

# Initiation of capacity building programme

The first workshop of the capacity building programme on climate change adaptation technologies was held for the Cauvery Delta farmers in June. The ClimaRice team also visited several villages to plan pilot demonstrations of adaptation measures.

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In the last week of June, the Climarice team (Mr. L. Vijayanathan, Senior Scientific Advisor, The Royal Norwegian Embassy New Delhi and Dr. Nagothu Udaya Sekhar, Bioforsk, Norway, Project Coordinator, along with Dr. V. Geethalakshmi and Dr. A. Lakshmanan (TNAU) visited 3 pilot villages (in Trichy and Thanjavur districts) and interacted with farmers who will be actively involved in the project.



*Picture 1: Village meeting*

Planning of pilot demonstrations of various adaptation measures on farmers fields are in progress in the different villages. The researchers are working closely with water managers (Water Resources Organization, Trichy) and the Department of Agriculture, Trichy, and other stakeholders, including farmers, for developing possible scenarios and adaptation measures. This is being initiated through several methodological approaches including focus group meetings and stakeholder panel meetings. A stakeholder panel meeting is being held every six months (the latest meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, Trichy) to update the panel about the project activities, get feedback /inputs from stakeholders and incorporate their suggestions in improving the project results and outputs.



Picture 2: Capacity building workshop in Ammanpetai Village

The first capacity building workshop was organized at Ammanpetai village of Tanjore district on 27<sup>th</sup> June, where farmers were exposed to the community nursery programme (seed nurseries of Bio Fertilizers such as blue green algae and Azolla), SRI methods-its constraints and measures to improve the rice cultivation and use of mechanical weeders, composting process, and interpretation of weather parameters for farm decision making. Around 50-60 farmers, including women participated in the capacity building programme.



Picture 3: Mechanical weeders