

SUCCESS STORY ON CULTIVATION OF RABI CROPS (FRENCH BEAN) AT SAIHAPUI 'V'
UNDER DMU-KOLASIB

PROFILE:

Name of Activity: SUPPORT FOR WETLAND AGRICULTURE (RABI CROPS)

Name of beneficiary: VANLALHRUAIA

Name of FIG: WRC 1

Village: SAIHAPUI V

District: KOLASIB

Source of Fund: FOCUS project (through IFAD)

BACKGROUND: MrVanlalhruaia started his farming since the past 12-15 years. It has been their main source of income for the family. He cultivated different types of vegetables but the income from those different produce could not meet their family needs as they do not afford to buy good quality seeds, and so the yield are all in less quantity for bulk market as well as they were infested by insects and diseases.

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION: Cultivation of Rabi crops under Support for Wetland Agriculture was implemented by District Project Management Unit, FOCUS, Kolasib. Under this activity, MrVanlalhruaia received 5kg of French bean (var: Sakata bean & pole bean Vasco) and 20kgs of Rajma (var: Canadian Red). Since it is of good quality variety, it grows very well in his field as both are resistant to pests and diseases and is of hybrid variety.

OUTCOME: At the time of harvesting, our beneficiary MrVanlalhruaia harvested 1.5quintals of French bean from 4-5 pickings and earns about Rs 11,000/- from his 0.1ha land. Besides this, he also earns about Rs 9000/- from his Rajma yield. He also bought a Washing Machine from the income he generated from his hard work.

CONCLUSION: The interpretation of the above lines showed that the activity implemented and quality of seeds supplied by FOCUS greatly enhance the income of the farmer and thus provide more interests in cultivating the crops. This activity thus proved that good quality seeds as well as hard work sure do bring success and generate the income of the farmer.



Pic : French bean in field



Pic : Harvested Rajma



Pic : Mr Vanlahruaia with his new purchased washing machine