



## NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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### From the Desk,

NFMP by virtue of meticulous planning and effective implementation has grown to a stature where officials from other state governments visit the project to draw inspiration and to observe the methodology of implementation. Senior bureaucrats from Himachal Pradesh visited project sites under NFMP as a prelude to the implementation of JICA funded project in their state during the present quarter.

The project which is almost half way in terms of its tenure has already started yielding the fruits as is being seen in terms of the activities of the SHG. Several SHGs had put up their products for sale as part of their IGA under many DMU's like Mon, Wokha, Dimapur, etc.

NFMP co-organised an International Conference on "Bio resources & Bio economy" in the Department of Botany, Nagaland University during the month of September.

Institutional Exposure Trips for Support Staffs & FNGO to Odisha was organised during the Quarter.

Overall, the Quarter witnessed multifarious activities under different components of the project

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### SENIOR FOREST OFFICIALS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH VISITS NAGALAND



Shri Nagesh Kumar Guleria, IFS, APCCF and CPD, JICA (PIHPFEM & L) Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Sushil Kumar Kapta, APCCF (Management), Shri Parveen Taak, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh along with Shri Dharmendra Prakash IFS, CPD NFMP and NFMP Officials.

Officials from Department of Forest, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Nagesh Kumar Guleria, APCCF and CPD, JICA (PIHPFEM & L), Dr. Sushil Kumar Kapta, APCCF (Management) and Shri Parveen Taak, Joint Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh visited Nagaland to study the best practices being followed in Nagaland Forest Management Project.

The visiting team held a meeting with Project Management Unit on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Shri Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, PCCF & HoFF and his team of Project directors explained the visiting team about the NFMP project.

The officials visited Terogvunyu Village on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. And were accompanied by Smt. RongsenlemlaImchen IFS, CF (NTC), Shri Rajkumar M. IFS, DFO Kohima and DMU team.

During a brief interaction with the JFMC, SHGs and the village members in the council hall, the CF (NTC) expressed gratitude to the officials for visiting the village and urged the village community to take the opportunity to interact and learn from the officials. The officials were shown the registers

maintained by the JFMCs . The officials also visited the Forestry Intervention Models in the village. They appreciated works that are being done in the field.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 an interactive session between the DMU/ FMU staffs and the visiting officials was conducted. DMU Head, FMU staffs & FNGO team leader apprised the visiting team on the conservation and livelihood activities done under NFMP. The Officials conveyed that NFMP was doing well and that they made their visit in order to learn from NFMP. Field visits were made to Mopungchuket and Sungratsu villages. The officials interacted with the SHGs and JFMC members at Mopungchuket and visited places of tourist interest. They visited Sungratsu JAF Model area to witness the plantation works. The officials interacted with the JFMC executive members about selection of site, species and the mode of work done by the villagers.



**At Sungratsu JAF Model Area**



**At Terogvunyu**

## **TRAINING ON 'PERSPECTIVE BUILDING ON LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION LESSONS FROM SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTIONS IN THE STATE AND THE COUNTRY'.**

A two-day training program on "Perspective Building on Livelihood Promotion Lessons from Successful interventions in the state and the country" was organized by the Project Management Consultant (PMC) to all the District Management Unit (DMU) to enhance the capacity of the staffs from the DMU and the FNGO on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at SEFTI Dimapur. A total of around 22 participants from 11 district participated.

### **The training objectives were :**

- Cross learning among participants by sharing on best practices, challenges faced and lessons of Business Plan Preparation and implementation for Self Help Group and Income Generating Activities under NFMP
- Exposure to different livelihood promotion models
- Learning from success stories on Livelihoods from across the state/ Country
- Learning with Livelihood promoting institutions (Nagaland Livelihood Forum) and agencies in the state.

On the first session, the objectives of the workshop were introduced to the trainee by Mr. Pravanjan Mohapatra, Capacity Building Expert, PMC. Shri. M Senthil Kumar IFS Project Director (HRD, Research and Extension) introduced the core concepts of the project and the importance of the roles of DMU and FNGO to achieve the goal. This was followed by presentation on process of Livelihood Activities by each DMU & FNGO representative. The district representatives shared their experiences, achievements and ideas to promote self-help groups. Events like sales day, Weekly market and monthly market for the SHG were practiced in some of these divisions which have immensely upscaled their incomes.

On the second day, success stories in Livelihood activities in Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and NE Region was shared by Mr. Devanshu Chakravarti, (Livelihood Expert, PMC). Case study on "Palash" brand Jharkhand was also highlighted on how the brand collaborated with the Producer's group and the Farmer's producer companies and provide rural women entrepreneurs better market opportunities with direct access to sell their products. The program ended with presentation from different department such as

NABARD, MSME, Land resource and Horticulture to enlighten the participants on the possible convergence and government support grants, schemes and funding on various projects.

**Action Plan:**

- Collaborating with the Kisan Network for the agriculture products.
- Proposal of Market hut or Rural hut for the SHGs in the town to upscale their income.
- Encouraging the SHGs members to start the pig feeds and poultry feed unit as the demand is high.
- Market linkage outside the district and State.
- Encouraging the SHGs member to adopt potential fruits plantation in their income generating activities.



Training on 'Perspective Building on Livelihood Promotion Lessons from Successful Interventions in the State and the Country' on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 at SEFTI Dimapur.

**PINEAPPLE FEST**

Pineapple Fest was organized by the FMU Head Medziphema, Florence T Sangtam with the support of the DMU staffs & FNGO at the Forest Office Complex, Dimapur. It was organized on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The main objective of the festival was to encourage and uplift the Income Generating Activities of the SHGs by showcasing their products to the general masses in the midst of celebrating the pineapple season. 3 SHGs viz, Aiko SHG, Kulashi SHG and Unity SHG from Hekheshe village and Vilie

SHG & Kroselie SHG from Medziphema village took part.

The Chief Project Director cum CEO, NFMP and Project Director (Imp, M&E) NFMP attended the Pineapple Fest and donated an amount of Rs.10,000 each to the participating SHGs.



Chief Project Director NFMP Shri Dharmendra Prakash IFS inspecting the Stalls set up at Pineapple Festival at the Forest Office Complex Dimapur

**SWINE FLU VACCINATION FOR PIGS UNDER CONVERGENCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.**

The outbreak of African Swine Flu (ASF), in parts of Longleng, Mokokchung, Mon earlier this year and parts of Kohima and Dimapur has triggered panic and fear among people who rear pigs. Many farmers especially in the villages incurred heavy financial losses due to sudden deaths of pigs. As per the local dailies, 6403 pigs were confirmed dead in Nagaland due to ASF this year.

Establishing a pig vaccination program helps to protect the herd from contagious diseases at all stages of development. Vaccination is an important tool for disease control in swine herds. It is important for the farmers to vaccinate their pigs to prevent or decrease economic loss from important infectious diseases and improve livestock management.

Under the Nagaland Forest Management Project, in Nsunyu village of Tseminyu range in Batch I, the three Self-Help Groups - Sang Kemehi, KajanZie and KechaZie - have selected Piggery for their Income Generation Activity (IGA). With the increase of swine flu cases in the State, these SHGs IGA are at higher risk and hence with the support of Veterinary Field Assistant under the Veterinary Department, vaccination drive was conducted on 29th July 2022. The Veterinary Field Assistant from the village vaccinated 22 piglets.



Veterinary Field Assistant vaccinating the piglets of the SHGs

### VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS OF FISH

'An initiative to improve both nutrition and livelihood among SHGs by training through convergence'

Fish is one of the healthiest foods for human beings. It is filled with important nutrients such as protein, Vitamin D and other minerals. Fish is also a great source of omega-3, which plays an important role for the development of one's body and brain. Studies have shown that people who consume fish on a regular basis have lower risk of heart attacks and other heart related diseases.

In Nagaland, there is a huge potential for development of aquaculture as the State is endowed with rich natural resources. Local farmers are now coming forward to take up aquaculture along with other agricultural activities. State Fishery Department is making special efforts to develop fish culture by adopting integrated farming, paddy cum fish culture, reservoir fisheries and other methods. As per Government records, there are about 149 species of fish found in Nagaland.

In the Naga society, fresh fish cooked with fermented bamboo shoot along with local spices is a common diet. It is also dried for preservation after which various items like chutney are made. Of late, food products prepared from fish such as fish pickle, fish finger and fish balls have become a popular

addition in the Naga food. The State Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources have been actively imparting trainings to the rural population on making such products.

Under the Nagaland Forest Management Project, Self Help Groups of Batch – I & II villages under DMU Kohima received hands-on demonstration and training on preparation of fish pickle, fish finger and fish balls. The training was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 at the Conference Hall of the Forest Office Complex, Kohima in convergence with Department of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources. During the training, Smt. Sentinaro, District Fisheries Officer, Kohima shared about the various ingredients and demonstrated on preparation of various products.

After the training, a brief discussion was held out with the attendees of the training. Majority of the SHGs members said that they would be able to make the items and sell to generate revenue and also impart the same training to other women folk. They also said that they would be able to sustain their livelihood by selling the products. With these value-added products, it is hoped that the SHGs members will be able to empower themselves and set an example to other villages to emulate.



Demonstration on Value added products of fish



Dr. Sevono Seletsu, ACF & ADMU Head, Kohima, Smt. Sentinaro, District Fisheries Officer, Kohima along with the participants during the training

Two days training in collaboration with Krishi Vegyan Kendra on Food processing and value addition was conducted at DMU Mokokchung Office, Marepkong from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The programme was chaired by Akumtoshi Longkumer (Team Leader FNGO) during the inaugural programme Dr. Sentitula (IFS), DFO cum DMU Head gave a keynote address followed by inaugural speech by Dr. Keiviletsu Khate, Senior Scientist & Head KVK, Mokokchung. In the two days training session, the topics were on preparation and Sterilization of Bamboo Shoot Pickle, Green Chilli Pickle, Squash & RTS, Jam (Pineapple & Papaya), Ginger Candy & Tapioca. A total of 27 SHGs from 9 villages under Batch-I & II participated in the training.



## International Conference on "BIO RESOURCES & BIO ECONOMY"



Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) was invited to co-organize International Conference on 'Bioresources and Bioeconomy' with Department of Botany, Nagaland University, from 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Drawing from this dynamism of practices and perceptions around shifting cultivation practices, NFMP conducted two sessions around (1) A Tradition in Transition: Understanding the Role of Shifting Cultivation for Sustainable Development in Northeast India, and (2) Jhum and Biodiversity Nexus: Interdisciplinary Issue, Challenges and Opportunities. While one session would focus on discussions around traditional practice of Jhum and NFMP's contributions towards forestry interventions, the other session concentrated on ROJB's scope of work and its processes to supplement knowledge gaps and augment innovations.

Shri. Supongnukshi, IFS presented NFMP's key interventions on forestry and biodiversity and the project's objectives and expected outputs and outcomes. He also highlighted about the establishment of the ROJB under NFMP, and has invited practitioners and institutions to collaborate in many of the program areas and operational strategies. Further, Shri. Ramashankar, IFS presented Biodiversity and Livelihood Interventions of NFMP. He discussed livelihood improvement and community development through forestry models under the project.

**IGA & Livelihood Activity:** On 29th July DMU Mon Division under the initiation of FNGO- KWTS conducted a one-day SHG sales and Marketing Day at Mon Town, Super Market. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. Ajit Verma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Mon. Total of 24 SHGs participated from both Batch-I & II villages.



DC Mon inaugurating the programme

## INSTITUTIONAL EXPOSURE TRIP TO ODISHA

Nagaland Forest Management Project organized an Institutional Exposure Trip to Odisha for the DMU Staff, FMU Staffs and FNGO Staff of Southern Territorial Circle from 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Odisha.

Day-1: The team visited the OFDSP II Project office and met with the PCCF cum Project Director and Project Team. The visiting teams were briefed on the various components and project implementation.

Day-2: The exposure trip involved travelling to Boudh District of Odisha (OFSDP II Project villages) to visit the field and interact with the VSS and SHGs of two VSS.

Day-3: The exposure trip consisted of visiting and meeting with the Gram Level Federation and cluster activities undertaken under the federation supported by the Odisha Livelihoods Mission.

The exposure trip provided First-hand knowledge and interactive opportunity with other projects and it provided an opportunity for cross learning. The scope of convergence undertaken by the OFSDP I & II was an eye opener and greatly paves the way to learn and undertake similar activities in the NFMP.



DMU Head at the sales day programme

## SHG PRODUCT PROMOTION

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022, DMU support staff of Wokha Division and the FNGOs of both the Doyang Beat and Wokha Range opened a stall for promotion and sales of SHG products at Wokha local ground on 15<sup>th</sup> August during 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's Independence Day celebration. 6 SHGs namely Mmyanta, Mhanka, Yanchanchi, Tsuehyu, Yingaro & Yingaren from Wokha Village under Batch-I and New Wokha Village under Batch-II Villages displayed their product for sale. Products like Pickle, Dry Fruits, Fruit Juice, Black Sesame Curry and Fresh Vegetables were exhibited and sold. Honorable DY. CM Shri. Y Patton visited the stall.



NFMP Stall at Wokha Local Ground



Dy. CM, Shri. Y Patton inspecting the NFMP SHGs Stall

## TRAINING ON DIGITAL LITERACY COURSE IN DMU WOKHA

- Awareness program on various credit scheme to enable credit access for the SHG's of Batch-I & II villages on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was conducted by DMU Wokha. DMU Wokha organised the one-day training for the SHGs in convergence with State Bank of India (SBI) Wokha. Shri. Chumben Yanthan SBI Loan Manager, Wokha was the master trainer for the programme. The training was attended by 36 women from Batch-I & II villages.



DMU Wokha organised Digital Literacy course for training in convergence with Skill Development Department, Wokha and NIELIT Kohima on 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Forest Community Hall. Shri. Anuranjan Skill Development Officer (Wokha Skill Development Department) and Smit. Janrhon Kikon from NIELIT Kohima, Shri. Morimemba Amer Joint Director Scientist NIELIT, Shri. BentiWanth AE attended the training. DMU Head, Shri. Rama Shankar Prasad IFS, gave the welcome address and thanked the Skill Development Department, Wokha, NIELIT Kohima team and DMU support staff for taking up the initiative in organizing such events. He also encouraged the attendees to attend the training sincerely and take note of the training.

Shri. Morimemba Amer Joint Director, Scientist NIELIT Kohima, & Smit. Janrhoni Kikon from Skill Development Department Wokha, facilitated the training as the master trainer. NIELIT Kohima assisted the trainee by providing Laptop to give first hand practical knowledge on digital marketing. At the end of the training, Skill Development Office Wokha, conducted a test/exam and certificates were given to the trainees. All together 50 participants attended the three days certificate course training.



DMU Wokha organized a one-day training on digital literacy for Batch-I, II & III Farmers in convergence with Skill Development Department, Wokha and NIELIT Kohima on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at DC Conference Hall Wokha. Shri. Anuranjan Skill Development Officer (Wokha Skill Development Department) and Shri. Morimemba Amer Joint Director Scientist NIELIT and Shri. Benti Wanth AE, attended the training. Shri. Morimemba Amer Joint Director Scientist NIELIT, Shri. Benti Wanth AE facilitated the training. The training was attended by 42 farmers from Batch I, II & III Villages of Wokha Range and Doyang Beat.



Training at DC Conference Hall

### PROMOTION OF SHGS PRODUCT FOR BATCH-I & II VILLAGES IN DIMAPUR

On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 FMU Head along with DMU support staffs and FNGOs organized an event for SHGs product promotion in Dimapur. The event was organized by DMU Wokha in collaboration with DMU Dimapur under the theme "Bringing Consumers to Producers". Altogether 28 SHGs from DMU Wokha under Batch-I & II villages participated in the promotional events and a total product worth Rs. 52,910 was sold.



### MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR

Celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the JFMC and village council members of Tuophema village observed the Mission Amrit Sarovar on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 by unfurling the National Flag near the water body located at the PEC area. Mission Amrit Sarovar is implemented with a view to conserve water for the future.



Mission Amrit Sarovar at Tuophema Village

### TRAINING PROGRAM ON FORESTRY & CONSERVATION MODELS

A two days training programme on Forestry & Conservation Models was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, by the Project Management Consultants - Dr. Arun Mani Dixit and Shri. Anurag Verma. The program was attended by FMU Head Mokochung and staffs. Details on the models and their selection were highlighted during the training. Field visit to Longmisa was taken on 6<sup>th</sup> September, PMCs and the trainees interacted with the JFMC members and visited the nursery and model sites.



Village Gate (EPA) at Piphema Old Village



Community Toilet (EPA) at Kandinu village



WHS cum Marketing Shed at Piphema Old village



WHS at Kandinu Village



Community Bathroom (EPA) at Phenwhenyu Village



WHS at Phenwhenyu Village





Waiting Shed (EPA) at L/Sheanghah Village



Waiting Shed (EPA) at Chi Village



Waiting Shed (EPA) at Lampong Sheanghah



Waiting Shed (EPA) at Tanhai Village



Community Graveyard Extension (EPA) at Lekromi Village



WHS at Akhen Village



WHS at Meluri Village



Community Toilet (EPA) at Meluri Village



Drainage Construction (EPA) at Pfutseromi Village under EPA



WHS at Pfutseromi Village



WHS at New Changsu Village



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