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Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security
for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATES
In September, our main focus was on Nutrition and its importance especially in tackling the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Awareness campaigns were held across several communities to help community members learn more about the importance to boost their immune systems by eating local healthy foods. Chenxiang R Marak represented NESFAS at an international E-Conference of Rashtra Poshan Maah 2020 and talked about ‘Promotion of indigenous foods with a focus on dietary diversity. To reach more digital audiences, the Mei-Ramew Podcast was launched on Anchor and Spotify under the tagline LOCAL VOICES FOR A GLOBAL AUDIENCE. To enhance local livelihoods, farm diaries were distributed to farmers for all book keeping purposes. Also, towards the end of the month, the Participatory Video training concluded with all five community youths attending a 10-day hands-on training in Shillong for grassroots story documentation.
COMPOSTING FOR SOIL HEALTH

Composting training at Mustem
September 10, 2020; Photo by C Nongpluh, CF of Mustem

KITCHEN GARDENS

Awareness training on kitchen gardens for children at Pashang
September 4, 2020; Photo by T Nongrum, CF of Pashang

SEED SAVING

Household level seed saving at Mukhap
September, 2020; Photo by SURE

AGROECOLOGY LEARNING CIRCLE

Traditional pest management training at Mawlum Mawjahksew
September 29, 2020; Photo by B Marwein, CF of Mawlum Mawjahksew

SCHOOL GARDEN

Awareness training on kitchen gardens for children at Madanrtiang
September 12, 2020; Photo by K Shadap, CF of Madanrtiang

School garden fencing work in progress at Nongwah
September 29, 2020; Photo by S Khasain, CF of Nongwah
Nutrition Campaign for Children at Mawiong
September 4, 2020; Photo by A Lyngdoh, SSC

Nutrition Campaign for Children at Pashang
September 2, 2020; Photo by T Nongrum, CF of Pashang

Nutrition Campaign for Children at Madanrtiang
September 12, 2020; Photo by K Shadap, CF of Madanrtiang

Nutrition Campaign for Children at Pashang
September 4, 2020; Photo by T Nongrum, CF of Pashang

Community cleaning drive at Mawhiang
September 3, 2020; Photo by G Kharsyntiew, Community member of Mawhiang

WASH Campaign at Samanong
September 24, 2020; Photo by S Bareh, CF of Samanong

WASH Campaign at Samanong
September 4, 2020; Photo by H Lyngdoh, SURE

Agrobiodiversity Walk at Mulum
September 4, 2020; Photo by H Lyngdoh, SURE

1000 Days campaign for pregnant women & lactating mothers at Pashang
September 4, 2020; Photo by T Nongrum, CF of Pashang

Celebration of Nutrition Day at Mawiong
September 4, 2020
Photo by G Kharsyntiew, Community member of Mawhiang
**LIVELIHOOD**

**PGS-FARM DIARIES**
- Distribution of Farm Diaries at Pyngkya
  - September 28, 2020; Photo by: S Umsong, CF of Pyngkya

**MEI-RAMEW WEAVES**
- Training on Eri Silk Production in Khweng
  - September 12, 2020; Photo by: N Nongsiej, FC NESFAS

**FARM ON WHEELS**
- Farm on Wheels initiative by farmers of Mulum
  - September 24, 2020; Photos by: H Lyngdoh, SURE

**SUPPORT TO FOOD PROCESSING**
- Sourcing and distribution of glass bottles for packaging of local pickles by the Mawlum SHG group

**BAMBOO INITIATIVE**
- Products of the Organic Bamboo School, Darechikgre

**MARKET LINKAGES**
- Market linkage activation for supply of millets from PGS groups to Samambha Bakery Shillong.
Training community members to enter information on the app for monitoring the progress of Dietary Diversity Score.

Trainings and data analysis: ongoing

Work in progress
Assessment by Architects is ongoing
Filling up of observation report is ongoing

Assessment meeting at Mustem
September 5, 2020
Photo by W Shadap, Mustem
1. Agrobiodiversity Walk helps youths learn about nature’s richness
2. Can Meghalaya feed itself?
3. PGS members conduct Berkeley composting training in Mawkma
4. Reviving an old lost indigenous seed in Garo Hills
5. Sustainable Endeavours: NEN Field Coordinator helps start Bamboo School in Nagaland
6. NESFAS associate represents organization at international e-conference
7. Five community youths learn film-making to document grassroots stories
8. Pandemic induces importance of seed exchange at communities
9. Farm on wheels in Laskein C&RD Block Jaintia Hills
10. Building environmentally sustainable schools
11. Home Gardens: Pathway to Food Security, Economic Viability and Ecological Sustainability
12. Fuel to instigate future infrastructure: NESFAS workshop on Partner Think-tank for COVID-19 safety housing for elderly