

Brucellosis Awareness Program organized on International Women's Day at NIVEDI

Brucellosis Epidemiology Unit 1 under DBT Network Project on Brucellosis, NIVEDI

has organized one day Brucellosis awareness program for the farmers in Jakkur village, Bangalore on 9th March 2015, coinciding International Women's Day with the help of Dr. Kamalamma Veterinary Officer, Dept of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Karnataka. The farmers were sensitized on



disease symptoms in animals, possible disease transmission chain from infected to non-infected animals in the shed and economic impact of brucellosis on livestock. Similarly, brucellosis transmission to humans through direct handling of infected animals; through consumption of *brucella* contaminated raw milk and observable symptoms in humans were discussed. The importance of early detection either by screening of milk samples for brucellosis in the village cooperatives or serum testing of all sexually matured animal once in a year and reporting of any late abortions to local Veterinary doctor were



stressed. To prevent their animals from brucellosis, importance of Calf hood vaccination for 4 to 8 month old calves in the brucellosis control program implemented by Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF), Govt. of India and vaccination done through Dept of Animal Husbandry and

Veterinary Services, Govt. of Karnataka were highlighted. The importance of good farm sanitary conditions and biosecurity to prevent the transmission of brucellosis and other contagious zoonotic diseases from animals to humans were stressed. As part of the program, farm and animal sanitary maintenance kit comprising of disinfectant, fly repellent, mineral mixture, a brucellosis technical bulletin in Kannada (local language)

etc., were distributed to farmers at free of cost. Blood samples were collected from all the sexually matured animals for brucellosis screening.

Feed backs were obtained from the participants for further improvisation of future training and awareness programs. The program was conducted under the guidance of Dr. H. Rahman, Director, NIVEDI and coordinated by Dr. Rajeswari Shome,

Principal Scientist & PI of the project with the assistance of research fellows of DBT Network Project on Brucellosis.


