

## **ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RURAL COOPERATIVES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES (ARM 216)**

**PREMISE:** Revitalizing agriculture and bringing it back to its past glory has been at the center of various government programmes aimed at improving the living condition of the rural populace. Recent studies at ARMTI have revealed that rural cooperative members do not optimize the use of resources through economy of scale. Consequently, the cooperative societies have not been able to acquire assets and expand enterprise base to ensure employment generation and wealth creation. Therefore, the capacity of extension staff, grassroots facilitators and change agents should be strengthened in order to provide advisory services and equip cooperators with necessary skills to achieve their development goals.

**OBJECTIVES:** This course is designed to improve the knowledge and skills of participants in the organization and management of rural cooperative societies. Specifically, at the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- ◆ identify constraints militating against effective management of rural cooperative societies in Nigeria;
- ◆ list the benefits of organizing rural communities into cooperative societies;
- ◆ facilitate access to external support for their various projects; and
- ◆ plan and manage cooperative enterprises.

**CONTENT:**

- ◆ Cooperatives and Community Development.
- ◆ Determining and analyzing cooperative needs.
- ◆ Developing and managing cooperative enterprises.
- ◆ Negotiation skills in cooperative development.
- ◆ Organizing Gender and Vulnerable groups into Cooperative Societies.
- ◆ Planning and Executing Rural Group Projects.
- ◆ Sourcing and managing cooperative funds.
- ◆ Conflict management.
- ◆ Effective skills in record keeping.

**TRAINING METHODS:** Lecturettes, discussions, group exercises, role-play and study visit.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Cooperative Officers from Federal and State Ministries of Agriculture, Commerce, Women Affairs and Local Government Service Commissions, Community Development Officers, ADPs, FADAMA III AF, Agricultural Officers, Development Workers at the Local Government and Area Councils, Coordinators of Public and Private Sector Organizations involved in grassroots development, Oil Companies, NGOs, CBOs and CSOs.

**DURATION:** One week

**DATE:** April 24 - 28 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> Run)

**VENUE:** Ilorin

**CHARGES:** ₦33,000.00 (including VAT)