

Feed the Future: Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Trip Report

Country(s) Visited: Tanzania

Dates of Travel: May 13—16, 2019

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Purpose of Trip: to organize, facilitate, document and provide the training on Integrated Pest Management for Rice and Maize, held from May 14-15 at Mbezi beach - Land Mark Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Training Activities Conducted:

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Trip Objective
			Men	Women		
Training for extension workers and lead farmers on Integrated Pest Management (for Rice and Maize IPM)	14 May 2019 for Rice	29 for rice	15	14	Tanzania	To brainstorm and capacitate the capacity of extension workers and lead farmers on integrated pest management through training
	15 May 2019 for Maize	30 for Maize	21	9		
		Total= 59				

Activity: provide the training and guidance, facilitate/organize and document the moments of the Training

Building the capacity of the extension workers is the foundation to develop and adopt comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approaches and among the core activities of the Rice, Maize and Chickpea IPM for East Africa project. The recent training held on May 14 and 15 2019 were conducted with these premises: to raise awareness on IPM solutions and inform about new emerging pests and diseases as well as the levels of damage the pests and diseases cause major crops.

59 (46 Male and 13 Female) participants from the two (rice and maize) components of the project attended the training. Major topics covered were: **Rice diseases for extension officers and lead farmers, maize IPM overview in Tanzania, Maize stem borers and striga management in Tanzania using Push- Pull technology and status of Fall army worm (spodoptera frugiperda) in Tanzania.**



The trainers applauded that the training offered them a good opportunity to learn from each other and to understand the adoption of IPM is part of the best solution to rescue the major crops, like maize and rice, from pests and diseases. Through teamwork and breakout sessions the participants explored insights, experiences and reported back for the plenary.

During the opening and end of the sessions, Dr. Tadele provided his kind remarks and guidance for the participants on how to move forward. He said, “building the capacity of extension workers and our farmers is an effective way to help them stay up to date on IPM technologies and newly emerging pests and diseases. With this effect, the project will continue the provision of such kind of training.” He added, “the knowledge you gained from the training will enable you to support the farmers and adopt newly developed IPM technologies meeting to the needs of local farmers. “

The presentations, group work sessions and discussions exploring valuable insights were documented.