

First time SRI demonstration plot is established in Kailali district in Nepal

The System of Rice Intensification is a new method of rice cultivation to the farmers living in Kailali district. A locally working NGO, " Forum for Awareness and Youth Activity Nepal (FAYA-Nepal)" took the initiative to provide this new technology to the rural rice growers in this district. The demonstration plot of area around 500m² has been established in Bhajani VDC under European Union food facility project. The project was funded by the EU and implemented by FAYA-Nepal in close collaboration with UN/FAO.

Twenty five leader farmers from three neighboring VDC participated in the training. These farmers will get together in the demonstration field at least three important crop stage and to learn about the SRI, analyze the crop ecology and discuss about problems faced with the SRI expert.



Fig 1. Farmer's participating in transplantation of rice through SRI methods

Fig 2. Participants in SRI training in Bhajani

Fig 3. SRI expert Rajendra Uperty providing information about the handling of young rice seedlings in the training

Transplanting of rice seedling of 9 days old was conducted at 28th April, 2010 in presence of SRI expert Rajendra Uperty. Right now the crop is growing enthusiastically. Numbers of farmers from distant VDCs of the district are regularly visiting the demonstration field to see the new technique of rice cultivation. Ram Bdr Khadk, programme coordinator and agriculture scientist, is also taking technical local responsibility of the demonstration plot.

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