Office for Development of Agricultural Activities of Rural and Nomadic women Ministry of Agriculture- Jahad

HLP Convention 2023 Sharing Best Practices on Nurturing Leadership in Local Governance Iran



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Mission of Office for Development of Agricultural Activities of Rural and Nomadic women

Policy making & Planning nationally:

- Empowerment and development of socio-economic capacities of rural women
- Institution building and supporting the creation of socioeconomic organizations
- Development of employment and entrepreneurship of rural and nomadic women in the agricultural sector

Current status on Rural and Nomadic Women

- Population: about 10 million people
- Literacy rate: 73% women
- Active in Agriculture: 6 million

Why HLP?

- 1. Failure to transfer successful experiences of farmers and villagers due to lack of effective communication between themselves
- 2. Absence of a mechanism to recognize indigenous knowledge and successful experiences of the local community at the national and regional levels
- 3. Lack of field Trainers on social and economic development with a participatory approach

Promoting

Application of HLP



the Best & Good Practices

in agricultural development

Timeline of Action

HLP story in Iran

Year	Activity		
2011	survey good learning methods for local communities		
2012	Workshop on HLP for Experts of 5 provinces		
2013	Training Workshop and Field Practice on HLP for Experts and Rural Communities in 3 provinces (Pilot)		
2014	Fact sheet distribution in villages (9 experiences of 2 provinces in 112 villages)		
2015	Assessment of the program		
2016	Sharing experience with other government agencies		
2018	Developing and implementing a training program for experts		
2019	Training workshops for experts (the skills & techniques facilitation)		
2020	Training workshops for experts (the skills & techniques facilitation) / Using cyberspace to exchange experience		
2021	Sharing the results with HLP Foundation		
2022	Workshop on HLP for Trainer (18 provinces)		
2022	Calling good experiences of experts and specialists in agriculture and rural areas and holding an event to share the best experiences (good practices= 190 cases)		
2023	Transferring experiences in HLP convention		

2012

Workshop on HLP for Experts of 5 provinces

Dr. Santanu Lahiri



workshop poster



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Workshop on "Horizontal Learning"

Tehran – 18-21 Nov 2012

Organized by Training and Extension Department, Rural Women Affairs office,

Apo & NIPO

Name of HLP in local language

شبکه یادگیری تجارب موفق

Shabakeye Yad Ghiri-e Tajarob Movaffagh

(Learning network of successful experiences)



Training Workshop and Field Practice on HLP for Experts and Rural Communities in 3 provinces (Pilot)

2013

Province	Experts (Person/day)	Rural and Nomadic Women (Person/day)
Qazvin	10	30
Markazi	10	30
Fars	25	50
Total	45	110

Meeting the directors, the experts, the facilitators & local communities





Fact sheets

The front of the fact sheet



The back side of the fact sheet



Challenges & Solutions

Challenges

- Time consuming in government administrative **bureaucracy**
- High cost of printing fact sheets
- Cultural restriction for rural women to record personal details in the fact sheet

Solutions

- 1. Launching tours to visit successful farms
- 2. Using Cyberspace to communicate and transfer the experiences of the local community and government experts
- 3. Developing a training program for improving the skills of experts

Solution No. 3

Developing a training program for improving the skills of experts

- Designing a ToT program
- Holding workshops for experts
- Holding workshops for the local community by Trainers
- Sharing the experiences by Social Media

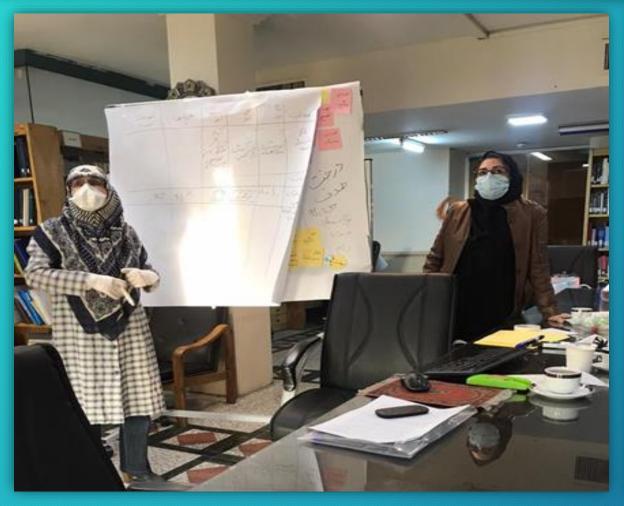
Sharing a successful experience to improve the livelihood of villagers

Sharing the experience of working with local communities with a financial institution with a socio-economic approach

(the process of selecting a local facilitator and creating a microcredit fund for rural women)

Training workshops for experts on the skills & techniques facilitation 2019 -2022







HLP ToT Workshop



2022

HLP ToT Workshops

- ☐ HLP (By: Santanu Lahiri & Iranian teachers)
- □120 (person / day)
- □HLP simulation by 5 teams of Trainees











Achievements

- Recognizing successful experiences in agriculture and Rural Development (RD)
- Identify and appreciate the successful, creative and entrepreneurial people
- Documentation successful agriculture experiences/practices
- Provides opportunities for the promotion of good practices and experiences
- Facilitate participation of farmers, villagers and experts in the development of the agricultural sector
- Strengthen the network of agricultural knowledge and experience through the local community
- Strengthen the communication network of experts' knowledge and experiences

Suggestions

- Membership of the Rural Women's Office in the HLP Convention
- Exchange of experiences of rural women of member countries through field visits
- Exchange of trainers and experts among member countries

