

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

PROFILE

Name of the activity: Supply of planting materials to Jhum

Name of Beneficiary: Lalthansياما

Village: Khumtung

District: Serchhip

INTRODUCTION: Mr.Lalthansياما is a farmer from Khumtung village who is the Tresurer of Belkhai J&F FIG. He practices jhumia by cultivating mostly banana, soy bean, mizo chilli which is their primary source of income. He wants to abandoned jhum cultivation as their income is not stable. However, 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 2021, he 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.

He multiplies and owns around 1500 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. He started selling banana from 2021 in and around Serchhip District and earned about Rs.5,000 per month. 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.

