

Report on Sensitization Workshop for DMUs, FMUs and Batch 1 Villages

Venue: Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex, Dimapur

Date: 12.09.2018

The one day programme on the "*Sensitization for District Management Units (DMU), Field Management Units (FMU) and Batch 1(one) villages*" was organized by Nagaland Forest Management Project Society (NFMPS) on 12th September 2018 at the Forest Office Complex, Dimapur Division, with *Shri.C.M Chang, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change* as special invitee. The Inaugural Programme was chaired by Shri. Dharmendra Prakash (CPD-cum-CEO) and attended by DMU Heads, FMU Heads, Department Officials and Staffs along with representatives from 33 villages.

The proceedings of the Programme are given below:

INAUGURAL SESSION: 9:54am – 11.00 am

The Chairman opened the Programme by welcoming all the participants and giving a brief introduction about the Nagaland Forest Management Project, which was followed by invocation by Rev. Maong Lemtur, Pastor Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo (DABA).

Shri Meyimpokym Aier, PD (AFD) addressed the meeting by proposing the welcome speech, wherein he welcomed all the participants especially the Special Invitees Shri C M Chang, Shri A K Bansal and Ms Yuko Shinohara to the workshop. He also highlighted activities already achieved by the Project so far and encouraged all the participants for successful implementation and proper & timely execution of the project activities.

Shri.I.Panger Jamir,PCCF & HoFF and Chairman, General Body (NFMPS), gave the keynote address wherein he highlighted the dangers of decreasing forest cover in Nagaland and how NFMP Project will benefit the community through rejuvenation of jhum areas. He also challenged all the stakeholders including the Departmental officials and communities to sincerely implement the Project for all round development in the Forestry sector.

The Chairman informed the audience that Shri L.Kire, Principal Secretary, Dept. Of Environment, Forests & Climate Change could not attend the workshop and conveyed his message in absentia by his best wishes to all stakeholders for successful implementation of the project.

Shri. S.P.Tripathi, PCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden, in his speech highlighted some hurdles mainly faced by the Department in carrying out activities including shortage of funds. In spite of the challenges the contributions by hard working community and dutiful officials have help in forestry activities in the State. He also thanked the JICA for providing assistance to carry out this project which will greatly help in improving the forest cover and also conserving biodiversity in the State.

Shri.A.K.Bansal, IFS Rtd. & Consultant, highlighted the uniqueness of this project such as process oriented and insisted on use of technologies. He also informed that project planning and monitoring is an important aspect of any Project, which is important for successful and result oriented Project. He also stressed upon the importance of "microplan" in implementing the project.

Ms. Yuko Shinohara, Representative, JICA India Office, highlighted the importance of India for JICA amongst many of the other developing countries and in term of size of fund India is no. 1. She further informed that NFMP is one of the 14 Forestry projects taken up in India. She also stressed upon working together to expedite the progress of the project.

Shri CM Chang, Hon'ble Forest Minister, thereafter, released the Operational Manual book and also officially launched the NFMP Project website, which was designed and developed by Rameitech solutions.

Shri C.M. Chang, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in his speech appreciated the launching of NFMP website and release of Operational Manual. He gave a brief note on NFMPS including its aims, features and challenged the various groups and stakeholders under NFMPS to work together for successful and fruitful Project implementation.

Short Skit – Dreams Unlimited gave an animated presentation /play on “conservation of forest”, which depicted two hunters caught inside the forest hunting.

Shri Y. Jami, Chairman PRC (NTC), NFMP concluded the inaugural session by proposing the vote of thanks.

TECHNICAL SESSION-I: 12:00pm - 1:20pm

1. *Experience from other states and expectation from NFMP:* Shri A.K.Bansal, IFS Rtd. & Consultant stressed upon the importance of community mobilization in Projects. He believed that convergence with other Departmental ongoing programmes is a good approach for good project implementation, which ultimately help all sections of society. He also cautioned about the project audits, mid and end term evaluations and therefore it is important to carry out all project activities on the field with proper record and details.

2. *Overview of NFMP:* Shri Ved Pal Singh PD (I, M&E) gave a brief presentation of the NFMPS' salient features, strategies and models for interventions. He also shared about the various units within the Project Implementation Structure such the HPC, GB, PMU, DMU, FMU, JFMC and others.

3. *Forestry Intervention Models:* Shri Supongnukshi, PD (HRD, R&E) gave a detailed presentation on the 5 Models of Forestry intervention available under the project. Each village has the choice of selecting the models suitable to the village land and according to the objectives of the farmers. He ultimately stressed upon the crucial role of community in successful forestry interventions in the villages.

4. *Building, Procurement and accounts*: Shri Meyimpokym Air, PD (AFP) presented the lists of various villages under NFMP Project according to Divisions and Ranges. A total of 75 buildings are to be constructed under the project such as DMU Offices, FMU Offices, Ranger Quarters, Forester Quarters and Forest Guard Quarters. He also shared on the importance of preparing and regular submission of Statement of expenditure (SOE), audits and audit reporting at the different levels. He lastly he shared about Government e-marketplace portal, where many products are available online with minimum tax, meant especially for Government.

5. *Progress and achievements*: Shri Dharmendra Prakash, CPD presented a gist of timeliness in the initiation of NFMP and also explained in detail the meaning of the NFMP logo. He also shared about the activities undertaken so far and of Project activities ahead. He lastly cautioned on the responsibility of answering the auditors in case of non-performance.

TECHNICAL SESSION-II: 2:05pm-5:30pm

This session was chaired by Shri Ved Pal Singh, PD (I, M&E) and presentations were made as provided below:

1. *Roles and activities of various Stakeholders*: Ms Rongsenlemla, DFO Kohima, gave detailed presentations on the importance of conservation through community participation and gave a list of stakeholders in the Project which include the SHGS, FARMERS GROUPS, NGOs, churches, etc. She also shared on the role of village Councils and other stakeholders in the project. She highlighted the importance of electronic transfer in case of fund flow and monthly monitoring and reporting at the village level.

2. *Capacity building programmes in NFMP*: Ms Lhinghoikim Touthang, Silviculturist and DPD (DPR) gave a detailed presentation on the TNA(training Need Assessment), trainings of various staffs from the DMU, FMU, villages, clerical staffs, exposure tours, etc.

3. *Monitoring, Evaluation & GIS*: Shri Khelen, DPD (M, E&GIS) explained the meanings and components under monitoring, evaluation and GIS. He also gave a detailed explanation on the various modules- Jhum rehabilitation /plantation monitoring module, Web geoportal module and Change detection module.

4. *Microplan*: Dr Kenei Miachio, Chairman, PRC (STC) gave a brief note on the importance of microplan and its meaning. He presented the detailed steps to be followed along with the local bodies involved, including the formats of the microplan. He also informed that activities such as GPS coordinate of village boundaries needs to be taken up immediately. Other activities like inventorisation of trees/ plants/ herbs and house to house survey has to follow up thereafter. He also briefly gave an overview on accounting procedures under the project.

5. *Open house discussion and inputs from DMU, FMU and JFMC*: Shri Meyimpokym Aier moderated this session, wherein all the DMUs, FMUs and village representatives were asked to participate and interact with the Higher ups and Project Officials. Divisions wise the participants were called onto the stage and given time to expressed their doubts and clarify any confusion. The participants freely shared their doubts and also expressed their hope and expectations from the Project, which was the highlight of the programme.

Annexure:

1. List of Participants -
2. Programme Detail
3. Programme Invitation
4. Photographs
5. Workshop Recorder – Pezaneinuo Chielie, Forest Ranger, Kohima