

ICAR-IVRI-Eastern Regional Station organized a Gosthi cum Follow Up Programme and Feed Supplements Distribution among Rural Women under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes

The Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute organized a Gosthi cum Follow Up and Monitoring Programme under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) in Balarampur village under Sonarpur block in South 24 Paraganas district of West Bengal on 16th February, 2024. Dr. Sadhan Bag and Dr. G. K. Das, Principal Scientists were present in the programme and co-ordinated the event. The basic purpose of the programme was to monitor the status of the inputs distributed in an earlier occasion dated 1st November, 2023 by the IVRI-ERS.

A total of 50 women beneficiaries those who underwent an animal cum poultry health awareness training on 30th October, 2023 and subsequently received Kaveri chicks (as major input) on 1st of



Sl. No.	Attributes	No. (%) of beneficiaries
1.	No. beneficiaries called over telephone	50 (100)
2.	No. beneficiaries responded to telephone calls	40/50 (80)
3.	No. beneficiaries remained non-responded to telephone calls	10/50 (20)
4.	No. beneficiaries did not have any birds (received as inputs)	12/40 (30)
5.	No. beneficiaries had birds (received as inputs) and called for the meeting	28/40 (70)
6.	No. of beneficiaries attended the meeting out of the number called for	11/28 (39.3)
7.	No. of absent beneficiaries showed interest to meet the organizing group later	5/28 (17.9)

November, 2023 were targeted for the programme. Telephonically, all the 50 beneficiaries were contacted, but only 40 beneficiaries responded and the rest 10 were not available. Out of 40, 12 (30 per cent) beneficiaries were reported to have no birds with them. The rest 28 have birds and called

for a meeting on 16th of February, 2024. Out of 28 called, only 11 beneficiaries came for the meeting and later on 5 showed interest.

An interactive discussion was made with all the 11 participants, asked about the status of birds



they received, sex-ratio of the birds, whether vaccinated the birds in proper time, any death of birds while transport on 0 day and afterwards, any signs/ symptoms shown by the

birds prior to death, strength of birds at present, problems they are currently facing and what they expect still with ESR-IVRI, Kolkata. Out of 16 (11+5) joined in the programme, the overall rate of bird survivability was 84.6% and the overall mortality rate was 15.4% up to 14 weeks of age. About 100 % survivability was recorded in 3 (18.8%), between 83.3 to 94.4 % in 7 (43.8%) and between 50.0 to 77.7% in 6 (37.5%) beneficiaries. The mortality rate at day 0 was 0.34% and reported to increase with the progression of age, reaching 15.4% up to the age of 14 weeks. All the birds were vaccinated for Ranikhet (with F1 and LaSota) and Gumboro diseases well in time by the beneficiaries trained by the ERS, ICAR-IVRI scientists. Predation, accidental cause, sudden death and pox etc are some of the causes that were reported for death of the birds. All the beneficiaries are concerned for the high cost of poultry feed in the market and requested for obtaining some supports in regard to poultry feed from ERS-ICAR-IVRI.