

SUCCESS STORY OF FARMER ON PLANTATION OF BANANA UNDER JHUM AT HMUNZAWL VILLAGE, SERCHHIP DISTRICT

PROFILE

Name of the activity: Supply of planting materials to Jhum

Name of Beneficiary: Laldingliana

Village: Hmunzawl

District: Serchhip

INTRODUCTION: Mr. Laldingliana s/o Lalzela is a jhum farmer for many years from Hmunzawl village. He practices jhumia by cultivating paddy which is their primary source of income. His farm land located about 2 km from the village. Due to shortage of income he wants to abandon jhum cultivation. 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, Mr Laldingliana registered as FIG member of Settled agriculture & orchard under FOCUS and appointed as secretary in his group. He wanted to start Banana plantation and FOCUS, Serchhip provided 168 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 orchard. The increase in quality planting materials has led to an increased production and assured quality produce. He sell at Rs 3 per finger of banana and earning about 5,000 (five thousand) per month. 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.

