

## 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: Lalthanchhingi**

**Village: Hmawngkawn**

**District: Serchhip**

**INTRODUCTION:** Mrs. Lalthanchhingi is a farmer from Hmawngkawn village and a member of Chhekawn SA/O FIG. She practices Jhum by cultivating paddy and vegetables which is their family main income. She wants to abandoned jhum cultivation as her income is not stable and wants to adopt permanent agriculture. However, she has no idea how to start a new path for her family and practiced jhum cultivation.

**FOCUS INTERVENTION:** Upon hearing her problem, she was assisted financially for procurement of 168 nos. quality banana suckers and converted to permanent agriculture. The intervention was implemented with continual guidance, assessment and physical support from the DMU staffs.

She increase her plantation area and have 400 banana tree at present and could 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. She started selling banana from 2020 in and around Serchhip District earning about Rs. 70,000-80,000/-. The income generation observed for the activity is only the beginning. 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.

