Extension: Introduction

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Extension:

- "Ex" means out; "Tensio" means stretching
- Spreading of knowledge to the rural people
- Extension may be defined as a communication system to overcome the problem of the people
- Extension is the Knowledge disseminating system (KDS) in overall agricultural development process which brings techniques/innovations from the Knowledge generating system (KGS) to the member of Knowledge consuming system (KCS)
- Extension is a service or system to assist farm people in increasing production and income and improving livelihood.

Extension characteristics

- Works with people not for them
- Works with the harmony of the culture of people
- Works for better among the best
- It is a two way link

Extension objectives:

- To assist farm people to identify their problems/needs
- To develop leadership to solve problems
- To disseminate research information
- To mobilize and utilize the resources
- To collect feedback information to solve management problems

Outcome of extension objectives

Economical	Social	Psychological
- Increased income	-Improved health, nutrition	Change in attitude
	and sanitation	
- Increased production	- Adequate housing	- Reducing fatalism
- Increased productivity	- leadership development	- Reducing sceptical
-Reduced loss from	- Cooperation development	-Reducing fear of
disease/insect/parasites		technology
- Better marketing	- Increased organizational	
	efficiency	

Level of extension objectives

- 1. Overall/ fundamental
- 2. General or specific social
- 3. Functional or day to day working

Criteria for setting extension objectives

- 1. It should be written
- 2. It should be specific
- 3. It should state the followings:
 - What is to be taught
 - Whom is to be taught
 - When is to be taught
 - Where is to be taught
 - How is to be taught
- 4. It should be such that successful operation is possible
- 5. It should call for some changes of beneficial nature
- 6. It should be educational

Scope of Fisheries extension in Bangladesh

- Fish production increase
- Marketing, distribution and utilization of farm products
- Conservation/uses of natural resources
- Farm and home management
- Youth development
- Leadership development
- Population education
- Community improvement

Problems of fisheries extension in Bangladesh

- 1. Lack of need/region based technology dissemination
- 2. Lack of participation
- 3. Lack of coordination

Extension Principles

- These are the basic guidelines if used properly may help to achieve the objectives
- 1. Principle of cultural differences
- 2. Principle of family and family members
- 3. Principle of participation
- 4. Principle of local situation (tech development regionally)
- 5. Principle of local leadership
- 6. Principle of interest or need felt and unfelt
- 7. Principle of program building based on specific objectives
- 8. Principle of demonstration (learning by doing)
- 9. Principle of satisfaction
- 10. Principle of accountability
- 11. Principle of evaluation
- 12. Principle of linkage

Extension Philosophy

- Philosophy of a particular discipline would furnish that principles to shape the activities to that discipline
- 1. Philosophy of democracy
- 2. Philosophy of culture
- 3. Philosophy of truth
- 4. Philosophy of education
- 5. Philosophy of leadership
- 6. Philosophy of local responsibility
- 7. Philosophy of individual's dignity