



Analysis of Strengthen Extension Programs toward Sustainable Agriculture in Iran, South and Razavi Khorasan Provinces

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One of the most important tasks of an extension organization is to choose the objectives of the extension program. In many developing countries, agriculture plays a vital role in the economy, and sustainability in the agricultural sector must address the issues of poverty alleviation, food security, and stable income generation for a rapidly growing population. Sustainable agriculture extension programs are mandated worldwide to foster the implementation of sustainable agriculture practices. These required sustainable agriculture extension programs are to be conducted by Extension Educators, therefore understanding extension educators' perceptions toward strengthen extension programs of sustainable agriculture is especially important. This study was conducted to identify the most appropriate objectives to strengthen agricultural extension program toward sustainability in Iran context. The population consists of 3 different Townships of South Khorasan Province (n= 130). Provinces who participated in sustainable agriculture program were the target population for the study. Participants (n= 95) were elected by using simple random sample approach. Data collected by a standard questionnaire. Based upon the result, the implication clearly exists that the Extension Educators should pay more attention to using key and local educators in extension programs, and also held more Extension-education program to strengthen extension program. The research may help ministry agricultural experts to foster the degree of agricultural extension and education programs in sustainable agriculture that operates internationally.

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