



Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East

- ◆ Improvement of Jhum Cultivation
- ◆ Value chain & Market Access
- ◆ Project Management

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MID - TERM REVIEW MISSION, 2021

FOCUS Project, Mizoram Mid - Term Review was held during 22nd - 26th November, 2021. A team consisting of IFAD –MTR Mission Team and Delegates from FOCUS:Nagaland attended the MTR.

The objectives of this MTR were to review the physical & financial progress; M&E system and log-frames plus indicators; progress against the AWP&B and Procurement Plan; action taken on the SM 2020 and partial SM of 2021 recommendation; Project outreach, targeting effectiveness, gender equality and social inclusion; progress on convergence with Centrally or State Sponsored Schemes and FOCUS activities; progress made in ensuring fund flow for project implementation; the compliance to covenants stipulated in the



financing agreement and also procurement arrangements; make recommendations to improve project performance and likelihood of achieving development objectives and also help the project resolve any bottlenecks and develop a roadmap to graduate the project to higher levels of performance; identify opportunities for a successful exit strategy and sustainability; and update of the project improvement plan.

The initial meeting was held at Conference Hall, Aijal Club on 22nd November, 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rohmingthanga Colney, Mission Director, FOCUS-Mizoram & Director, Agriculture Dept. Mizoram. Technical report of the project was presented by Mr. R.K. Nithanga, SPD and Logframe was presented by Mr Lalthanpuia, Manager (M&E).

The Mission Team which were divided into two groups along with PMU Officers visited field activities to witness the progress and activities. During their stay, there was a fruitful discussion with the PMU officers and staff.

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JOINT MEETING OF FOCUS MIZORAM & NAGALAND

The joint meeting of FOCUS – Mizoram and Nagaland was organized by FOCUS – Mizoram in digital mode on 13th October, 2021 (Thursday), 12:00 noon. The meeting was chaired by Mr. R.K. Nithanga, SPD, FOCUS – Mizoram. At the outset, the chairman welcomed the members present from both the States. The participants from Mizoram were then introduced by the Chairman and Nagaland by Mr. Lipok Jamir, Project Coordinator.

Both teams have shared the various discipline wise activities of Agriculture, Horticulture, LR,S&WC and AH&Vety. Good practices along with an astounding learning experience were shared during the meeting.

FAREWELL FUNCTION OF Mr. LALNUNMAWIA CHUAUNGO

On 28th October, 2021 (Thursday) PMU FOCUS, Mizoram and Mission Director have bid farewell to Mr. Lalnunmawia Chuaungo, Chief Secretary and Chairman SCRAM as he is retired from his service voluntarily on October end.



Farewell function of Mr. Lalnunmawia Chuaungo, Chief Secretary & Chairman, SCRAM

DISTRIBUTION OF CHAFF CUTTER TO THE BENEFICIARIES UNDER FOCUS PROJECT CUM TRAINING ON SILAGE MAKING FOR PIG FEED

Chaff Cutters were distributed to 36 Beneficiaries of Champhai, Serchhip and Mamit District for demonstration/ training purposes on Silage making for Pig Feed. 12 numbers were previously distributed to Kolasib District. Besides, chaff cutter is likely to ease drudgery of Farmers especially women in rural areas.



Champhai District



Mamit District



Serchhip District



Chaff Cutter

District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) MEETING



Champhai DLCC on 27th October, 2021



Mrs. Hmangaihzuiali, DD (Horti) have graced the DLCC meeting of Saitual on 30th November, 2021

MONTHLY STAFF MEETING



Champhai District (14th December, 2021)



Kolasib District



Serchhip District (1st October, 2021)



Mamit District (29th October, 2021)



Saitual District (14th December, 2021)



Khawzawl District (3rd December, 2021)

PHOTO PLATE

Distribution of Essential Agricultural Inputs on Subsidised price



Knapsack Sprayer (Fall Army Worm Epidemic and Covid-19 response)



Meeting with WRC FIGS
Construction of Water Canal, Serchhip District

FIG Restructuring,
Hmaungkawm Village, Serchhip District



Site Verification for Construction of Check Dam at Zote South & Kanghai South Villages, Serchhip District



Mission Director visit the installation of Composite Feed Mill at Serchhip, Serchhip District



Procurement of DSLR Camera for PMU and DMUs

Maize Cultivation - Suraj 251, Zawngin Village, Saitual District



Cabbage Cultivation, Khankawn Village, Saitual District



Value Chain - Chilli Cultivation, Hruaikawn Village, Champhai District



Rejuvenation of Grape, Hnahlan Village Champhai District



Water storage and delivery system, Mualkawi Village Champhai District



Convergence: FOCUS & Agri. Dept. on Maize Production and its Value Addition at Village level, Bungzung and Sialhawk Villages, Champhai District





Bench Terracing, Hmawngkawn



Annual Outcome Survey, Lungkawlh

Training on Community Procurement Process



Harvesting RCM 13



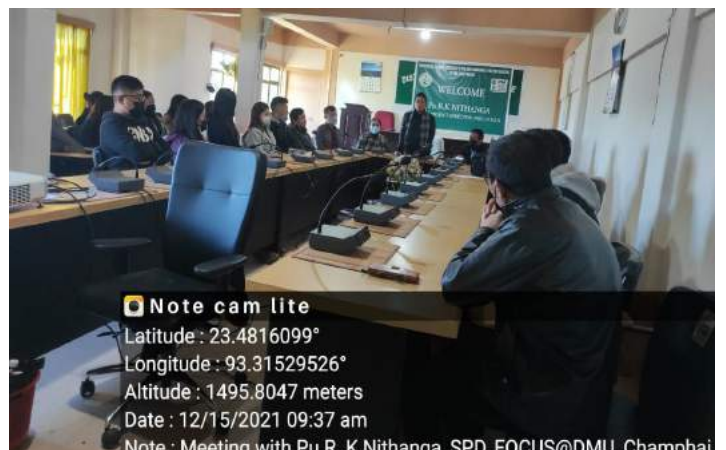
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SPD Field Days



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Note: Visit of the SPD
at Khawzawl FOCUS

Meeting with DMU Khawzawl Staff



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Meeting with DMU Champhai Staff

