

Success story: Bringing Linseed Back to Bundelkhand: Success of Farmer Interest Group on Linseed

Name of KVK	Banda
Name of crop	Linseed
Name of variety	BUAT Alsi-04
Name of FIG	Farmer Interest Group on Linseed
No. of farmers	25
Address	Village- Mataundh Grameen, Block Badhokhar khurd, Distt- Banda (U.P.)
Background information	Back to 2-3 decades Linseed was the major crop of Banda district but due to introduction of HYV of Mustard, low productivity and incidence of Linseed bud fly farmers of Banda district gradually shifted to Mustard and other Rabi crops. KVK Banda got 10 ha CFLD Linseed target for Rabi 2024-25. Then Scientist of KVK, Banda selected Mataundh Grameen village for demo. After selection of village an open meeting for all was organized in village. In this program more than 60 farmers were participated and out of 35 farmers have showed interest on Linseed farming. Then 25 farmers based on minimum land of 1.0 acre have selected and one Farmers Interest Group (FIG) on Linseed was formed.
Institutional Involvement	KVK Banda has demonstrated the high yielding Linseed variety BUAT Alsi-04 along with line sowing during Rabi, 2024-25 under CFLD Oilseed programme.
Success point	All the Member of FIG were provided a two days on campus training programme on Scientific cultivation of Linseed. And group discussion was also held. Later on, they were provided with 10 Kg of BUAT-Alsi 04 seeds to each farmers of FIG for demonstration. And scientist of KVK, Banda throughout the season have visited the field of farmers time to time and whenever required. One field day was also organized on the farmer's field of Mr. Dheerendra Pratap Singh, Member of FIG.
Farmer feedback	After successful implementation of the technology, Members of FIG were highly impressed and motivated by the performance of the new variety (BUAT-Alsi-04) of with improved cultivation practices due to its higher net income and bud fly resistant characteristic. The group serves as role model and motivated other farmers also for Linseed Production not only in their village but also for the entire farming community of the nearby villages.
Outcome yield	12.64 q/ha
Potential yield of variety	16
District average	5.58
State average	5.74

Performance of technology vis-a-vis farmer (Increase in productivity and returns):

Specific Technology	Yield (q/ha)	Gross cost (Rs./ha)	Gross income (Rs./ha)	Net income (Rs./ha)	B:C ratio
Farmer practice (Check)	6.32	20000	34380	14380	1.72
FIG practice	12.63	21000	68707	47707	3.27
% Increase	49.96	-	-	-	-



Group Meeting by KVK Scientists



Farmer training organized at KVK, Banda



Field day organized at Farmers field