

With regards to the presentation, in general the section was well organized as we as participants were given enough time to prepare for it.

It was also very informative and interactive as we had the opportunity to learn and share our experience with colleagues from other countries



Get to know the world's co-operatives !



What's happening in Georgia's agricultural cooperatives

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Following the visit in February last year, I was dispatched to Georgia as a short-term expert from April 4 to May 18, 2021 under the commission of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). As of May 2021, the number of agricultural cooperatives in Georgia was 979, a small decrease from last year. The number of agricultural cooperative members is 10,278, and the average number of members per agricultural cooperative is as small as 10.5. In addition, some agricultural cooperatives were established in anticipation of future national support, and so-called fake agricultural cooperatives were formed for the purpose of material incentives. The individual members' intelligibility on agricultural cooperatives are generally low.



Photo: A scene from the seminar



Photo: Seminar participants

Therefore, the Rural Development Agency (hereafter called RDA) has taken the lead in creating a new agricultural cooperative training system and amending the agricultural cooperative law. In addition, RDA is required to formulate a long-term policy for promoting agricultural cooperatives and become the implementing agency for it.

I organized (held) two seminars for RDA staff on gave RDA staff two seminars on introducing Japanese agricultural cooperatives, the concept and legal basis of agricultural cooperatives, and promoting agricultural cooperatives in former socialist countries.

Editor's Note

IDACA News in Japanese version, first published in 2010, has now been renewed in the latest issue No.28

The News, which has been so far printed and delivered by mail, will appear on our website, hoping that the News will get more people interested in the information in it.

Now in August in the height of summer extremely hot days have continued. How have you been these days, keeping out the heat?

My tip for withstanding these hot days is to enjoy “Ratatouille” which is a typical home cooking meal in Southern France using summer vegetables

Summer vegetables, effective in cooling down human body, hydrating and supplying vitamins and minerals, are really good and essential natural supplement to the bodies in summertime. And you may feel happy looking at such colorful meal as Ratatouille.

Let's survive summer heat and please take care!

IDACA Miho Togaki



Photo: Summer vegetables



Photo: Ratatouille

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