

## **SUCCESS STORY OF FARMER ON PLANTATION OF BANANA UNDER JHUM AT HMAWNGKAWN VILLAGE, SERCHHIP DISTRICT**

### **PROFILE**

**Name of the activity: Supply of planting materials to Jhum**

**Name of Beneficiary: T.Lalnunthara**

**Village: Hmawngkawn**

**District: Serchhip**

**INTRODUCTION:** Mr.T Lalnunthara is a farmer from Hmawngkawn village who is the President of Chhekawn Settled Agriculture/Orchard FIG. Before 2019, he practices jhumia by cultivating paddy which is their primary source of income. He wants to abandoned jhum cultivation as their income is not stable. But he has no idea how to start a new path for his family and practiced jhum cultivation for his family.

**FOCUS INTERVENTION:** In the year 2019, he registered as FIG member of Settled agriculture & orchard under FOCUS and appointed as President in his group. He was assisted financially for procurement of 168 nos. quality banana suckers. The intervention was implemented with continual guidance, assessment and physical support from the DMU staffs.

He also added more banana as much as he can and become his family major asset and he can now abandon jhum practices and concentrate on permanent agriculture. The increase in quality planting materials has led to an increased production and assured quality produce. He started selling banana from 2020 in and around Serchhip District and earned about Rs.60,000 – Rs. 70,000/- till date. The income generation observed for the activity is only the beginning of the farmer's benefit. With continuous intervention, it is projected that not only would there be an increase in the income generated but also improve the living condition of the farmers to a certain degree and ascertain production of quality produce to satisfy the market demand.

