

One-day Training Program for Women

Most women in rural area of Eastern Black Sea Region are engaged in agriculture and livestock activity. In spite of necessity of technical information for women, their busy daily work prevented them from attending any training programs by Provincial Directorate of Agriculture (PDA), District Directorate of Agriculture (DDA) and Public Training Center (PTC). In order to provide such training opportunities to women, the Project Team implemented one-day training program in the model areas based on their needs.

On December 16, 2009, one-day training on agriculture was held in Kuruçam. Eleven women attended the training. A staff of Akçaabat DDA became a trainer for women. At first, the trainer lectured on general information for farming methods. Then, the women explained their problems and made questions of cultivation of hazelnut, strawberry, potato, and some other vegetables. The trainer explained the specific information and gave solutions. The participants could get useful information and requested to continue holding the same kind of training during winter season.



Second one-day training on house-keeping was held in Kuruçam on December 30, 2009. The subject was selected as Japanese cooking training by a request from women and village chief. Seven women joined and cooked Japanese dishes, namely "Tempura" and "Shiratama" with a Japanese expert. The participants and a JICA expert discussed differences in meal, cooking tools, cooking way, etc. between Turkey and Japan. At the tasting time, few men farmers joined and all participants were enjoying Japanese meal. Women participants said they would cook at their home for family.



On January 20, 2010, third one-day training on livestock was held in Kuruçam. Another staff of Akçaabat DDA became a trainer. Eighteen women attended to the training, and

some men joined in the training as guest. The trainer explained basic information on care of dairy cattle. The major points to remember were milking, feeding, barn condition during pregnancy, and breeding, based on women's questions. In addition, a chairperson of livestock cooperative explained their assistant program to participants.



Based on experience of one-day trainings in Kuruçam, the Project Team tried to hold the same kind of training for women in Uğurlu on January 19. Three staffs of Trabzon PDA became trainers, and 7 women attended the training. Women in Uğurlu cultivated tea as a main cash crop and some vegetable for self-consumption. The trainers explained soil preparation, manure, pest control, etc., and provided some documents and manuals on vegetable cultivation. The women in this area need to create spare time to expand vegetable production. Therefore, the Project Team will promote them to see demonstration of tea harvesting machine as a labor-saving technique in coming tea season.

