

### **Press release**

## **DEW organized improved cultivation practices training for farmer organization**

‘Farmers are the most important person in our county because they are providing food for whole nation. But they are not being paid their proper worth in our society. Small & marginal farmers face so much discrimination in accessing government services including fertilizer distribution, soil testing, production advices, agricultural subsidies & loans. They get low quality inputs & low prices and incurred higher costs of transportation and rental of equipments. It is essential to improve Agricultural governance and production system. This can only be done effectively by organizing small and marginal farmers into strong organization. So they can utilize their collective power to voice, negotiate & accomplish their rights and service. This project will build the capacity of farmer organization to attain their rights & negotiate more in dialogue from public & private service stakeholder’ said by Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director, DEW in the opening day of the training session. Development Wheel (DEW) organized two days farmer training on improved cultivation practices for winter vegetables on 21 to 22, November 2012 at SPANDAN training & facilitation centre, Mymensingh as a part of Agricultural Rights Program (ARP). Thirty farmers of Baruamari village under Gouripur upazilla were participated in this training. Training session was facilitated by Mr. Shahidul Islam, Upazilla Agriculture Officer, Mymensingh and Mr. Sadekur Rahman, Upazilla Agriculture Officer, Khamarbari, Dhaka.

During training session upazilla agriculture officer discussed on importance of vegetable cultivation, improved cultivation practices on brinjal, summer tomato, cabbage, cauliflower, bean, Bottol gourd, cucumber etc. They also discussed on the insect and pest control of mentioned vegetables such as fruit & shoot borer, cutworm, aphid, Jessed etc. They describe modern technologies (sex pheromone, mridha water trap, molasses or chitagur trap, bishtop, light trap, stric or glue trap, reflection trap etc) and mentioned few beneficial insect (*tricogramma*, *bracon* hebitor, green less wing, lady bird beetle and mites) of vegetable cultivation. They discussed on disease of vegetable cultivation such as bacterial leaf blight, early & late blight, little leaf, leaf spot etc. they mention what is the difference between fungal & viral disease of crop. They also got emphasis on organic pesticide culture like neem seed oil, go-chena, bishkatali leaf, tobacco leaf and preparation of bordex mixture.



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**Mr. Shah Abdus Salam, Executive Director, DEW, Mr. Shahidul Islam, UAO, Mymensingh and Mr. Sadekur Rahman, UAO, Khamarbari, Dhaka were attended in the training session**



**Upazilla agricultural officer discussed on improved cultivation technique to farmers**