



### Providing Trainings through Farmer's Field School in Bundelkhand

**D**evelopment Alternatives in collaboration with Marico is working on tank rejuvenation and reforming the farming system in Bundelkhand. Under this programme, 200 farmers were trained in natural resource management from June-September 2020. These extensive trainings were held in five villages of Niwari in Bundelkhand region: Kashipura, Chachwali, Rajpura, Ubura and Maharajpura. The trainings were imparted through Farmer's Field School (FFS).

FFS is an interactive platform for farmers to learn and get exposure to new technologies, practices, and ways of farming to secure production and productivity. Under the FFS, farmers are given information about various new technologies in agriculture through direct demonstrations on the field. Thus, it is an innovative, participatory, and interactive learning approach that emphasises problem-solving and discovery-based learning. FFS aims to build farmers' capacity to analyse their production systems, identify problems, test possible solutions, and eventually encourage the participants to adopt the practices most suitable to their farming system.

After a detailed survey and interaction with the rural population in the villages, the DA team decided to run five FFS to reach out to a large number of farmers. In these schools, experts imparted practical and theoretical knowledge of agriculture and crop management. These five schools are currently focusing on the Kharif crops mainly millets. The training had various sessions focused on land preparation, soil health and aromatic management, nutrient and pest management, moisture management, compost manure and field waste management, use of organic manure, and soil conservation.