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FROM THE DESK:

NFMP celebrated 75 years of India's Independence under the aegis of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” by way of organising one-day sales day. The sales day was organised by SHG and JFMC members of different villages and ranges during which stalls of locally grown produces were displayed for sale.

A sound business plan would ensure successful entrepreneurship and in order to facilitate the preparation of business plan, orientation program was conducted for DMUs and FNGOs during the quarter.

Monitoring of various activities of DMUs and FMUs was done by the members of PMU in this quarter. The period witnessed multitude of activities on and off the field and paving the way for success of the project.

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VILLAGES COVERED BY NFMP AS ON DEC 2021.

- **Batch-I** : 31 villages
- **Batch-II** : 57 villages
- **Batch-III**: 58 villages
- Total** : 146 Villages



CAPACITY BUILDING

ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR ADMU & FMU HEADS

A three-day training for ADMU/FMU Heads under STC & NTC and review of implementation of NFMP under STC was held from 14th to 16th December 2021 at the Conference Hall of the Forest Office Complex, Kohima. The training was organized to sensitize the newly posted officials on the implementation of the NFMP and exchanging of experiences about the project. The second day of the training was conducted at Zhadima 'A' village where ADMU Heads and FMU Heads of STC & NTC divided themselves into groups and proceeded with the group work. On the third day, FNGO review meeting of STC was held at the Conference Hall, where FNGO from Kohima, Phek, Dimapur, Peren and Wokha districts gave presentations on the achievements, issues and challenges. PMC team members led by the team leader, Shri Pranab R. Choudhary, spoke on the role of FMU, DMU and FNGO in JFMC strengthening, Forestry Models and Livelihood promotion. In a brief address to the FNGO members, Shri Dharmendra Prakash, IFS Chief Project Director, NFMP exhorted the FNGO members to work with all sincerity for success in the implementation of the project.



TRAINING OF MIS APPLICATION

The PMU Office organised a Training of MIS Application for FNGO and DMU staffs on 25th - 26th November 2021 at the Conference Hall of the Forest Office Complex, Kohima. The 2-day training was conducted by the MIS cell on the topic - Financial and Forestry Module, Livelihood, EPA and WHS module.

INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES

Field Orientation for DMU & FNGO

MON: One day Field Orientation for DMU & FNGO on IGA Identification and Preparation of Business Plan for Batch-I SHGs was conducted on 11th Oct. 2021 at Mon Village under Mon Division. Shri Pravanjan Mohapatra PMC, CB Expert briefed the FNGO and DMU staffs on the scope, importance and techniques of IGA and businessplan formats. The FNGO members were divided into 3 groups in order to discuss with each SHGs on their respective livelihood activities and discuss prospective opportunities in order to draw a proper IGA business plan. The FNGO and SHG members were assisted by DMU Support Staffs. The orientation program was attended by ADMU Head, DMU Support staffs, FMU staffs and members from all the selected SHGs under JFMC Mon village.



PHEK : Field orientation for FNGO and DMU Support Staffs on IGA identification and Preparation of Business Plan for Batch-I villages under DMU-Phek was conducted on 6th Oct. at Kami Village. The orientation program was attended by the DMU Head Shri. Tepfuhusie IFS, Mr. Pravanjan Mohapatra PMC, DMU Support Staffs and Phek FNGO members along with Team Leader of FNGO Kiphire and the community mobilizers. The meeting was also attended by Kami Village JFMC members along with the selected SHGs.

The participants were briefed on the process of Preparation of Business Plans and templates. After the field exercises, participants were taken to JAF plantation site Kami as part of field exposure.



Discussion with SHG members and preparation of Business plan



Interaction of FNGO & DMU Staffs with the SHG members



Dimapur : DMU staffs interacting with the Medziphema SHG members for collection of Data for MIS Portal.



Phek : FNGO members interacting with the SHG's for Preparation of Business Plan at Kami Village



Wokha : SHG members of New Riphyim, Old Riphyim and Wokha Village selling their products in a stall on 4th-7th Nov at Wokha local ground during the Lotha Tokhü Emong festival 2021.



Discussion on business plan for IGA with the SHGs at Chimonger village, under FMU Longkhim on 12th Oct. 2021



Discussion on business plan for IGA with the SHGs at Noksen village, under FMU Tuensang on 13th Oct 2021

Gradation of SHG's

Kohima DMU Support staffs, FMU field staffs and FNGO members visited Tuophema village on 27th Oct. and Zhadima 'A' village on 28th Oct. 2021. The visiting team interacted with the SHG members and checked the registers maintained by them and graded the SHGs according to the guidelines given by PMC. The team also collected the data and entered it in the NFMP mobile application under the Module: Livelihood Improvements and Community Development and Institutional Strengthening.



DMU Support Staffs, JFMC, SHG members & Community Mobilizer at Zhadima 'A' village.

Business Plan Preparation of SHGs

WOKHA : The FNGO team visited Wokha Village on 4th Oct, New Riphyim Village on 6th Oct, Old Riphyim Village on 7th Oct 2021 for business plan preparation of the selected SHGs.

JFMC product profiling and SHG IGA profiling were done after an in-depth discussion with both the JFMC and the SHGs. The FNGOs team also presented a structure for marketing plan to the JFMCs and the SHGs.



Wokha : FNGO Preparing Business Plan with the SHGs

PRIOR-INFORMED CONSENT

1. The Prior Informed Consent of Ruzaphema Village and SirhiAngamiVillage of Dimapur district were obtained during the month of November 2021 for implementation of NFMP.
2. The Prior Informed Consent for the following villages under Tuensang district viz Tsadang Village, Tsaru (Chare) Village were obtained on 20st Oct. and Kenjung Village, Peshu Village, Sanglao Village and Noklak Village gave their PIC on 16th Nov. 2021.
3. The Prior Informed Consent of Ehunu Village and Tsosinyu Village under DMU Kohima were signed during the month of November 2021.



FMU Head and staff with the Village leaders and elders of Ruzaphema Village and SirhiAngami Village (Batch-III) under Medziphema Beat. Dimapur.



Tsadang Village Council Chairman signing the PIC



FMU and DMU staffs with the Sanglao Village Council members



Ehunu Village Council member signing the PIC form.



Tsosinyu Village Council member signing the PIC form.

FORESTRY INTERVENTION

Training on Nursery Demonstration

DMU Kohima conducted a Training on Nursery Demonstration on 17th November 2021 with the participation of Seiyhama, Phenwhenyu, Kandinu and Terogvunyuvillage JFMC members. T. Khel Model Village organized the event on the theme 'Nursery Demonstration cum Workshop'.

Delivering the keynote address Smti. Pezaneinuochielie, FRO Kohima highlighted the importance of establishing a good nursery which is the basis of augmenting the rejuvenation of natural forests and ultimately for sustainable forest management of biodiversity. The demonstration emphasized on various planting medium, planting materials, methods of propagation, modern tools and inputs and environment friendly components of a nursery set up. All the participants had hands-on experience during the training.



Demonstration on planting techniques



Mini version of nursery bed preparation



FMU Head Pfutsero along with DMU support staffs, FMU staffs and FNGO during the GIS data collection exercise at kami village



PD (Imp, M&E) Shri Vedpal Singh Inspecting the nursery of Pherima A Village

PHEK : During the month of October, maintenance of different Model plantations sites was done in both the villages of Batch-I (Lepthori and Kami). Kami village under FMU Pfutsero undertook maintenance work at 3-Model sites for a total of 10 days with approx. 250 members taking part. The maintenance work was done in JFF, JCF and JCC model sites. Lepthori village under FMU Meluri undertook maintenance work in JAF & JFF model sites with approx. 250 members taking part during the maintenance work spanning 2 weeks.



Community participation during maintenance of plantation sites at JCF Model Kami Village.



Maintenance work at JFF Model plantation site Kami Village.



JFMC Chairman conducting a short prayer before the start of maintenance work at JAF Model Lephori Village.



Maintenance work at JFF Model plantation site Lephori Village.



Asst. DMU & FMU Head Interaction with JFMC & Nursery inspection at Tuimei Village



Hukphang villagers constructing Trekking Path at PEC Site.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

DIMAPUR : Shri. Vedpal Singh, IFS, PD (Imp, M&E) toured DMU Dimapur and inspected various activities taken up in different villages. He visited Medziphemavillage and inspected the SHG Stall being set up during **“Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”** cum Sales day held at Medziphema Local Ground. He was accompanied by DMU Head, ADMU Head, DMU Support Staffs, FMU Head and Field Staffs of Medziphema Beat. The Project Director also inspected the JCC& JFFmodel of Thekrejuma Village (Batch-I), JAF Model of Piphema Old Village (Batch-II), JAF Model of Pherima'A' Village (Batch-II) JCF, JAF & JFF Model of Hekheshe village (Batch-I) and nurseries of all the respective villages. He had an interaction session with the JFMC and SHG's members of all the villages he visited.



Shri. Vedpal Singh IFS, on the way to JFF Model (Thekrejuma Village)



Shri. Vedpal Singh, IFS Project Director posing for lens with the SHG and JFMC members of Pherima 'A' village



Shri. Vedpal Singh, IFS, PD (Imp, M&E) NFMP, visit at Medziphema Village SHGs Stall during “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” cum Sales day held at Medziphema Local Ground

KOHIMA : Smti. Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS, CF (NTC) & Dy. Project Director (JFMC, CD, Livelihood & IGA), along with DMU Support staffs and field staffs visited Zhadima 'A' village on 17th Nov. 2021 to inspect the activities under the project. While interacting with the SHGs members at the village Community Hall, the CF (NTC) advised the SHGs members to take up their business plans in a proper manner and not to incur any loss in their activities and advised the JFMC members to be responsible for any activities under the project. She added that this project is supportive to the SHGs as it looks after their sustainability. She also inspected the WHS & EPA located near the Community Hall and advised the village members to maintain and use properly. The Dy. PD further asked the JFMC members to monitor the plantation areas by involving the community.



Smti. Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS, Dy. PD along with SHGs and JFMC members of Zhadima 'A' Village at plantation site.



Smt. Rongsenlemla Imchen, IFS, Dy. PD (JFMC, CD, Livelihood & IGA) inspecting the Measurement of height and distance of saplings planted at Nsunyu village.

WOKHA : Shri R Ramakrishnan IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Nagaland, Dept. of EFCC, Shri Senthil M IFS, PD(HRD) and Shri Atsase, OSD to GoN visited DMU Wokha on the 6th-7th Nov 2021. The officials inspected the constructions under NFMP-JICA in FMU Wokha and also visited the SHG stall being set up at Wokha local ground during the Tokhü Emong festival.



DIMAPUR : Shri Pranab. R. Choudhury, Team Leader PMC and Shri. ParvanjanMohanpatra, CB Expert PMC visited Piphema Old Village (Batch-II) and Medziphema Village (Batch-I) on 3rd and 4th December 2021. During the visit the PMC Team visited the Nursery of both the villages, JAF Model at Piphema Old Village, JAF Model at Medziphema Village and had a brief interaction with the JFMC and SHG members of both the villages. On 3rd December the PMC team had a brief meeting with the DMU Head, ADMU Head, Support staffs, FMU Heads and FNGO Team of Dimapur at the Conference Hall, Forest Office Complex Dimapur.



KIPHIRE : On 1st Oct. 2021, Shri Chisayi IFS, DMU Head conducted a one-day field inspection to Anatongre village (Batch-I) to inspect various plantation - JAF, JCF, JFF & JCC models. The DMU Head was accompanied by FMU Head, DMU support staffs and field staffs. The purpose of the visit was to inspect the saplings planted in different models. During the visit, the DMU Head applauded the JFMC members for their works and support rendered towards the implementation of the project. He also reminded the JFMC members that their contribution will reflect in the long run and that it will hugely benefit the village for generations to come. In most of the plantation site, the saplings are found to be healthy.



Phek : Shri Chisayi IFS, DMU Head conducted an inspection visit to Anatongre village on 1st Oct 2021.



Peren : Shri M. Obed Zeliang, DMU Head visit to JAF model site in Peren village on 12th Nov. 2021.



Mokokchung : Dr.Sentitula, IFS, DMU Head inspecting the various plantation model sites in Sungratsu village on 28th Oct 2021.



Conservator of Forests : Shri Hukato, IFS inspected Vekuho New village of Atoizu Beat on 26th Nov 2021

DIMAPUR : DMU Dimapur had its 3rd Quarterly Review Meeting on 3rd Nov. 2021 at Conference Hall Forest Office Complex, Dimapur. The meeting was chaired by Shri. Beizo Suokhrie, IFS, DMU Head Dimapur. The Meeting was attended by both the FMU Heads (Piphema & Medziphema Beat) along with their respective Field Staffs and DMU Support staffs.

KOHIMA : The monthly review meeting of FNGO Kohima was conducted on 1st October 2021 at the office of DFO Kohima. The meeting was attended by DMU Head, FMU Heads of Tseminyu and Chiephobozou Range, DMU Support Staffs and FNGO members. In the meeting, Shri Rajkumar M.IFS, DMU Head Kohima suggested the FNGO team to look out for the prospect of expanding the activities of the selected SHGs through e-commerce platform, and the possibility of selling the products outside Kohima and try to ensure the profit margin. As the demand of Shiitake mushroom is high, he asked the FNGO members to check whether it can be taken up at Zhadima'A' village. In order to create awareness on CCAs, the DMU Head said that exposure trips for teachers and students to CCA areas can be organised and further asked the FNGO team to look out for possible convergence and approach the Skill Development Department to impart trainings to the SHGs.



Monthly Review Meeting at DMU Head Office Kohima.



Monthly Review Meeting at the Conference Room, Forest Office Complex Dimapur.

LONGLENG : Smti. Rongsenlemla, IFS CF (NTC) cum DPD-with Shri Suvil Ltu, DMU Head Longleng visited Hukphang Village (Batch-I) and Pongching Village (Batch-II) on 2nd Dec. 2021 for field inspection to review, and to discuss about the activities undertaken in the division. In a brief interactive session held with the JFMC and SHG members of the village, the DPD urged the members gathered to follow the guidelines of the department officials and to uplift themselves while being assisted by the government.



Smti. Rongsenlemla, IFS Dy.P D interacting with the SHG and JFMC members of Pongching Village.



Dy.P D inspecting the Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) at Hukphangvillage

Mobile Application Data Collection for Batch-I Villages :

In the month of October 2021, DMU Support Staffs and the FNGO Team Dimapur visited and collected data of all the three villages of Batch-I (Medziphema, Hekheshe and Thekrejuma) under DMU Dimapur and uploaded in the MIS Portal. The Data was collected using the MIS Mobile Application.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (EPA & WHS)



Borewell (EPA) at Pongching Village



Retaining Wall renovation works at Medziphema Village (Completed)



WHS in Asukhuto village



Sukomi village EPA : Community Kitchen Under Construction



EPA (Village Gate) of Mongtikang village (Completed)



Peren Village : EPA - Broadening of village road.



WHS of Nsunyu Village (Batch-I)



EPA – Community Toilet of Nsunyu Village (Batch-I)



Community Hall Completed on 18th Oct, 2021
Changtongya New Village



Smti. Rongsenmenla Imchen (IFS) Dy. P. D inspected the Water Harvesting Structure & Entry Point Activities at Longmisa Village during the inspection visit on 3rd Dec. 2021

EXPOSURE TOUR

DMU Kohima organised an exposure trip under the initiative 'My CCA, My Pride' for Zhadima JFMC to Khonoma Village on 8th October 2021 wherein, the JFMC members were introduced to how Community Conservation Areas have a huge impact on the mutual co-existence of humans and wildlife. In the opening remarks, Shri Rajkumar M., IFS, DFO Kohima said that the main purpose of the exposure visit is to learn the experiences of conservation initiatives taken up by the community. He said that Nagaland has one of the highest numbers of Community Conservation areas in the country. He said that the efforts taken by communities for conservation not just benefit the village or district but the entire world since biodiversity is interlinked.

Shri Kezhaseria Meyase, Chairman of Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan Sanctuary (TRUST) said that the conservation began on 11th December 1998 by some of the uncles from the village. Khonoma village community being from a hunting and logging community, taking a U-turn from how they were in the past was not an easy task as they relied on hunting and logging for their livelihood and sustenance.

Shri Keneivito Christopher Sophi, Secretary of Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan Sanctuary (TRUST) briefed about the history of the village and how the concept of conservation and preservation was initiated. He said that the idea of conservation started in 1998 by the visionary village elders and how all the organization in the village community are involved in conservation.

Shri V. Mato Koso, RFO & FMU Head, Chiephobozou Range said that one should not destroy the habitat of wildlife as they come and settle in par with their environmental conditions. He said that one must ensure about the survival of wildlife.



Shri Rajkumar M.IFS, DMU Head, Kohima addressing the participants during the exposure trip

Shri Kedelizo, JFMC Vice Chairman, Zhadima thanked the DFO for organising the Exposure Tour and expressed gratitude to the Khonoma village community for sharing their experiences and giving them wonderful insights about community led conservation efforts. He also said that they are now filled with enthusiasm and have found renewed inspiration through this Exposure Tour.

'AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV' CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE :

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav -celebrating 75 years of India's Independence, an one-day Sales Day was organised on 16th Nov. at Nsunyu village and on 18th Nov. 2021 at Botsa Town by their respective JFMC and SHGs members under NFMP & Forest Development Agency.

SHGs and JFMC members from Tuophema, Zhadima 'A' and Seiyhama villages under Chiephobozou Range took part during the Sales Day. Organic products such as Pumpkin, Yam, Ash gourd, Bitter gourd, Ginger, Beans, King chili, Banana, Squash, Tree tomato, Pineapple, passion fruit, papaya, guava, local garlic, rice (pejo), lemon, modi, beef pickle, king chili pickle, vegetables and other locally prepared food items were displayed and sold to the people.

During a brief interaction with SHGs of the project, Shri Yhuntilo Kent, FMU Head, Tseminyu Range, highlighted on different activities being carried out in all parts of the country to commemorate the 75th years of India's Independence. He said that Sustainable Forest Management, Wildlife Protection and Biodiversity Conservation have become very important in the present context and added that climate change and environmental concern have become a serious issue. He said that SHGs play a vital role in forestry conservation. He emphasised that their active participation will lead to better conservation of the forest areas. The FMU Head also gave a brief demonstration on tree mulching to the SHGs and village members present during the programme.



Shri. Nagato K. Aye, Team Leader, FNGO, NEIDA, in his address to the SHGs briefed on how the village, being located on the highway and nearby to Kohima town have the advantage of selling more products and generate income. He said that they need to have some basic knowledge on market demand, and assured all help to uplift their livelihood.



Shri V. Mato Koso, FMU Head, Chiephobozou Range along with the DMU Support Staffs, FNGO, JFMC & SHGs members during the sales Day at Nsunyu Village .



Shri Rajkumar M. IFS, along with FMU Head Chiephobozou Range, DMU Support Staffs, Zhadima 'A' JFMC members and members of the KNCTS (TRUST) during the exposure tour to Khonoma Village on 8th October 2021 under the initiative 'MY CCA, MY PRIDE'

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