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### From the Desk

*The quarter witnessed the visit of Hon'ble Union Minister of Forests and the official from JICA-India and Japan Embassy. The dignitaries were impressed by the activities of NFMP. The officials interacted with the villagers too.*

*Various activities like plantation, training and field visits were in full swing during the quarter.*

*Overall the quarter witnessed multifarious activities in the field.*

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#### JICA-India Official and Embassy of Japan visits Peletkie village under DMU Peren



JICA Review Mission team led by Mr. Fujiwara Hidenobu, Representative JICA-India and three other official delegates Mr. Hosaka Shun, Second Secretary, Economic Section & Ms. Tsubakimoto Mayumi Second Secretary, Political Section from Embassy of Japan and Ms. Shushma Sen Adarshi, Development Scientist, JICA-India visited Peletkie village on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 to oversee the various activities undertaken by the JFMC Peletkie under NFMP. The delegates were accompanied by Shri. Temjenyabang, IFS, Project Director (AFP) NFMP and Ms. Pezaneinuo Chielie Range Officer, Kohima Range. The team inspected



Mr. Hosaka Shun inaugurating the Community Kitchen (EPA) of Peletkie village on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023

the JFMC office and checked office records of both JFMC and SHGs, had interactions with the JFMC, SHGs and Village Council members. The team also inspected Forestry Intervention areas, Forest Nursery, EPA & WHS constructed under NFMP.

Mr. Hosaka Shun, Second Secretary, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan had inaugurated the Community Kitchen which was constructed under Entry Point Activity (EPA) work component.

**Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change visits Jalukie, Nagaland**



Union Minister Shri. Bhupender Yadav, visiting a stall set up by the SHG's of Jalukie during the inauguration of Public Park cum Botanical Garden on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Shri. Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Labour & Employment, Government of India visited Jalukie, Nagaland on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. He inaugurated the “Public Park cum Botanical Garden” and held meetings with the Joint Forest Management Committee (JFMCs) and Self-Help Groups. He urged the state forest department officials and staffs to work out ways to preserve, protect and enrich the forest and wildlife for the sustainability of biodiversity in Nagaland and gave an assurance that the Central Government would ensure protection of the special provisions of Article-371 (A) of the constitution. The Hon'ble Minister was accompanied by Shri C.L John Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Nagaland and Shri. Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, Dept. of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri. Dharmendra Prakash, IFS PCCF & HoFF, and other Officials of Forest Department.

**Inauguration of Ehunnu Village Library and Resting Shed at Tseminyu Village.**



Inauguration of Ehunnu village library of Resting Shed at Tseminyu village

Shri. Chisayi IFS, DMU Head, Kohima inaugurated the Ehunnu village library (Batch - III) and Resting shed of Tseminyu Village (Batch-III) on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023, under the component of Entry Point Activity and Water Harvesting Structure respectively. The inauguration was done in the presence of Dr. Sevono Seletsu, ADMU Head Kohima, Shri. Yhunto Kent, FMU Head, Tseminyu and JFMC Chairman of the respective villages. Addressing the Ehunnu village members, the DMU Head encouraged the village

community to continue to work in unity. He also stressed on the importance of women's participation for overall development of the village community and encouraged the Joint Forest Management Committee members to utilize the Library for benefit of all.

While addressing the Tseminyu village members, the DMU Head said that NFMP is a people approach project and urged the village community members to work in cooperation for project success. He expressed happiness to know the decade old plan to construct the resting shed is finally materialized through NFMP. Mentioning on the importance of women's participation, he emphasized that their participation will result in all round development of the village and the district as a whole. The DMU Officials also visited the various Forestry Intervention Model areas of both the villages.

### **Convergence with Department of Agriculture**

With the aim to boost the livelihood of the SHGs members in NFMP villages, DMU Kohima collaborated with the District Agricultural Office, Department of Agriculture Kohima on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023, to seek the possibility of converging between DMU Kohima and District Agriculture Office. Shri. Kekhrieletuo Yhome, District Agriculture Officer distributed Radish seeds, long white peas and beans, super Falguni seeds, to be distributed to the SHGs members.

### **Income Generating Activities of Batch-II villages under DMU Kohima**

In Terogvunyu village (Batch-II), the Kerhun Longwa SHG has 9 members who are currently doing their IGA in poultry. They are rearing Kuroiler and layer breed and have sold a total of 127 kg @ Rs 300 and total income is 3,8100. The mortality so far has been 23 chickens. The Keteno Longwa SHG has 8 members and are engaged in poultry and are rearing layer breed solely for egg production. They have sold 15 crates so far, each costing Rs 300 and the total income generated so far is Rs. 4,500 and the mortality has been 10 chickens. The Gwasa Logwa SHG has 10 members, and are currently cultivating vegetables in a patch of land to generate income. They started cultivating in the month of February 2023 and generated an income of Rs. 14,000.

In Kandinu village, Mihizi SHGs and Ahaikhazi SHGs are doing piggery for their IGA. Each SHGs has 7 members, and each is rearing fattener. Mehaiwazi SHG is operating a rice mill as part of their IGA, it has become operational in the month of May 2023 as there was a delay in the delivery of the rice mill machine and so far it has generated Rs. 4,000 benefiting 15 families.

In Phenwhenyu village, two SHGs namely Binzen and Kegun as part of their IGA are engaged in rearing piggery (fattener) and yet no income has been generated so far as well as no mortality. Lotho SHG with 7 members are engaged in weaving for their IGA and their income generated so far is Rs. 35,000.

In Seiyhama village, two SHGs Kezekevi and Sisa are doing piggery for their IGA. Kezekevi has 7 members and are rearing a breeding sow and have recently produced 6 piglets. Sisa SHG with members are rearing 3 fatteners. Dieze SHG are taking up poultry of boiler breed. They have sold 90 chickens generating an income of Rs. 60,000.





### Water Security Program training

Under Water Security Programme Training on Climate change, spring hydrogeology, hydrological data collection, etc, which co-relates with overall objectives of NFMP was attended by two supervisors from FNGO Team under DMU Kohima. With better understanding on the overarching topics, it will become easier for the supervisors to convey its importance to the community. The two-day training was held on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September at State Institute of Rural Development, Kohima.



Tree species identification and Tagging exercise done by Mobius Young Professionals at Forest Colony, Dimapur. The Mobius team has been with the NFMP Dimapur since the month of June 2023 as part of their hand-on -training and work experience on various aspects of forestry projects.



Smt. Zuthunglo Patton, IFS, Conservator of Forests (STC) visited Pherima-A village (Batch-II) under Piphema Beat on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. The CF had a meeting with the JFMC and SHG members, checked the records maintained at the SHG's and inspected the landslide area, Nursery, EPA, WHS sites and JCF Plantation model

DMU Mokokchung Support Staffs conducted the Free & Prior Informed Consent at Liroyim villager under Batch-IV on 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2023 and had a general body meeting with the village members. The meeting was attended by the members of Liroyim Village Council, GBs and youth representatives. After thorough discussion and sensitization about the project, the villagers agreed to implement the project in their jurisdiction and signed the FPIC.



Liroyim Village Council member signing the FPIC for NFMP



JAF Model at Mongtikang Village.

JFF Model at Mongtikang Village.



Maintenance Work at JCC Model at Aliba village

Maintenance Work at PEC Model at Aliba village



Nursery at Longkong village



Nursery at Longmisa village



Nursery at Chungtia village



JCF Model Chungtia village



Advance work at PEC Model Kelingmen village



Plantation at PEC Model Upper Tiru village



JAF Model Tuimei village



JCF Model TotokChingnyu



JCC Model Mon village



JCF Model Lampong Sheanghah(Batch-II)



JAF Model Lampong Sheanghah(Batch-II)



PEC Model Lampong Sheanghah (Batch-II)



JCC Model Lampong Sheanghah (Batch-II)



JCF Model Chi JFMC (Batch-II)



JAF Model Totok Chingnyu (Batch-II)



JCF Model Totok Chingnyu (Batch-II)



JCF Model Tuimei (Batch-II)



JCF Model Tuimei JFMC (Batch-II)



JCC Model Peletkie village



JAF Model Longsa Village



JFF Model Phiro village



JAF Model Wokha Village



JCF Model Longsa Village



Web GIS map of JAF model Old Riphym Village



Web GIS map of PEC model New Riphym Village





Drawing village social map of Elumyo Village



Drawing village social map of Mungya Village



Shri K.G Kenye, Minister of Power & Parliamentary Affairs, GoN visits a stall set up by DMU Mon during the Independence Day celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 at Mon Local Ground



DMU Mon Support staffs posing for lens outside the stall set up during the Independence Day celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 at Mon Local Ground



The Annual Review Meeting of DMU Zunheboto was conducted 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Sept.2023, at the Forest Conference Hall, Zunheboto, under the chairmanship of Shri. Rama Shankar Prasad, IFS, DMU Head Zunheboto. The meeting was attended by ADMU Head, FNGO Team, JFMC Presidents and Treasurers from all project villages, and DMU Support staffs.



Shri C.L John Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Nagaland and Shri. Y Kikheto Sema, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, DoEFCC paid a courtesy visit to PMU Office on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 and had an interactive meeting with the PMU Officials.



Shri C.L John Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Nagaland and Shri. Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS Commissioner & Secretary, DoEFCC along with Shri. Dharmendra Prakash IFS, PCCF & HoFF at the In-house MIS/ GIS Lab of NFMP at PMU Office Kohima.

### Dzudu Lake, Thuvopisii Village

The word "Dzüdü" literally means "Water reservoir" or "Dammed water". It is a natural lake serenely nestled up in the hills, surrounded by moss covered trees and has long been associated with many myths and legends. It is a fresh water flowing perennial stream and has a stretch of approximately 7-8km. It plays a significant role to Thuvopisumi and its neighboring populace in providing source of drinking water, for obtaining food, to irrigate paddy fields and also provide an important habitat for wildlife.



JICA Review Mission Team along with Shri. Abu Metha, Advisor to CM, Govt. of Nagaland, Shri. Dharmendra Prakash, IFS, PCCF & HoFF and Department Officials posing for lens after the meeting for Eco-Tourism under NFMP at De-Oriental Grand on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## Survey for Eco-tourism sites under DMU Phek

As an alternative livelihood option, NFMP intends to promote ecotourism in selected project villages with an objective to augment employment and income to the local community without impacting the forest and biodiversity adversely. While the state has ample scope and opportunity to promote ecotourism, it is still in its infancy. The state receives a limited number of visitors in comparison to other states in the northeast region and other states with similar geographical and climatic context. However, the tourism sector has shown a rising trend of international and domestic tourists' inflow to the state particularly during the Hornbill over past few years.

DMU Phek surveyed and selected 4 sites namely Khritu Souzii, Chida Lake, Kupamodzu and Dzudu Lake for eco-tourism sites under Phek division. The final selection list is to be selected by NFMP will be prepared by the PMU Office.

### Khritu Souzii, Meluri Village

Khritu Souzii, which loops and curls at the base of Khritu Mountain, has scenic appeal since it resembles the tail of a serpent. It is surrounded by stunning, lush mountains with a great variety of vegetation. Paddy fields and little traditional houses next to the lake make for a stunning panorama, especially just before harvest. Additionally, there is a spectacular river close to the lake that sparkles in the sunlight. Near the lake's entrance are red silk cotton trees that are as old as the mountains that surround it. These trees blooming the spring and provide an idyllic scene.



### Chida Lake, Kezhakeno village

Khezhakeno is a village in the Phek District of Nagaland, India. Chida Lake is located on top of the high hills drawing its water sources from the springs of Kapamodzu range. The lake is known for its lush green landscape and is an ideal picnic spot and camping spot.



### Kupamodzu, Zhavame village

The range is covered with grassland with scenic beauty of wild florals and faunas. Snow covers the peak during winter and wild flowers covering during spring and summer. One can witness the most mesmerizing sunset and sunrise.



## Income Generation Activities

As part of IGA, a one-day Sales Day was organized by DMU Kiphire and Evergreen Welfare Society (FNGO) for SHGs of Old Resithsi village (Batch-II) at Kiphire Daily Market on 5th July 2023, to help the SHG's enhance their income and promote their organic products through sales. Some of the organic products put up for sale are - potato, green chili, squash, ginger, cucumber, cabbage, local tomato, millet, local onion etc. The products are all organic items harvested by the members of the SHGs.



Old Resithsi SHG' Sales Day at Kiphire Daily Market jointly organised by DMU Kiphire & Evergreen Welfare Society on 5th July 2023



Chief Guest of Kiphire District Independence Day Celebration 2023 Shri. Sharingain Lonkumer, Speaker of NLA, visited the stall and interacted with members of the SHGs

DMU Kiphire, Evergreen Welfare Society (FNGO) and SHGs of Old Risethisi village set up a stall at the Kiphire Local ground during the celebration of Independence Day on 15th August 2023. The stall was visited by Shri Sharingain Longkumer, Speaker of NLA

## Inauguration of Keor village (Batch-II) Women Guest House under EPA

DMU Head Shri. Chisayi, IFS, inaugurated the Keor village (Batch-II) Women Guest House under EPA on 8th July, 2023.



## Activities conducted in various DMU's during the Quarter:

### DMU Dimapur:

- \* The nursery at Sirhi Angami Village (Batch-III) under Medziphema Beat has been constructed.
- \* The JFMC members of Pherima-A Village (Batch-II) under Piphema Beat has started the plantation activity at JCF model. The women folks of Pherima-A village participated in the plantation activity.
- \* Tree species identification and Tagging exercise was done by Mobius Young Professionals at Forest Colony, Dimapur. Mobius Young Professionals team has been with the DMU Dimapur since the month of June 2023 as part of their hand-on-training and work experience on various aspects of forestry projects.
- \* Assessment of Eco Tourism sites at Triple Falls, Old Seithekie Village, Old Tseipama (Natural Lake at Hilltop), Thekrejuma Village (Natural Forest with Rich Biodiversity) and Zoological Park was conducted by DMU Support Staff, FNGO Team, FMU Heads and filed staffs.
- \* Under Water Harvesting Structure (WHS) – 44 Water Containers (SINTEX 1000 ltr) had been distributed to 44 households of Sirhi Angami village (Batch-III)

### DMU Kohima:

- \* JFMC members of Phenwhenyu village (Batch-II) have reconstructed their nursery on 3rd Aug 2023 as their previous nursery was damaged due to natural calamities.
- \* Under Water Security Programme Training on Climate change – Spring hydrogeology, hydrological data collection, etc, which co-relates with overall objectives of NFMP was attended by two supervisors from FNGO Team. With better understanding on the overarching topics, it will become easier for the supervisors to convey its importance to the community. The two- day training was held on 28th and 29th September at State Institute of Rural Development, Kohima.

### DMU Longleng:

- \* The JFMC members conducted maintenance and plantation in JFF area of Yachem village on 12th July, at JFF and JAF Mongtikang Village on 12th July, at JFF Pongching Village on 7th July, at JAF Hukphang Village on 14th July, at JAF-1 area at Sanglu Village on 15th July, at JAF-2 Sanglu Village on 14th July, at JAF Pongching village on 18th July, at JAF Kangching village on 26th July 2023
- \* Web GIS mapping of JFF and JCF areas of Hukphang village was done on 11th August, JCF Hukphang village on 8th September, JAF-1 and JFF of Hukphang Village on 11th September 2023. The remapping of JFF area of Hukphang village was done on 17th August 2023.

### DMU Mon:

- \* Plantation was conducted at JAF Model of Lower Tiru village (Batch-III), at PEC Model Chingphoi village (Batch-III), at JAF Model of Upper Tiru village (Batch-III)

### DMU Phek:

- \* Plantation were conducted at JAF Model Lekromi village on 11th July 2023. The JFMCs planted Persimmons, wild apple and Oaks.
- \* DMU Phek Support staffs visited and surveyed the 4 sites namely Khritu Souzii, Chida Lake, Kupamodzu and Dzudu Lake for eco tourism sites.

- \* FMU Meluri, FNGO Phek and SHGs participated in the celebration of 77th Independence Day on 15th August 2023 by opening a stall to display the SHG products. The SHGs exhibited their local products harvested from the Jhum as well as weaving products
- \* Plantation activity was conducted at JCF model site of Meluri on the 8th and 11th August 2023. Species like Mango and Jamun were planted

#### **DMU Tuensang:**

- \* DMU staff along with FNGO's visited Alisopur village (Batch-II) on 7th July and conducted training on book keeping and IGA updates, visited Angangba village on 21st July for basic package practice training to SHG's, on locally available vegetables, visited Alisophur village (Batch-II) on 21st July for WebGIS on mobile in JFF Model, visited Kuthur village (Batch-II) on 1st-5th August for Webgis data collection on Mobile in all treatment Models areas JAF, JFF and PEC, visited Nokhu village (Batch-IV) on 21st August 2023 for obtaining Micro-plan, visited Pang village (Batch-IV) on 23rd August 2023 for Micro-plan, visited Chiphur village (Batch-IV) on 26th August 2023 for micro-plan, visited Chimonger village (batch-I) on 1st – 6th for Web GIS in all treatment model area, JAF, JFF and JCF, visited Alisophur village (batch-II) on 11th-14th September 2023 for Web GIS on mobile in all treatment area, JAF, JFF and PEC, visited Waphur village (Batch-II) 18th-22nd September 2023 for Web GIS on mobile in all Treatment Model area, JAF, JFF, JCF and PEC, visited Kuthur village (Batch-II) on 25th–27th September 2023 for WebGIS on mobile in treatment area PEC and JFF.

#### **DMU Peren:**

- \* Forest Survey of India (FSI) & GIS survey was conducted from 16th-19th August, 2023 at Nsong beat, Lalong, Tening Range, Ntu Range & Nchangram village.
- \* DMU Support staffs and JFMC members of Nchangram and Old Nkio village conducted a field visit to Nchangram and Old Nkio village on 6th-7th Sept. 2023, visited Mpai Namci village on 13th Sept. 2023 to collect data for GIS survey.

#### **DMU Mokokchung:**

- \* Free & Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) & Sensitization programme of NFMP was held at Longkhum Village on 13th July, at Satsu Village on 14th July 2023.
- \* Plantation works was carried at JCC and PEC Model of Chungtia village on 28th July 2023. Nursery Maintenance was done twice a week. Plantation at JCC Model of Chungtia village was conducted on 16th-18th August. Maintenance work along with the installation of signage board was carried out at JCF, PEC, JCC Model area of Chungtia village on 13th September
- \* Plantation was carried out at PEC Model of Longpa village on 11th July 2023
- \* Site clearings and planting activity was carried out at JCC Model at Aliba village from 8th July and at JCF Model on 17th July 2023.
- \* Maintenance & gap replacement at JCC Model of Sungratsu village on 7th July 2023.
- \* Advance work and creation work was done at JFF, JCF & JCC Model area on 13th July 2023, on PEC model area of Kelingmen village (Batch-III) on 15th September
- \* Poly packing for seedling transplants was done on 25th July 2023. Around 2000 nos. of Duabanga grandiflora was collected and transplanted at Longkong village.

- \* Sungratsu village JFMC took care of maintenance work in PEC model area from 29th-30th Sept. 2023. Periodical silvicultural operations/maintenance are well initiated by JFMC members. Nursery operations like weeding, cleaning, shed repairing had been continuing. From the nursery-raised saplings, gap replacement had been continuously carried out in model areas by the JFMC.

#### **DMU Zunheboto:**

- \* Basic Training on Book Keeping and Record Maintenance for JFMCs and SHGs under Batch-III villages was conducted from 25th-27th August 2023
- \* The DMU Annual Review meeting was held on 13th September, 2023 at the Forest Conference Hall, Zunheboto, under the leadership of Shri Rama Shankar Prasad, IFS, DMU Head Zunheboto. The meeting was attended by ADMU Head, DMU Support Staffs, FNGO Team, JFMCs Presidents and Treasurers from all project villages.

#### **DMU Wokha:**

- \* Plantation activity was conducted at JAF, JFF, JCF, JCC, PEC model of Phiro Village (Batch-III) from 4th - 17th July 2023, at JAF, JFF and PEC of Yanthamo Village on 7th - 17th July, at JAF, JFF and PEC of Niroyo Village on 7th - 17th July 2023
- \* Household Survey was conducted in Koio Village on 11th July 2023, Mungya Village on 12th July, Elumyo Village on 13th July, Humtso Village on 14th July 2023
- \* PRA Exercise was conducted at Elumyo Village on 24th July, Humtso Village on 25th July, Mungya Village on 26th July, Koio Village on 28th July 2023.
- \* Free Prior Inform Consent (FPIC) Exercise for Batch-IV villages was conducted at N. Longidang Village on 4th August 2023.
- \* Awareness Programme on Mission Life in Convergence with Nagaland Pollution Control Board (NPCB) was conducted on 23rd – 25th August 2023.

#### **DMU Kiphire:**

- \* Yingshikiur village JFMC (Batch-III) organized plantation at PEC site on 5th July 2023.
- \* As part of convergence activities, DMU Kiphire in collaboration with Land Resources Dept. Office Kiphire distributed coffee saplings to Kisetong village (Batch-III) on 7th July 2023
- \* For implementation of NFMP in Nitoi village under Batch-IV in DMU Kiphire, a “General Body Meeting cum Constitution of village JFMC” was organized at Nitoi village on 11th July 2023.
- \* Kisetong village JFMC conducted jungle clearance on 11th July and plantation on 12th July 2023 at JCC model site.
- \* FMU and DMU Support staffs visited JAF, JFF and JCF model sites of Anatongre village (Batch-I) on 11th Sept. 2023, visited JAF, JFF, JCC and PEC model sites of Old Risethsi village (Batch-II) on 13th Sept. 2023, visited JFF and JCC model sites of Keor village (Batch-II) on 27th Sept. for GIS related activities.



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