

SUCCESS STORY OF MITHUN FARMERS

UNDER FOCUS PROJECT

A) Introduction:-

Mr. F. Thanchhunga 43 S/O Chhuanthuama resident of Lungkawlh Village, Serchhip District is a Mithun Farmers selected under FOCUS Project and he is currently the Financial Secretary of Lungkawlh Sial Nei Association. His main occupation is Jhum cultivation and rearing Mithun. He has been rearing Mithun for the last 8 years and he was rearing 3 Mithun before FOCUS Project. In Lungkawlh village there are about 20 numbers of Mithun farmers and the population of the animals is about 140. All the animals are reared in a reserve area given by the Village Council so as to avoid conflict between Mithun farmers and Agricultural farmers. The Area given by the Village Council to the Mithun farmers of Leng Village is about 2000 hectare of land.

B) Project Intervention:-

Under FOCUS Project Mithun Farmers as a society/association has received many things which were required by the farmers. Things they have received from the Project are-

h) Construction of Mithun Shelter – This will provide shelter for the animals specially the sick, pregnant and young calves which required attention and protection.

i) Construction of Water Supply facilities – Under this four water intake and 4 water troughs was constructed for accessing natural water. This will enable to help the farmers in accessing clean and purified water for the animals.

j) Construction of Mithun Travis – This will enable for better examination of the animals and for giving medicine and vaccination.

k) Distribution of Barbed wire – About 5 km long barbed wire was given to them and it was used in necessary placed for restriction of the animal's movement.

l) Fodder Development:- COFs 31 sorghum seed was distributed to them which contain high protein for the animals.

m) Mineral Block demonstration:- Minerals Block demonstration was done by an expert from Spero Agrovet Private Ltd. They taught them how to prepare the block and they gave them about 40 numbers of readymade block weighing around 3.5 kg each to each Mithun society along with the material like oil cake, mineral mixture etc.

n) Training and constant monitoring of the farmers is done by the staff from FOCUS project and from Veterinary Department to ensure the health of the animals. CAHWs and VFAs are available an anytime for the farmers if ever they are in needs of veterinary service.

C) Conclusion:-

Before FOCUS intervention he was rearing 3 Mithun animals as large scale rearing was difficult because controlling animals movement was a part of the problem as they destroys others agricultural farmers land and it was a big problem for them. Also many calves died from an attack by the wild dogs as there was no proper shelter or places for them to put together for protection.

After FOCUS intervention his number of animals increased from 3 to 6 numbers and within the last 4 years after FOCUS intervention he has sold about 6 Mithun animals an earned a profit of **about Rs. 5,50,000 (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand) only**. Within the whole

village the numbers of animal population increased from 42 numbers of Mithun animals in 2018 to 140 plus numbers of Mithun animals by 2023.

