

Scope of the Manual

This Training Manual is for the members of Water User's Association formed under ADMI project of West Bengal who want to strengthen their association to assume responsibility regarding operation, maintenance and management of MI schemes under the project sustainably. Mainly SOs, Line departments and the DPMUs will impart training to the WUA.

Background

ADMI project focuses on promotion of livelihood of small and marginal farmers in a sustainable manner through enhancement of agricultural production. In pursuing that Participatory Management of the minor irrigation schemes created under the project is set as one of the major objectives of the project. Institutional Development section of the project deals with the formation of viable and credible water users' associations (WUA).

The farming community particularly, poor farmers face several challenges in managing minor irrigation schemes, such as, i) inequitable water supply, ii) deprivation at the tail end point, iii) poor performance of irrigation facility due to deferred maintenance, iv) below optimum yield from farm because of not planning cropping pattern on the basis of availability of water etc.

Empowerment of WUA can enable the users to cope with these challenges. The essential requirement for that is enhancing capacities of the WUA members, off course through capacity enhancement of all stakeholders. Accordingly training plan has been developed for the WUAs.

This Training Manual will provide guidance in conducting training to WUA as well as will act as ready reference for the WUA. The manual is written in simple Bengali language such that WUA can use it as Hand Book.

As the water users of any scheme will be involved since pre-planning phase of the scheme, the modules cover the topics accordingly. Initially training to the WUA will be provided under six Modules.

Module 1 – About 'ADMI' Project

Module 2 – Roles & Responsibilities of WUA

Module 3 – Supervision & Monitoring of MI schemes

Module 4 – Operation & maintenance of MI schemes

Module 5 – Accounts & Book keeping for WUA

Module 6 – Agriculture based livelihood

Manuals are developed on the topics covered in the modules. The content in the manuals is the basic inputs. As per requirement the content can be extended and improvised. Need assessment of training for WUA will be performed regularly and based on that the modules will be re-focused, if necessary.