

## **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: Lalthianghlimi**

**Village: Khumtung**

**District: Serchhip**

**INTRODUCTION:** Mrs.Lalthianghlimi is a farmer from Khumtung village who is the Secretary of Darbiala Bawk J&F FIG. 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 multiplies and owns around more than 1000 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 at Rs 5 per finger from 2020 in and around Serchhip District earning about Rs.4,000 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.

