

Success story

Pig Breeding unit under FOCUS Project, Hmunhmeltha Village, Champhai DMU.

Pu Tailiana is a pig farmer who have been rearing sow for many years and have a lot of experienced in pig farming. He uses to rear 4-8 sows and use to sell more than 40 – 60 piglets every year at Rs 6000 per piglets. He was chosen as a pig progress farmer under FOCUS, DMU Champhai.

Before the introduction of the project, he uses to rear his own pigs traditionally in which the material used were mainly of wood, timber, bamboo and tin roof sheets. The problems which he faces mainly was the non-lasting of materials and constant repair was needed. One of the biggest problems faced by the famer was slippery floor which cause injury to the animals and which later require medical assistance which was a problem for the farmer as there were no expert in the village to consult. The walls of the sty were made of wooden stick which cause death of piglets during cold winter season and also affect their growth. Moreover, animals were not given extra water except they received along with the feed they were provided. There was no provision of guardrail for the farrowing sow, the attendents and owner use to face lots of problems during farrowing.

After the intervention of the project, the pig sty was constructed using cemented materials, rod, wood, bricks and alongwith better tin roof. The cemented floor which was a major problem was solved and there was a decrease in injury to the animals. The floor was easy to clean which improve the health of the animals. As the walls were made of cement bricks the mortality of piglets decrease as it protects them from cold wind. The provision of nipple drinker in the sty helps in providing sufficient amount of clean drinking water for the animals. The use of guardrails helps to avoid the possible injury and death of the piglets caused by the sow.

From the income he received from selling his piglets, he bought extra sintex for storing water and even extend the pig sty for further rearing of more sows. Unfortunately, due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever, Pu Tailana also lost almost his sow and piglets. Presently he is rearing 1 breeding sow and two gilts. Hopefully, his production will be increase soon after district/state is free of ASF outbreak.

