

Training/Capacity Building of Rural Youth in Various Agriculture Trades

Background

- ❖ 22 million rural youth (20-29 year) mostly unemployed Can be trained in various trades of agriculture & livestock including:
 - Livestock Management
 - Farm Management
 - Farm Machinery Operation & Maintenance
 - Honey bee and mushroom production
 - IPM & Bio-control
 - Artificial Insemination Can play vital role in increasing agriculture & livestock production and improving livelihood

Why

- Uneducated/untrained “Munshies” at large farms
- Farmers’ education & training
- Low farm income and living standard of farming community
- Low agriculture and livestock production
- Agriculture & livestock sector needs a large force of trained service providers
- Limited business/employment opportunities for rural youth
- PARC’s on-going successful model of one-year training of 750 Livestock Managers and Farm Managers at 17 institutions across the country

Issues/Challenges

- Insufficient training facilities in agriculture & livestock sectors at country level
- Out-dated, inadequate training equipment/material/infra-structure
- Limited accommodation facilities
- Meager financial resources
- Curricula need up-gradation
- Lack of master trainers at country level
- Limited coordination between federal and provincial agricultural institutions

Implementation Strategy

- Strengthen training/capacity building institutes across the country
- Build adequate accommodation facilities
- Properly equip training institutes with modern communication aids
- Up-date curricula by incorporating latest knowledge and advancements in crop, horticulture & livestock sectors
- Large scale on-job training of master trainers
- Build strong linkages between federal and provincial agricultural institutions/stake holders

Benefits

- Large-scale trained force of service providers available for agriculture sector
- Business opportunities/employment generation for 22 million rural youth
- Increased/sustained agriculture & livestock production
- Ensured food security and safety
- Increased farm income
- Poverty alleviation and improved living standard of farming community