In Latin American countries the rich-poor gap is still large and the needs for life improvement remain high. By learning Japanese and ex-participants’ experiences & application cases of life improvement, this course is designed to further disseminate life improvement approach, which contains self-problem-solution methods and creation of individual initiative, to be applied to sustainable rural development.

Objective/Outcome

Some actions are taken based on the action plan, and application life improvement approach to rural development policy, strategy, and/or plans are taken into consideration.

Outcome

1. To formulate Inception Report by extracting and analyzing challenges of belonging organization and target areas.
   2. To understand the policy, institutional and operational system of life improvement extension program in Japan.
   3. To learn about life improvement practices and monitoring system of Japan and of ex-participants, and formulate Life Improvement Application Plan (draft).
   4. To finalize Life Improvement Application Plan (final) through observation of life improvement cases of ex-participants and discussion with them.
   5. To implement planned activities and submit Final Report, which will be shared and discussed in TV Seminar.

Target Organization / Group

[Target Organization]
Central/local government organization, NGO, universities, etc. in charge of rural development in the respective country.

[Target Group]
1. In charge of rural development policy/planning/extension planning
2. 5 years experiences
3. Those who promise final report/TV Seminar
4. University graduate or equivalent
5. Those who are able to collaborate with ex-participants such as REDCAM

Contents

Preparatory Program
Formulation of Inception Report by extracting and analyzing challenges of belongings organization and target areas.

Program in Japan
Lectures, workshops, study trips, discussions, presentations, etc.
1. Policy, institutional and operational system of life improvement extension program in Japan.
2. Characteristics of Life Improvement Approach
3. Concrete life improvement cases and monitoring system of Japan and of ex-participants
4. Formulation of Life Improvement Application Plan (draft)

Third-country Program
Through observation of life improvement cases of ex-participants and discussion, finalize Life Improvement Application Plan (final).

Post Program
1. Implement planned activities and submit Final Report
2. Share implemented activities and future plan

Language
(A) Spanish (B) Spanish

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Course Period
(A) 2018/5/28～2018/6/30 (B) 2018/10/22～2018/11/24

Partners
International Farmers Participation Technical Network (IFPaT) / International Farmers Participation Technical Network (IFPaT)

Remarks and Website
* 2 participants/country (1 political level/1 extension level) recommended
* Third-country program planned, to share ex-participants’ activities
* A few high-ranking officials acceptable based on the country’s strategy