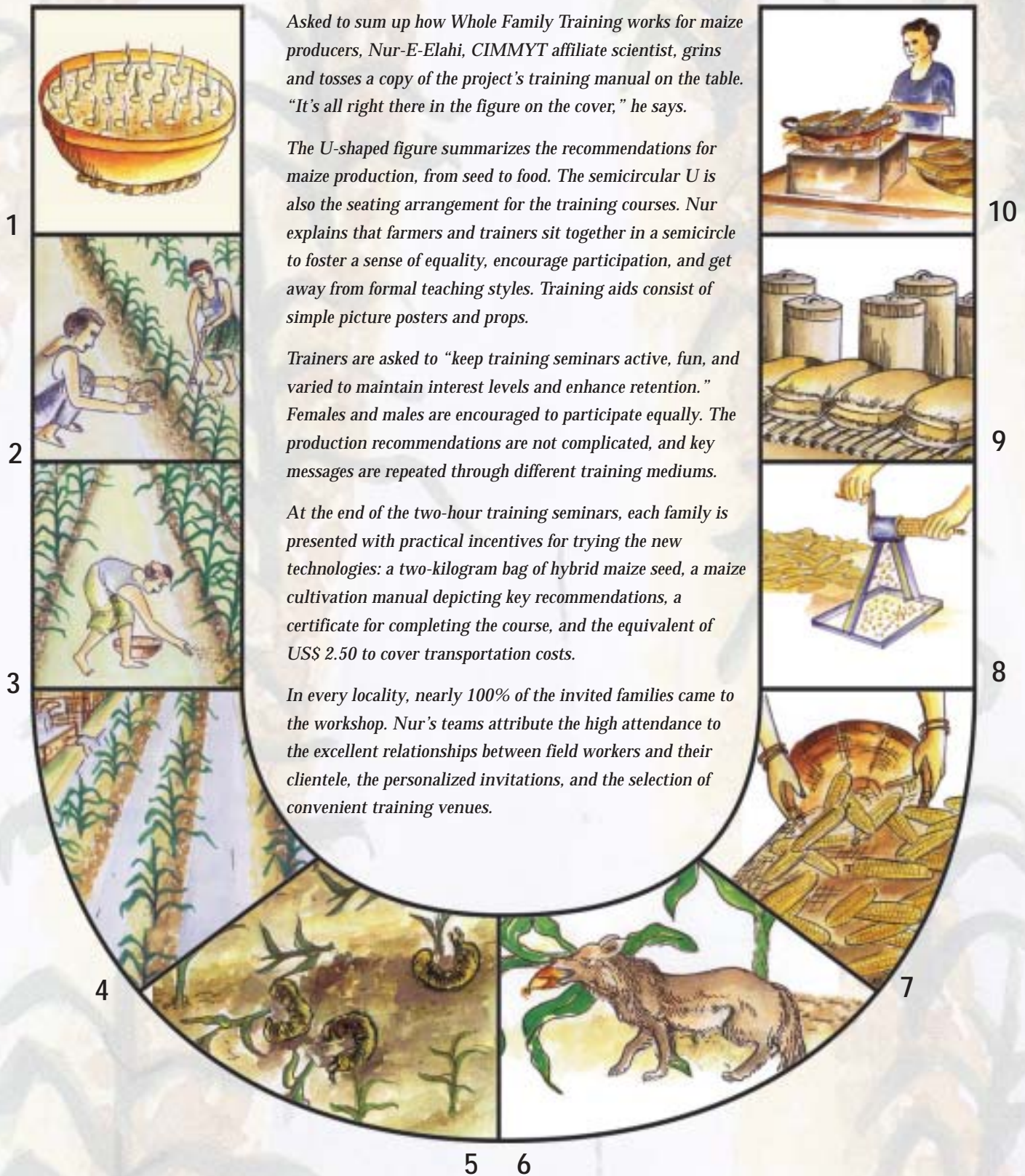


Whole Family Training for Maize: The Short Course



1. Before planting, test seed germination.
2. Make the ridge for planting in a systematic manner. Topdress with fertilizer at the 8-leaf stage.
3. Apply the final topdress of fertilizer five days before flowering (when the top leaf appears).
4. Irrigate. The amount and timing of water is determined by soil type.
5. Monitor for cutworm damage at the 4-leaf stage.

6. Monitor for and respond to damage from jackals, birds, rodents, and thieves.
7. Sun dry the harvested crop at the homestead. Learn when maize is ready for shelling.
8. Shell manually or with a power sheller.
9. Store maize correctly to avoid losses.
10. Learn about domestic uses of maize.