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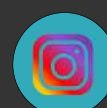
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MESSAGE

We are proud of what we have reached, but even more, proud of project culture that has made it possible for us to succeed in so many ways. I hope that we can achieve more for the following years. It is with great pleasure that I present the annual report of the FOCUS Mizoram project for the year 2022 to 2023. This report stands as a testament to the tireless efforts and remarkable achievements of our dedicated team and the six District Management Units (DMU) comprising Champhai, Khawzawl, Saitual, Kolasib, Mamit, and Serchhip, as well as the Project Management Unit (PMU).

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that the collaborative efforts of the DMUs and PMU have led to substantial advancements, positively impacting the productivity and management of crops in Mizoram. Your unwavering dedication to this cause has not gone unnoticed, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your exemplary work.

I commend the entire team for their outstanding performance and express my utmost confidence in your continued dedication and perseverance in the future. I am certain that together, we will achieve even greater milestones in the years to come.

Date: 22nd March, 2024.


(VANLALTHLAMUANA)
Director of Agriculture
& Mission Director, FOCUS, Mizoram.



PREFACE


I am honored to present the Annual Report for the FOCUS Mizoram project, encapsulating the endeavors and achievements of the year 2022-2023. This report reflects the collective dedication and relentless efforts of the entire project team, stakeholders, and beneficiaries.

As the State Project Director & Chief Executive Officer, SCRAM, I am immensely proud of the strides made in advancing climate-resilient upland farming systems and integrating modern technologies for the betterment of the agricultural community. The dedication and unwavering spirit of our team, including the District Management Units (DMUs) and Project Management Unit (PMU), have been fundamental in driving the successes chronicled in this report.

I extend my deepest appreciation to all those involved in the FOCUS Mizoram project and commend their perseverance, innovation, and commitment to fostering positive change. I am confident that the achievements outlined in this report will inspire future endeavors and strengthen our resolve to continue catalyzing sustainable agricultural development in Mizoram.

Warm regards,

Date: 22nd March, 2024.


(LALENGZAMI HAOLAI)
State Project Director
& Chief Executive Officer,
SCRAM

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INTRODUCTION

Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East (FOCUS) is an Externally Aided Project under International Fund for Agriculture Development of United nation operating in Mizoram and Nagaland States. The Project Agreement of FOCUS, Mizoram was signed on 25th January, 2018 with the Total Project cost of 79.30 million USD. The Project was launched by Shri, C. Lalrinsanga, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Mizoram on 6th March, 2019.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the project in Mizoram is to increase agricultural income of 55,000 households, and to enhance their resilience to climate change. This would be achieved through the developmental objective of increasing the environmental sustainability and profitability of farming systems practiced by highland farmers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project has three components:

- (i) Improved jhum management.
- (ii) Value chain and market access.
- (iii) Project management and knowledge services.

Component 1: Improved Jhum management

Improved jhum Management will aim to promote proven and emerging climate resilient best practices.

Sub Component 1: Better Jhum and conservation support

- (i) Capacity building of staff, lead farmers and farmers;
- (ii) Land use planning to develop rational and sustainable systems for village land utilization;
- (iii) Better jhum management through introduction of a package of improved practices for soil and fertility management, crop production, agro forestry and fallow management; and
- (iv) Community forest conservation with re vegetation and soil conservation.

Sub Component 2: Settled agriculture support

- (i) Existing rice cultivation on the lowlands through short duration seeds, fertility improvement techniques and improved cropping intensity; and
- (ii) Existing orchards and plantation through demonstration of soil and water conservation works, improved planting materials and planting of high value trees. In Mizoram, the poorest households in each village will be supported to get access to land for settled agriculture. The project in total will support 15,190 ha of existing terrace cultivation, 15,190 ha of upland settled agriculture and 2,720 ha of settled agriculture to landless.

Component 2: Value chain and market access

Value chain development support:

- (i) Production support for clusters of market-oriented spices (chilli), including supply of planting materials and training;
- (ii) Marketing support for a range of cash crops (chilli, ginger, turmeric, cardamom, orange, other fruits, bamboo and other jhum crops with marketable volume);
- (iii) Livestock support largely covering pigs with support for breeding, feed improvement and animal health; and
- (iv) Innovation support for testing and dissemination of innovative technologies and approaches for agriculture, livestock and marketing. The project will support 3,600 ha of spice production support in Mizoram.

Market access infrastructure support construction of market infrastructure using climate resilient building techniques. The project will support building agriculture link roads in Mizoram.

Component 3: Project Management and Knowledge Services

The project is implemented by societies established within the Department of Agriculture (DoA) in Mizoram. To facilitate cross learning, the project in each state, will engage Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to generate knowledge on upland farming system and their response to climate change and to create a learning platform for other state in NER.

PROJECT AREA

In Mizoram, the project is implemented in the six out of eleven districts, namely Champhai, Mamit, Serchhip, Kolasib, Khawzawl and Saitual district. The remaining five districts of the state, namely Aizawl, Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Saiha and Hnahthial district have not been considered due to the on-going implementation of other major projects in those areas.

A saturation approach will be followed to ensure comprehensive land use planning for the entire village landscape and provision of support services to address the needs of 77% of the households who are involved in farm activities. In total, the project would cover all 300 villages in the six project districts, covering 12 blocks and would support 55,000 households comprising a population of 322,500 persons in these districts.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

COORDINATION COMMITTEE: PROJECT STEERING

SCRAM (Society for Climate Resilient Agriculture in Mizoram) is a society established under DoA for implementing FOCUS Project. The society is registered under the Societies Registration Act having its own bye laws and financial rules and have adequate authority to enter into partnership agreements/contracts with agencies, FIGs, Village Councils and other committees under the Village Councils. It is the Governing Council for the implementation of FOCUS Project under IFAD in Mizoram. Members of the committee are mentioned under:

Sl. No	Members	Designation
1	Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram	Chairperson
2	Secretary, Agriculture	Co-Chairperson
3	State Project Director (CEO), FOCUS	Member Secretary
4	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest	Member
5	Secretary, Planning & Programme Implementation	Member
6	Secretary, Horticulture Department	Member
7	Secretary, Rural Development Department	Member
8	Secretary, Finance Department	Member
9	Secretary, AH & Vety Department	Member
10	Secretary, Soil & Water Conservation Department	Member
11	Secretary, Land, Revenue & Settlement Department	Member
12	Deputy Commissioner, Champhai	Member
13	Deputy Commissioner, Kolasib	Member
14	Deputy Commissioner, Serchhip	Member
15	Deputy Commissioner, Mamit	Member
16	Deputy Commissioner, Khawzawl	Member
17	Deputy Commissioner, Saitual	Member

PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PMC)

Project Management Committee has been established so as to review and resolve any problems in the project implementation, liaise with other large government scheme, approving action plan, reviewing issues arising out of the District Level Coordination Committee reports,

monitoring reports, impact assessment studies and evaluation reports and give policy direction to resolve the issues. Members of the Project Management Committee of FOCUS are as under:

Sl. No	Members	Designation
1	Secretary, Agriculture	Chairperson
2	Director of Agriculture (Crop Husbandry)	Co-Chairperson
3	State Project Director (Chief Executive Officer)	Member Secretary
4	Director of Agriculture (Research & Education)	Member
5	Director, Horticulture Department	Member
6	Director, AH & Veterinary Department	Member
7	Director, Soil & Water Conservation Department	Member
8	Conservator of Forest	Member

DISTRICT LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

A District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) is set up in every district in which the Project is Implemented. The DLCC provides necessary guidance to the Project, review performance and approve budgets of the District Management Units. The DLCC is Headed by Deputy Commissioner of the respective districts. Following are the members of the District Level Coordination Committee:

Sl. No	Members	Designation
1	Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
2	District Agriculture Officer / District Project Manager (DPM)	Vice Chairperson
3	Planning and Monitoring Officer	Member Secretary
4	Project Director, DRDA	Member
5	District Horticulture Officer	Member
6	District AH & Veterinary Officer	Member
7	District Soil & Water Conservation Officer	Member
8	District Forest Officer	Member
9	Block Development Officers of IFAD District	Member
10	Executive Engineer (MI)	Member

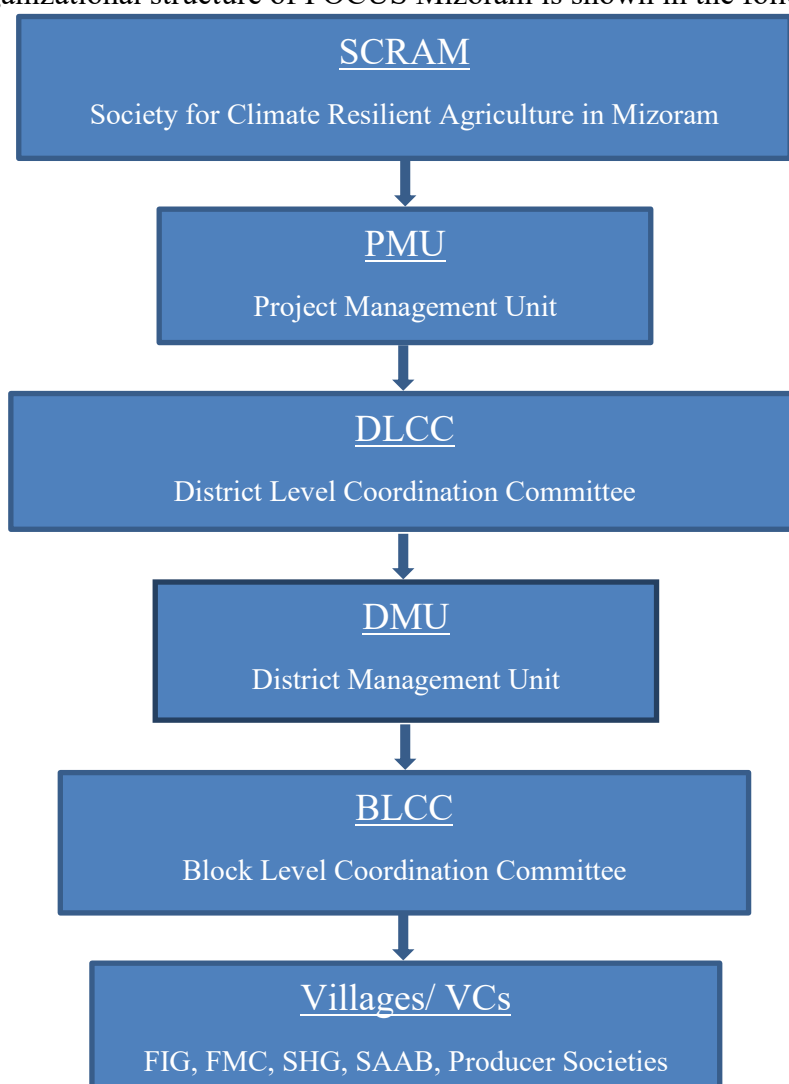
BLOCK LEVEL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

A Block Level Coordination Committee is established in each block of the project area to discuss, approve and review MGNREGS activities and their convergence with project activities. Following are the members of the Block Level Coordination Committee:

SL. No	Member	Designation
1	Block Development Officer	Chairperson
2	Circle/Block Agriculture Officer	Member Secretary
3	Circle/Block Horticulture Officer	Member
4	Circle/Block AH & Veterinary Officer	Member
5	Circle/Block S & WC Officer	Member
6	Village Councils Chairperson	Member

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The organizational structure of FOCUS Mizoram is shown in the following chart –



IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

MONTHLY MEETING WITH NODAL DEPARTMENT

As proposed by Tripartite Portfolio Review Meeting (TPRM) to conduct monthly review meeting with Nodal Department to review the progress of activities as well as to share ideas and proposals for the smooth navigation of the Project. FOCUS; Mizoram has a regular monthly review meeting with the Nodal Department (Agriculture Department) during the financial year 2022 – 2023.



IFAD SUPPORT MISSION

1. LIVESTOCK SUPPORT MISSION

Mr. Piyush Kanal, Country Programme Analyst, IFAD India and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Livestock Expert have visited FOCUS, Mizoram during 31st May to 4th June, 2022. The team have visited the Departmental Feed Mill and Zoram Poultry Development Agency at Tanhril, Aizawl. They have visited Kolasib district and AH& Veterinary Farm, Goatery Unit and Mithun Farm at Thenzawl. A wrap up meeting of the mission was held on 3rd June, 2022 to discuss the support mission observation and suggestion on livestock and other sector.



2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT MISSION

Mr. Shashank Gupta, IFAD Consultant (Finance) have visited FOCUS, Mizoram during 7th to 11th June, 2022 to support the project on Financial Management. The mission was very productive for the finance sector and wrap up meeting was held to discuss about the findings of the finance support mission on 10th June, 2022 at the Committee Room, PMU, FOCUS, Mizoram.



3. IFAD SUPPORT MISSION ON PROCUREMENT

Dr. Virender Garg, Procurement Specialist have visited FOCUS, Mizoram during 25th to 29th November and 16th to 21st December, 2022 to support FOCUS team on Procurement priorities, Procurement issues and hand holding of Procurement Officer. During the mission, he has visited FOCUS District and have an interaction with the District Staff, farmers and the activities implemented under Integrated Farming System—Compact Area Development Approach (IFS-CADA).



4. IFAD SUPPORT MISSION ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kajal Chakraborty, Consultant, Financial Management Specialist have visited FOCUS, Mizoram during 20th November to 3rd December, 2022 to support the project in relation to financial management and others financial matters.



5. AGRI-BUSSINESS SUPPORT MISSION

A team consisting of Mr. Piyush Kanal, Country Programme Analyst, IFAD India and Mr. Andrew Macpherson, Agri-business Consultant, IFAD visited FOCUS Mizoram during 10th to 15th October, 2022 to support FOCUS team on Agri- business as the project is in the process of on-boarding the service provider to support formation of FPOs and market access related activities.

The support team accompanied by marketing cell, PMU have visited Reitlang Organic Producer Company Limited (ROPCO) at Ailawng village; Dragon Fruit Cluster at Kawnpui village; Zoram Mega Food Park at Khamrang village and; Chili Cluster at Dampui village. The team also have an interaction with two of the Innovation Fund Awardee (Thingtlangpa Food, Champhai and Food Myco Lab, Serchhip)



INAUGURATION OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT BUNGLANG VILLAGE, SERCHHIP DISTRICT

Pedestrian Bridge over Mat river (low cost bridge) which was constructed at Mualkhang Zau, Bungtlang Village, Serchhip District was inaugurated by the State Project Director (SPD) on 29th April, 2022.

The foundation stone was laid by the then Mission Director Mr. Rohmingthanga Colney on 23rd February, 2022. It was constructed by Rolins Engineering having span of 82 m and track width of 1.3 m.



IFAD SUPERVISION MISSION 25th AUGUST - 1st SEPTEMBER, 2022

IFAD Supervision Mission to assess project progress and implementation of agreed key milestones and action during Mid-Term Review (MTR) and subsequent Implementation Supervision Mission (ISM) was held during 25th August to 1st September, 2022. A team consisting of IFAD –Supervision Mission Team and Delegates from FOCUS, Nagaland have attended the Mission.

The objectives of the Mission were to review the physical & financial progress of the project against project targets; Review progress made so far, against the AWP&B and procurement plan, as well as action taken on the recommendations of the MTR and 2022 Implementation Supervision Mission; Review Project outreach, targeting effectiveness, gender equality and social inclusion; Review project progress on key components and particularly against recommendations and agreed actions during previous missions (MTR, ISM and technical support mission); Review the compliance to SECAP, draft ESMP and upgrade of project activities related to environment and climate adaptation; Review the progress made in ensuring fund flow for project implementation; Review the compliance to covenants stipulated in the financing agreement and also procurement arrangement; Review project Exit Strategy and sustainability; and make recommendations to improve project performance and likelihood of achieving development objectives. The mission will help the project resolve any bottlenecks and develop a roadmap to graduate the project to higher levels of performance.

The Mission Team was led by Mr. Frew Behabtu, Mission Leader & Programme Officer, IFAD. The Kick-off meeting was held at the SAD Conference Hall, MINECO under the chairmanship of Mr. James Lalsiamliana, Mission Director & Director, Agriculture Department, GoM. During the meeting there was a discussion and interaction on review of project progress towards its objectives, actions taken on MTR & ISM recommendations, fund flow, exit strategy, challenges and opportunities and detailed field visit plan.

The Mission Team and the Nagaland delegates were divided into groups along with PMU Officers and have visited field activities to witness the progress of project implementation. During their stay, the team have a meeting with the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, District Commissioners and Directors of Line Departments and a fruitful discussion and interaction with the PMU officers and staff.

The Mission wrap—up meeting was held at Aijal Club on 31st August, 2022. The team members have shared their findings and recommendations in relations to the bottlenecks of the project and immediate action to be taken care off so as to improve the project performance.



SCRAM GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

The 5th (fifth) meeting of Governing Council, Society for Climate Resilient Agriculture in Mizoram (SCRAM) was convened on 27th September, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Renu Sharma, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Mizoram and Chairman, SCRAM.

The meeting was held to discuss the flow of Pre-Finance from the State Government; Approval of Revised Project Implementation Manual (PIM); Approval of Human Resource (HR) Manual, Exit Strategy; and Deployment of Ministerial Staff.



The 6th (sixth) meeting of Governing Council, SCRAM was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Renu Sharma, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Mizoram and Chairman, SCRAM in the Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, MINECO, Aizawl on 2nd November, 2022 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM.

The meeting has approved the following agendas:

1. Revised Project Implementation Manual (PIM)
2. Human Resource Manual
3. Exit Strategy and
4. Partial Cancellation of project Fund



MEETING WITH REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mr. R. Lalnunzira, SPD accompanied by Account Officer and Procurement Officer, PMU, FOCUS, Mizoram have attended the meeting with Ms. Reehana Raza, Regional Director for the Asia and the Pacific Division of IFAD on 7th September, 2022 and Validation workshop for the Mid-Term Review of IFAD's Country Strategic Opportunities Programme for India (2018-2024) on 8th September, 2022 at New Delhi.

The team have also visited the Controller of Aid Accounts and Audit (CAAA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) country office, IFAD country office and meeting with the Regional Director during their stay in Delhi.



PROCUREMENT TRAINING

Two days Training for Procurement Assistants and Engineering Staff on Project Procurement and Works Contract was conducted during 3rd and 4th November, 2022 at the Conference Hall, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. Procurement Officer Mr. David Golianpianga, PMU have imparted the training.

The following topics were covered during the training:

1. Procurement system—Requisition, Bid Preparation, Evaluation, Award of Contract, Contract monitoring.
2. Community Works—Integrated Farming System Farm Link Roads, Check Dams, Water Bodies etc. and ways of maintaining proper documentation.



IFAD PARTIAL SUPERVISION MISSION

IFAD Partial Supervision Mission was held during 6th – 13th December, 2022. The objectives of this partial Supervision Mission (SM) were to: (i) review the physical and financial progress of the project against project targets; (ii) review the progress made so far, against the Annual Work Plans and Budgets and Procurement Plan , as well as actions taken on the recommendations of last SM of 2022 and Implementation Support Mission (ISM); (iv) review the project progress on key components particularly against recommendations and agreed actions during previous SM (SM, ISM and technical support mission); (v) Review the progress made in ensuring fund flow for project implementation; (vi) Review Institutions and Policy Engagement; (v) Review of coherence between AWPB and implementation; (vi) review potential of scaling-up; (vii) Review Project exit strategy and sustainability; and (viii) Make recommendations to improve project performance and likelihood of achieving development objectives.

The Kick off meeting with respective officials was held at Conference Hall, State Guest House on 6th December, 2023 (Tuesday). During the meeting there was a discussion and review on Project Progress towards its objectives, action taken on SM & ISM recommendations, fund flow, exit strategy, challenges and opportunities.

The field visits of the partial SM took place between 7th to 8th December 2022 in Serchhip and Kolasib District. The mission interacted with key stakeholders including farmers, Deputy commissioners (DC) at district level and respective line department's directors. The Mission met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Mizoram and Finance Commissioner. The team also had a fruitful discussion and interaction with the PMU Officers and Staff.

Finally, the mission had a wrap up meeting on 13th December 2022 at the Conference Hall, State Guest House in the presence of State Project Director and other Deputy Directors of FOCUS.



IFAD IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT MISSION

IFAD Implementation Support Mission was held during 13th to 17th February, 2022. The objectives of the Mission were to: (i) Review the implementation of the SM and PSM recommendations in 2022; (ii) Provide guidance for the project team to accelerate the implementation of the project activities; (iii) Revise the target set in the logical framework with partial cancellation of funds; (iv) Review the Progress under AWPB 22-23 and assess if the AWPB 2023-24 addresses key priorities to meet its key targets; (v) Assess progress in component 1 and 2 and provide necessary implementation support; (vi) Any other issues that the project may deem relevant; and (v) Prepare a report detailing the key issues, agreed actions and next steps.

The Mission Team extensively interacted with the State Project Management Unit, Deputy Directors, and State Project Director. The Mission met the honourable Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Mizoram and the Secretary, Agriculture Department. Further, the Mission had a detailed discussion with FPO service provider "Synergy" and met private sector player FarmKart. In addition, the Mission held meetings with Assam Rifle to explore institutional markets, the University of Mizoram for Annual Outcome Survey (AoS) and NEIDA (an NGO) to collaborate for implementation of activities in common geographies.



2 DAY SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME ON REPORTING SYSTEM

Project Management Unit (PMU), FOCUS have conducted 2 days sensitization programme on reporting system during 1st and 2nd March, 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday) at the Committee Room, PMU. The programme was organized so as to improve the Physical and Financial reporting system from the field level to PMU.

The programme was attended by PMU Officers, Managers, Technical Officers, District Project Managers along with district team including Assistant Managers – Planning, Bore Semen Station Managers, Technical Officers and Animal Husbandry Managers.

During the programme, it was highlighted the importance of maintaining and collecting valid information/ data from the field level as they have a great impact on the physical progress of the project. All the participants were informed to give utmost importance to reporting system from the field level ends.

The draft Annual Work Plan and Budget for Financial Year 2023-24 was exercised in practical. Tentative allotment of activities for the six district was worked out and District Management Units were expected to execute maximum possible activities in the next coming six months (before August, 2023).



PHYSICAL PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT 2022-2023

Sl. No	Activity	Units	Total Achievement
1	Number of persons receiving project services	Number	11137.00
1.1	No. of women	Number	4027.00
1.2	No. of men	Number	7110.00
2	Total number of youths receiving services promoted by the project	Number	3827.00
2.1	No. of women	Number	2505.00
2.2	No. of men	Number	1322.00
3	Persons trained in production practices and/or technologies	Number	30927
3.1	No. of women	Number	8996
3.2	No. of men	Number	21931
4	Land brought under climate-resilient practices (this is equivalent to CCA area treated with contour trenches)	Ha	28.40
5	Rural producers accessing inputs and/or technical packages	Number	11137.00
5.1	No. of women	Number	4027.00
5.2	No. of men	Number	7110.00
6	No. of FIGs that have received Rs 30,000	Number	71.00
7	No. of farmers trained by Lead Farmer in fallow management	Number	2409.00
7.1	No. of women	Number	832.00
7.2	No. of men	Number	1577.00
8	Total area under current Jhum improvement	ha	1233.50
9	Area treated with low cost bunds and SWC treatment	ha	921.00
10	No. of farmers trained by Lead Farmer in improved jhum	Number	8339.00
10.1	No. of women	Number	2467.00
10.2	No. of men	Number	5872.00
11	No. of Jhum farmers receiving quality seeds	Number	1250.00
11.1	No. of women	Number	348.00
11.2	No. of men	Number	902.00
12	Area under village forest conservation with contour trenches(CSS)	ha	28.40
13	No. of water sources protected	sites	159.00
14	No. of WRC/TRC that have received Rs 30,000	Number	53.00
15	No. of farmers trained in WRC/TRC by Lead Farmer	Persons	5488.00
15.1	No. of women	Number	1379.00
15.2	No. of men	Number	4109.00
16	Area supported under wetland agriculture support	ha	227.00
17	No. of orchard FIGs that have received Rs 30,000	Number	193.00
18	No. of persons trained in settled agriculture/orchard development	Number	12837.00

18.1	No. of women	Number	3774.00
18.2	No. of men	Number	9063.00
19	Area supported under orchards and low cost SWC	ha	1013.00
20	No. of farmers provided with quality planting material (orchards and high value trees) for settled agriculture	Number	2026.00
20.1	No. of women	Number	724.00
20.2	No. of men	Number	1302.00
21	No. of water storage and delivery systems established (Under Settled FIG and WRC/TRC FIG)	Number	460.00
22	No. of fish fingerlings supplied	No. in thousands	3000.00
23	Area under fish culture supported	ha	1500.00
24	No. of landless that have received Rs 30000	number	65.00
25	Area of land allocated to landless FIGs	ha	4.00
26	FIGs receiving land development support (FIGs receiving Terracing, Bunding, Water Storage, Planting Material receive)	Number	83.00
27	No. of value chain FIGs that have received Rs 30,000	Number	15.00
28	No. of farmers trained in value chain	Number	1854.00
28.1	No. of women	Number	544.00
28.2	No. of men	Number	1310.00
29	No. of farmers receiving value chain planting materials and inputs (add rows 71,72,73,74)	hh	1890.00
29.1	No. of women	hh	748.00
29.2	No. of men	hh	1142.00
30	No. of farmers receiving Mizo chilly planting materials	hh	1890.00
30.1	No. of women	hh	748.00
30.2	No. of men	hh	1142.00
31	Trader fair participation	Number	3.00
32	Buyer seller meets	Number	2.00
33	Pig breeding unit establishment	Number	72.00
34	No. of pig housing supported	Number	72.00
35	No. of persons receiving piglets	Number	1600.00
35.1	No. of women	Number	820.00
35.2	No. of men	Number	780.00
36	Piglets distributed	Number	3200.00
37	No. of households benefitting under mithun interventions	Number	193.00
37.1	No of women headed households benefitting under mithun interventions	Number	22.00
37.2	No of men headed households benefitting under mithun interventions	Number	171.00
38	Community mithun shelter established	villages	4.00
39	No. of mineral block demonstrations	villages	14.00
40	No. of water supply trough constructed	Number	1.00
41	Grazing area fenced	km	20.00

42	No. of CAHWs trained and engaged	Persons	248.00
43	No. of farmer trained by VFAs and CAHWs	Persons	4333.00
43.1	No. of women	Persons	1836.00
43.2	No. of men	Persons	2497.00
44	No. of brooding units established	Number	2.00
45	No. of Backyard poultry units established	Number	8584.00
46	No. of households receiving AI services	Number	471.00
47	No. of animals provided with AI	Number	530.00
48	No. of households whose livestock vaccinated	Number	4371.00
48.1	No of women headed households whose livestock is vaccinated	Number	1387.00
48.2	No of men headed households whose livestock is vaccinated	Number	2984.00
49	No. of Pigs vaccinated	pigs	1121.00
50	No. of poultry birds vaccinated	birds	63452.00
51	No. of Cattle and mithun vaccinated	animals	3023.00
52	No. of Goats vaccinated	animals	61.00
53	Construction of water harvesting structures through convergence	Number	23.00
54	Complementary access works through convergence	Rs in crore	141.17
55	Gravelling of existing earthen road/ Rigid Pavement	km	30.00
56	Goatery(1 unit=6 goats)	units	50
57	Distribution of Fattening Goat	HH	90

GENDER AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

Institution Building

A total of 3237 FIGs in different commodities are formed under the project. The details are-

District		Champhai	Kolasib	Serchhip	Mamit	Saitual	Khawzawl	Total
Name of Commodity	Jhum	149	14	65	220	86	138	672
	Settled Agri	194	367	145	292	216	135	1349
	WRC/TRC	143	116	64	82	65	58	528
	Landless	33	34	23	62	77	25	254
	CCA	35	45	37	44	40	31	232
	Value Chain	32	36	16	84	29	5	202
	Total	586	612	350	784	513	392	3237

1. Gender disaggregated data of FIG members

The total number of members in FIG are 51925, out of which 17618 are women i.e. 34% women representation in FIG formed by the project. The details are highlighted in the table below-

District	Name of FIG commodity											
	Jhum		Orchard		WRC		Landless		CCA		Value Chain	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Champhai	1761	967	2466	1098	1944	640	398	180	135	39	443	162
Kolasib	219	49	4528	1907	1166	565	345	237	168	50	225	204
Serchhip	750	401	1701	800	701	392	171	198	421	161	161	104
Mamit	2304	1658	3102	2304	831	577	536	442	181	60	646	876
Saitual	1027	504	2542	1299	879	287	931	453	155	41	392	131
Khawzawl	1809	582	1807	568	828	155	384	106	117	38	77	23
Total	7870	4161	16146	7976	828	155	2765	1616	1177	389	1944	1500

2. Grant received status

The project provided revolving fund to 2632 registered FIGs @30000. Grant was provided only to the eligible FIG, which is based on grading conducted by the project. District wise grant received status are mentioned in the table below-

District	Jhum	Settled Agri.	WRC/TRC	Landless	Value Chain
Champhai	141	187	142	19	32
Kolasib	16	363	102	35	24
Serchhip	46	78	56	22	16
Mamit	201	197	56	51	38
Saitual	83	199	63	75	16
Khawzawl	127	146	63	33	5
Total	614	1170	482	235	131

3. Women participation and empowerment

- The project set a target of 50% women participation in FIGs formed under the project. However, it has achieved approximately 31% women representation. Case studies was conducted for finding out the root cause of low participation of women in a community institution formed by the project.
- The project is providing women drudgery reduction tools i.e. combination trimmer to the 300 women farmers and identified that two (2) ropeways would be installed, site identification is under process.

- The project engaged consultant for conducting Gender studies. Report awaited, expected to be submitted during supervision mission.
- While advertising for availing Innovation Fund and Market Access Facility, the project gave priority to women entrepreneurs/firms/society. From 14 Innovation fund awardee, 4 are women entrepreneurs (sharing ratio of 70:30), and one woman led Voluntary Organization was awarded under MAF from the total 5 awardee (20%). The project cost is 25lakhs per project.
- Approximately 1440 women farmers could access land with support from the project. Land agreement was made between the village council and landless FIGs for a period of 5-20 years. Farmers who do not have permanent land holding could avail land and practice farming with support from the project.

4. Youth participation

Youth inclusion strategy was prepared as per the recommendation of supervision mission. Skill development training for rural youth is planned to be conducted in the next financial year based on the requirement of youth within the project villages. As there is no separate budget for youth, the project planned to implement skill development training from IFAD grant. The project planned to trained 540 youth with a budget of 20 lakhs.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

1. DLCC Meetings

In order to provide necessary guidance to the Project, review performance and approve budgets of the District Management Units, DLCC (District Level Coordination Committee) meeting is organized regularly by each FOCUS districts.

Sl. No	District	Meeting Date	Key discussion
	Champhai	4 th October, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rate quotation for implementation of Area Expansion Scheme on Cultivation of Grapes. 2. Area to be covered under Support for Wetland Agriculture 3. 2nd Quarter Activity report 4. Convergence with MGNREGS
		30 th March, 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action plan for FY 2023-24 2. Cross- bred Piglets & fattening goats under AH& Vety sector 3. Exit Strategy of FOCUS, Mizoram
	Kolasib	17 th August, 2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Annual Achievement report – 2021-22 2. Review on Convergence with MGNREGS 2021-22 3. Review on State contribution from each line department 2021-22 4. Review on CSS contribution 5. Convergence plan with MGNREGS 2022-23 6. Annual Work Plan 2022-23

			7. Innovation Work/ Activity
		9 th November, 2022	1. 3 rd Quarter Activity 2. Partial Supervision Mission 3. Integrated Farming System
		7 th December, 2022	1. Activities undertaken within the District 2. Partial Supervision Mission 3. Convergence with line Department
	Serchhip	16 th August, 2022	1. Activities & Achievement Report for FY 2021-22 2. Annual Work Plan & Budget for FY 2022-23
		31 st March, 2023	1. Review of Activities during FY 2022-23 2. 1 st Quarter allotment of AWP&B 2023-24 3. Exit Strategy 4. Utilisation of fund for 4 th Quarter of FY 2022-23 under AH&Vety Sector. 5. Success Story
	Mamit	17 th August, 2022	1. Supervision Mission 2. 1 st Quarter Report 3. Convergence with line department for upcoming activities
	Saitual	30 th March, 2023	1. Achievement during FY 2022-23 2. Activities for FY 2023-24 3. Vety Activities 4. Exit Strategy
	Khawzawl	23 rd March, 2023	1. Achievement during 2 nd & 3 rd Quarter of FY 2022-23 2. Target for 4 th quarter of FY 2022-23 and 1 st Quarter of FY 2023-24 3. Integrated Farming System 4. Success Story 5. Exit Strategy

2. ANNUAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENT

Project Management Unit, FOCUS, Mizoram organized the first Annual Knowledge Sharing Event during 15th to 18th November, 2022. The event is a common platform for all the project officers and staff of FOCUS, Mizoram for sharing knowledge like good practices, success story as well as failures, lesson learned, challenges and way forward.

The programme was held at Irrigation Auditorium, MINECO and participants were of the PMU Officers and Staff, DPMs and District staff like Assistant Managers, Technical Officers, Staff at Circle, Village Level Workers and Veterinary Field Assistants. The inauguration programme was chaired by Mr. J. Hmingthanmawia, Co-Chairman, SCRAM and Secretary, Agriculture Department, GoM. Mr. C. Lalrinsanga, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, GoM grace the programme as chief guest.

The Chief Guest during his speech warmly welcomes all the participants and highlight the importance of organizing this type of events for the exchanging of knowledge. He advises and request all the participants to freely share their experiences, challenges faced and findings

at the village level (farmers end).

During the programme various good practices, lesson learned, challenges faced on implementing project activities at the field level, success story and way forward were shared by the participants.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Annual Outcome Survey (AOS)

The Annual Outcome Survey (AOS), 2022 was conducted in six districts of the project area and two districts of non-project area. The project districts are comprised of Kolasib, Mamit, Saitual, Serchhip, Khawzawl and Champhai. The non-project area consists of the districts of Lawngtlai and Siaha in the southern part of Mizoram. Twenty respondents from five villages in each district of the project area constitute a sample population of 600 while another twenty respondents from five villages in both district of the non-project area provides a sample population of 200.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A. Sources of Fund (Income) by Financiers

Sl. No	Sources of Fund	FY 2022-23 (1st April 2022 to 31st March, 2023)	Cummlative Project Life as on 31st March 2023
1	IFAD Loan		11,62,03,541.00
2	IFAD Grant		2,64,44,996.00
3	State Govt Counterpart Funds	13,61,98,932.01	23,68,77,367.01
4	CSS (Central Share + State Matching Share)	1,62,611.60	14,31,12,876.10
5	Convergence	1,41,17,47,000.00	1,52,23,23,970.00
6	Beneficiary	3,97,91,775.00	5,74,38,082.60
7	Funds received from State Govt	38,24,95,450.00	1,30,69,90,720.00
8	Bank Interest received	61,82,389.00	3,46,52,805.00
9	Misc receipt	2,34,056.35	8,33,588.95
	Total	1,97,68,12,213.96	3,44,48,77,946.66

B. Use of Funds (Expenditures) by Category as per Financial Agreement.

Sl. No	Uses of Funds	FY 2022-23 (1st April 2022 to 31st March, 2023)	Cummlative Project Life as on 31st March 2023
1	Works	1,55,54,80,505.50	1,73,15,29,823.50
2	Grants and Subsidies	25,19,769.00	3,29,62,027.00
3	Goods, Services and Inputs	28,88,69,469.28	80,92,03,252.78
4	Training	4,60,05,159.50	13,74,21,747.50
5	Salaries and Allowances	15,64,87,826.44	52,71,97,512.03
	Total	2,04,93,62,729.72	3,23,83,14,362.81

C. Details of project expenditure by component during reporting year

Sl. No	Component Name	FY 2022-23 (1st April 2022 to 31st March, 2023)	Cummlative Project Life as on 31st March 2023
1	Improved Jhum Mangement:	39,07,05,574.03	1,16,84,11,499.53
	Better Jhum & Conservation	17,85,85,400.03	53,26,86,886.53
	Settled Agriculture	21,21,20,174.00	63,57,24,613.00
2	Market Access & Value Chain	1,54,35,80,189.00	1,73,76,38,621.60
	Value Chain development	12,81,79,329.80	31,81,99,778.40
	Market Access Infrastructure	1,41,54,00,859.20	1,41,94,38,843.20
3	Project Management	11,50,76,966.70	33,22,64,241.69
	Project Management	11,50,76,966.70	33,22,64,241.69
Total		2,04,93,62,729.73	3,23,83,14,362.82

MARKETING CELL**A. Exhibition & Trade Fares****1. Vibrant North-East 2022 25th to 27th August, 2022**

*Organised by Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development, New Delhi and supported by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture and Ministry of DONER

**2. Biofach 2022 – India Expo Centre & Mart, Noida 1st to 3rd September, 2022**

*The event was held under the aegis of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India



3. Agro World 2022 - IARI Pusa Campus, New Delhi 9th to 11th November, 2022

*Organised by India International Agro Trade & Technology Fair



B. Buyer Seller Meet

1. Workshop cum Buyer Seller Meet for Export of potential Agri products from Mizoram 24th November 2022 – Organised by APEDA

**Products such as Mizo Chili, Ginger, Turmeric, Dragon Fruit, Grape wine (Champwine & Isabella) etc are displayed in these events by the Marketing team in partnership with Horticulture Department, Govt. of Mizoram



PROCUREMENT

Formation and promotion of Farmer Producers Organization/Company (FPO/C) under FOCUS Mizoram.

Formation and development of farmer groups into larger associate have been started from January 2023. All the six districts viz Mamit, Kolasib, Saitual, Khawzawl, Champhai and Serchhip were covered during the assessment exercises for the identification of high priority areas for the establishment of farmer's institutions. However, it is decided to form only 4 FPO/C in the project areas at this moment, accordingly FPO/C have been formed in four districts of the project areas- Serchhip, Mamit, Champhai and Kolasib. The actual activities for formation, awareness and development of FPO/C were done by the New Delhi base organization Synergy Technofin Pvt Ltd as they are the Service Provider (SP) hired by the

project. PMU and concern DMU were participated and involved in all the process of formation activities of the FPO/C.

FOCUS promoted Farmer organization (FIGs) were given priority for the members of FPO/C during the mobilization of the members in all districts. Base on the assessment exercise following is the FPO/C formed by the project.

1. Rumliana FPO at Khumtung under Serchhip District.
2. Falung FPO at Bukpui under Kolasib District.
3. Ranggo FPC at Damparengpui under Mamit District.
4. Vanapa FPC at Hnahlan under Champhai District.

Details of the FPO/Cs:

I. **Rumliana Co-operative Society (FPO), Khumtung, Serchhip District, Mizoram:**

- **Name of FPO:** Rumliana Cooperative Society (FPO), Serchhip District, Mizoram.
- **Registration No. & Date:** No.SCP-75/2022-2023 of 23.03.2023. Registered under Cooperative Department, Govt. of Mizoram.
- **Date of formation:** 25/01/2023.
- **Number of Members as on November, 2023:** 155 members
- **Type of FPO:** Multi-commodity
- **Crops Identified:** Primary – Banana (Kavendis), Secondary- Papaya, Khariff crops (Eggplant/Brinjal, Bitter guord, Beans etc).

II. **Falung Farmers Producer Organization (FPO), Bukpui, Kolasib District:**

- **Name of the FPO- Falung. Type: Multi commodities District: Kolasib.**
- **Registration details:** No.KLB-97/23-24 of 18th May 2023 Registered under Cooperative Department, Govt. of Mizoram.
- **Date of formation:** 10/02/2023.
- **Number of Members as on November, 2023:** 75 members
- **Crops identified and names:**
 - ✓ **Primary:** Gingers, Mizo chilies, areca nut.
 - ✓ **Secondary:** other upland crops.
- **Support from the Project:** (i) Participate in Buyers-Sellers Meet organized by FOCUS Mizoram at Aizawl, (ii) Registration under Co-operative Societies, (iii) 1st Installment of FPO Grant Fund, (iv). Capacity Training on Basic Functioning of FPO.

III. **Ranggo Farmers Producer Company Ltd. (FPC), Damparengpui, Mamit District, Mizoram:**

- **Name of the FPC:** Ranggo FPC
- **Type of FPC:** Multi-commodities District: Mamit.
- **Registration detail:** Corporate I.D:U01500MZ2023PTC013638, Regn Date: 26th July 2023 under company act.
- **Date of formation:** 28/02/2023
- **Number of Members as on November, 2023:** 118 members

- **Crops & livestock identified and names:**
 - ✓ Primary: Sesamum sp . Brassica (Mustard oil).
 - ✓ Secondary: Cabbage, Poultry, Piggery (indigenous) Local name: Zovawk.
- **Support from the Project:** (i) Participate in Buyers-Sellers Meet organized by FOCUS Mizoram at Aizawl, (ii) Registration under Co-operative Societies, (iii) 1st Installment of FPO Grant Fund, (iv). Capacity Training on Basic Functioning of FPO.

IV. **Vanapa Farmers Producers Company Ltd., Hnahlan, Champhai District, Mizoram**

- **Name of FPC:** Vanapa FPC, Champhai District. Mizoram.
- **Date of formation:** 05/04/2023.
- **Number of Members as on November, 2023:** 216 members
- **Registration No. & Date:** U01500MZ2023PTC013647 Date: 13th September 2023 registered under Company's Act.
- **Type of FPC:** Multi-commodity.
- **Crop Identified & Names:**
 - ✓ **Major crop:** Grape,
 - ✓ **Primary Crops:** Mandarin Orange & Kiwi.
- **Support from the Project:** (i) Participate in Buyers-Sellers Meet organized by FOCUS Mizoram at Aizawl, (ii) Registration under Co-operative Societies, (iii) 1st Installment of FPO Grant Fund, (iv). Capacity Training on Basic Functioning of FPO.

ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS



Pic: Study on Banana Cluster



Pic: Formation of Rumliana FPO



Pic: Formation of Ranggo FPC

TRAINING PICTURES

1. RUMLIANA FPO



2. FALUNG FPO



3. RANGGO FPC



4. VANAPA FPC



CONCLUSION

The Annual Report 2022-2023 prepared by IFAD FOCUS Mizoram encapsulates a comprehensive overview of the organization's initiatives, achievements, and challenges encountered during the fiscal year. The report serves as a testament to our dedication towards sustainable development, poverty reduction, and empowerment of rural communities in Mizoram. It sheds light on the impact of our interventions, the progress made in enhancing food security, promoting rural livelihoods, and fostering environmental sustainability. Through this report, we aim to showcase the tangible difference being made in the lives of the rural population in Mizoram and the concerted efforts being made to address their diverse needs.

The core objective of this annual report is to ensure transparent communication and accountability. By providing stakeholders with timely, reliable, and relevant information, the report facilitates a deeper understanding of the organization's operations, outcomes, and future direction. It is a testament to IFAD FOCUS Mizoram's commitment to maintaining transparency, engaging with stakeholders, and continuously improving the impact of our programs for the betterment of rural communities. The annual report serves as a crucial instrument in fostering trust, demonstrating accountability, and inspiring continued support for our endeavors.

ACTION PHOTO

Supply of Fingerlings



Mamit District



Saitual District

Area Expansion



Bawngva, Mamit District



Chhiahtlang, Serchhip District

Backyard Poultry



Ngopa Village



Mamit District

Integrated Farming System - Compact Area Development Approach (IFS-CADA)



Hualtu, Serchhip District



Lungchuan, Serchhip District



Sialsir, Serchhip District



Suangkuang, Mamit District



Chhawrhtui, Khawzawl District



Chungte, Champhai District

Check Dam (Protection of Water Source)



Chhawrtui



Bilkhawthlir



Bawngva



Khawbel

Dragon Fruit Cultivation



Kawnpui



N. Lungpher

Half Moon Terrace



Distribution of Power Pump



Distribution of Brush Cutter



Stream Bank Erosion Control



Water Storage & Delivery System