

Project Monitoring Report (As at 02.08.2017)

(On report for each project)

1. Name of Monitoring officer : R.D.Samathapala
2. Post : Development Officer
3. Location of the project monitored -
 - Province : North Western
 - District & Town : Kurunegala
 - Divisional Secretary's Division : Pannala
 - Agrarian Service Center : Welpalla
4. Project Monitored : Organic Fertilizer Production & Use Promotion Programme
5. Institution to which the project monitored belonged : Center of Excellence for organic fertilizer Makandura, Gonawila under the Department of Agriculture
6. Estimated cost of the project : Allocation to Makandura for 2017 had been Rs. 15.5 million of which Rs. 3.88 was made available to center of Excellence. The total expenditure as at 30.06.2017 was Rs. 0.455 million, details of which are as follows.

7. Expenditure on the project : Center of Excellence for the Organic fertilizer- Expenditure as at 30.06.2017 out of Rs. 3.88 million

Break up of the provision of Rs. 3.88 mn.	Allocated Sum (Rs. mn)	Progress as at 30.06.2017 (Rs. mn)
1.Land development & Water supply	3.88	0.455
2. Completion of construction of canteen		
3. Establishment of 5 acre fruit garden		
4. Establishment of 1 acre organic vegetable garden		
5. Raw material unit for 5 acre organic fertilizer production venture		
6.Maintenance & infrastructure facilities of the auditorium		
7.Procurement of equipment (hook plough, disk plough)		

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Activities monitored (As per Action Plan)	Commencing date of the activity	Present Position (progress)	Specific facts observed	Officer responsible for each activity
1. Construction of Auditorium of the organic fertilizer production centre, development of the land & construction of the canteen	Commenced in January 2016 & development activities were being carried out around the centre in 2017	Construction of the auditorium completed and maintenance are being carried out properly. Constrictions of the adjoining canteen have also been completed and it is now in use Tables, Chairs and multimedia equipment procured and they are in use now.	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium consists of 350 seats and fully equipped with multi media technology for conducting lectures. <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium has not been partitioned to enable for small groups to attend lectures separately.	1. Mr. A.S.Y.P. Ranasinghe Asst. Director of Agriculture (Development) 031-2298994 071-8503288 2. Mrs. D.M.P.S. Dasanayake Asst. Director of Agriculture (Research) 031-2298994 071-8232392
2. Training Programmes		The number of training programmes conducted during the period from 01.01.2017 to 31.07.2017 is 36 while the total number of trainees were 2577. The target training programmes from 31.07.2017 to 31.12.2017 was 22 while the total number of trainees were 2500.		R.P. Nimal Gunarathne Asst. Director 0718202773 Mr. Pradeep Agriculture Instructor 0718503288
3. Production of organic fertilizer adhering to the due standard		The final draft laying down standards required for production organic fertilizer with due standards has been published to enable for the general public to express their views.		

9. Your comment on specific matters observed :

- The numbers of monthly training sessions are not up to the satisfactory level due to inability of paying transport fees for trainees attending from remote areas through Agrarian Services Centres. As an alternative the Institution is conducting mobile training programmes, the practice of which proved unsatisfactory due to lossing of practical opportunities of motivating would-be trainees with demonstration programmes etc. Therefore it is important to conduct trainings at the centre itself.
- Furthermore it is more suitable to conduct training in group wise by partitioning sub dividing the lecture hall of the auditorium temporarily.

10 .Your recommendation on the relevant matters :

- A higher number of lectures (training classes) should be organized to enable for maximum utilization of the resources available at the auditorium.
- Restructuring the institution as District In service Training Institute of Kurunegala district for fulfilling the agricultural training requirements in the North-Western province.
- The auditorium consists of about 350 seats. Therefore except in instances where lectures are conducted for large groups, temporary partitioning is important on other occations to enable for conducting lectures to small groups as it would pare the way for economical use of resources such as bulbs and fans.
- The need to provide accommodation facilities for individuals or group of people who came from far away areas for the daily training is visible.
- It is very important to do the frequent monitoring, directing and auditing on regular basis for these programme.

11.Instruction and Recommendations of the Staff Officer :

The constructions of the Center of Excellence for organic fertilizer of Makandura have been commenced by the Building Department duning the latter part of 2010 and the organic fertilizer division of the Ministry of Agriculture co-ordinated the relevant activities. According to Mr. R.P. Nimal Gunarathne, Asst. Director of the Center of Excellence for organic fertilizer, Makandura procurement activities and other related documents for all expenditure have been attended to by that division.

Accordingly the Building Department has completed the constructions of the center within 03 years and handed it over to the Ministry of Agriculture. The administration of the Centre has been undertaken by the Regional Agriculture Research and Development Centre. A part from that, no any other information is available with the management of the Center of Excellence for organic farming relating of the construction of the building. Approximately Rs.66 million have been spent on the construction of this center while around Rs.3.8 million spent on the canteen.

This filly equipped auditorium with the facility of providing training to about 350 officers at a time was officially declared open by His Excellency the President. However according to Mr. R.P. Nimal Gunarathne training activities had been carried out in it even before that.

Accordingly details of training activities undertaken by this Institution are as follows.

Number of Trainees 2010 to 2016

Year of Training	Number of Trainings Conducted	Farmers	Officers	School Children and University Students	Total
2010	171	5798	2366	719	8883
2011	186	8701	1548	466	10715
2012	61	2199	848	406	3453
2013	89	2948	1823	332	5103
2014	128	6082	1768	253	8103
2015	73	3958	2011	213	6182
2016	59	3708	1699	72	5479

Up to 30 June 2017 36 institutional trainings for 2577 individuals have been conducted and it is scheduled to hold training workshops for another 2500 individuals. Those who are attending the training are provided with a compost bags hand bills, a booklet and food free of charge Utilizing annual allocation made available to the Center of Excellence for training activities.

- However the utilization of this auditorium is not up to the satisfactory level. This fact is obvious according to training / workshop details given at the above table which were conducted during the period from 2016/2017. This auditorium has not been put in to maximum utilization in comparison to the construction cost of Rs. 66 mn.

Recommendations

- Organize various types of trainings and taking action to attract officials and farmers in large number.
- Take action to hire the auditorium in instances where the relevant institution is not utilizing the same.
- Organize training workshops under time table so as to benefit participants. At this exercise it is very important to discuss with the responsible officers of various institutions of the Department of Agriculture, Provincial Departments of Agriculture and the Agrarian Development Department.
- Take early action to introduce standardization for organic fertilizer and conduct workshops to educate producers regarding the same.
- Take action to minimize wastage of resources with regard to the under utilization of the auditorium which is sufficient to give training to 350 individuals at a time.

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Field Monitoring

(as at 02.08.2017)

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For Secretary

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Front side view of the building



Back side view of the building



Landscaping in front of the building

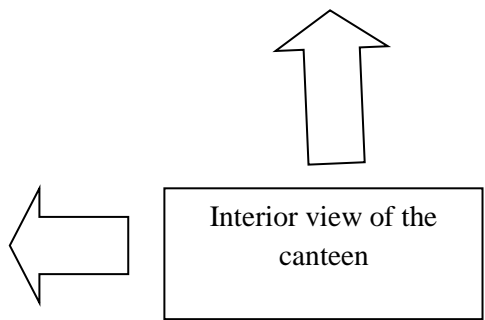
Auditorium Constructed at the Center for Excellence for Organic Farming



Canteen Constructed at the Center for Excellence for Organic Farming



Front side view of the canteen



Interior view of the canteen

A part of the fruit garden being developed



A part of the banana cultivation



A part of vegetable cultivation

Amaranth

Centrella

Leafy Grass

