

## **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: Varhlunchhungi**

**Village: Hmawngkawn**

**District: Serchhip**

**INTRODUCTION:** Mrs. Varhlunchhungi is a farmer from Hmawngkawn village and a member of Chhekawn SA/O FIG, FOCUS. She practices jhumia by cultivating mostly paddy, maize and soy bean which is their primary source of income. She wants to abandoned jhum cultivation as their income is not stable. However, she has no idea how to start a new path and practiced jhum cultivation.

**FOCUS INTERVENTION:** In the year 2019, 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 owns around 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 and earn about Rs.70,000-80,000 till date. 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. She is very grateful to DMU, FOCUS-Serchhip.

