

ATMA- Status of Implementation of Extension Reforms(ATMA) Scheme in Karnataka

Approval of the Government is issued (vide G.O. No.AHD 275 AMS 2004, Bangalore dated:12.12.2005) for implementation of ATMA Model of Extension Reforms System in Karnataka.

During, 2005-06, the project was implemented in nine districts viz., Bidar, Gulbarga, Shimoga, C.R.Nagar, Kolar, Koppal, Haveri, Bijapur and Hassan districts and during 2006-07. In addition to these nine districts , the Government has accorded sanction to extend to four more districts, namely, Belgaum, Chitradurga, Chikkamagalur and Kodagu, which are covered under Hon'ble Prime Minister's Special Package Programme.(vide G.O.No.AHD 139 AMS 2006 Bangalore, Dated:12-01-2007)

After the issue of Government orders, 13 District Level ATMA Steering Committees, 87 Taluka Level ATMA Implementation Committees have been constituted. The Steering Committees are headed by *Adhyakshas* of Zilla Panchayats, with Chief Executive Officers of the Zilla Panchayats as Project Director and District Joint Director of Agriculture as Member Secretary. The Taluka Level ATMA Implementation Committees have Taluka Panchayat *Adhyaksha* as their Chairman with Executive Officers of Taluka Panchayat as Executive Director and Taluka Assistant Director of Agriculture as Member Secretary.

At State level IDWG (Inter Department Working Group) headed by the Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner has come into being with Commissioner for Agriculture as the Nodal Officer, heading the State Level Project Implementation Committee. The Agriculture & Horticulture Department of Government of Karnataka is the Nodal Department.

The HRD activities are looked after by SAMETI Regional Centres, South and North, located respectively at UAS, Bangalore and Dharwad.

Public - Private Partnership

In respect of extension efforts, concept of public-private partnership is introduced under ATMA Model of Agricultural Extension System in the selected nine districts. The results of these efforts will be available only after the end of current year (2006-07).

Mechanism of Co-Ordination and Convergence in Different Extension Activities

Mechanism of co-ordination and convergence is systematically adopted in the State through the Bi-monthly Technical Workshops and Fortnightly Workshops arranged at district and *taluka* (block) levels. In the district level workshops, extension personnel of the DoA and the key officers of the line departments and the specialists of the SAUs share various issues and draft the recommendations at the district level.

At RSK level, extension personnel of the DoA and selected line Departments address the issues related to the farmers of that *hobli* (sub-block). Now, in the selected nine districts, where in ATMA model of AES is being implemented, coordinated and

convergent efforts are made duly involving all the stake holders to tackle the problems faced by the farmers.

General Issues:

1. The District Joint Directors of Agriculture and Taluk Assistant Directors of Agriculture, who are the Member Secretaries of District and Taluk Level Committees, are requested to ensure proper and successful implementation of the project through effective coordination among the line departments and all the other concerned organisations/ institutions.
2. Field Activities shall be carried out in accordance with GoI approval and strictly as per the ceiling limits for the present on going activities.(as given forth with in this book)
3. They shall ensure audit of their ATMA accounts and furnish the same to the State level.
4. Timely implementation of activities is a must to ensure higher success rate.

Annual SEWP 2006-07 (to be implemented during 2007-08) for the nine districts (Bidar, Gulbarga, Bijapur, Koppal, Haveri, Shimoga, Hassan, C.R.Nagar and Kolar) is furnished in the next pages. In respect of the four (Belgaum, Chitradurga, Chikkamagalur and Kodagu)districts, it will be communicated after approval from GoI