

The Participatory Planning applied to design an agricultural extension program

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Abstract

In order to design an Agricultural Extension Program, it was applied the Participatory Planning in La Estrella Community, located in La Cañada de Urdaneta county, state of Zulia. In the study, it was considered a 360 peoples established in the Community. Applying the DPAP method (diagnostic, participation, apprenticeship, planning and execution) it was promoted meetings with farmers to identify and rank problems and its possible solutions, moreover it was determined extension necessities. The results obtained suggest that the principal community problems are derived from little sharing of its inhabitants and community organization. As part of actions and strategies against actual problems, it was designed an Agricultural Extension Program conformed by five participative plans of training in work group, community organization, crops management practices, administration and agricultural products trading, using the matrice of the logical model.

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