

Closing session of the PLAR-IRM curriculum

At the end of the PLAR-IRM curriculum, an official closing session is organized. This session is intended for all farmers who participated in the PLAR-IRM sessions, but also for guests, e.g. farmers of the same inland valley or from neighboring inland valleys. During this session, PLAR farmers give an overview of what they learnt during the PLAR-IRM sessions. This overview will probably create new demand for PLAR-IRM support from farmers who did not participate in the PLAR-IRM sessions. PLAR farmers who successfully completed the curriculum receive a certificate. After the distribution of the certificates, the farmers discuss the continuation of the activities for the next season. This module is extremely important and requires the presence and participation of the whole PLAR-IRM team. The organization of this module creates the conditions for the extension of the program to neighboring inland valleys and villages.

- ❶ Present the newly acquired knowledge and the new practices implemented.
- ❷ Call for the farmers' point of view for the continuation of the program.
- ❸ Identify the interest of farmers who did not participate in the PLAR-IRM program.
- ❹ Analyze the possibilities for farmer-to-farmer training.
- ❺ Distribute the certificates.



Learning objectives

The objectives of this module are to:

- Officially close the PLAR-IRM curriculum at the end of the growing season.
- Reward PLAR-IRM farmers by distributing certificates.
- Identify, with PLAR-IRM farmers, new ideas or activities that can be introduced and developed in new PLAR-IRM modules.
- Gauge the interest of other farmers in becoming involved in PLAR-IRM.



Procedure

1. Meet at the PLAR-IRM Center.
2. The head of the PLAR-IRM team opens the session officially and explains its objectives.
3. The facilitator asks the farmers to present, taking turns, what they learnt during the sessions of the PLAR-IRM curriculum. The facilitator summarizes the results in the first column of a two-column table.
4. The facilitator asks the farmers to list each new practice they implemented in their IRM fields. She/he refers to the newly acquired knowledge in the first column of the table.

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5. Next, farmers explain which new practices they expect to implement on a larger scale during the next season and discuss the conditions required to implement them.
6. The facilitator asks the participating farmers which activities and PLAR-IRM modules they would like to repeat during the next growing season.
7. The facilitator gauges the interest among new farmers to participate in a PLAR-IRM curriculum during the next growing season.
8. The facilitator examines to what extent farmers of the PLAR-IRM Center could train new farmers during PLAR-IRM sessions in neighboring inland valleys, i.e. farmer-to-farmer training. The facilitator identifies farmers that are interested in becoming farmer-trainers and have the necessary capacities to facilitate such training sessions.
9. The head of the PLAR-IRM team distributes the PLAR-IRM certificates to the farmers who participated.
10. The head of the PLAR-IRM team officially closes the session.



Time required

- Two hours



Materials required

- Large sheet of strong packing paper, markers.
- Certificate of participation for each PLAR farmer.