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for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India

OCTOBER 2020 UPDATES
In the month of October, our main focus was on World Food Day, which was celebrated globally on October 16, 2020. Several programmes were held across 27 communities. The highlight of the day was community members embracing the theme of the day - Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together. The activities of the day included drawing competitions for the children; agrobiodiversity walks, cooking competitions where community members were asked to highlight local and chemical-free ingredients and workshops on food sovereignty. On the other hand, we also launched our Grassroots Journalism initiative wherein six identified youths will be trained to document stories from their respective and nearby communities.

Community members of Mukhap, West Jaintia Hills took part in an Indigenous Food Cooking Competition organised by NESFAS partner organisation Society for Urban and Rural Empowerment where they highlighted local and indigenous ingredients in their meals.
PEST MANAGEMENT

School garden fencing at SSA LP School, Wahshnong Cham Cham
October 3, 2020; Photo by N Phawa, SURE

SCHOOL GARDEN

Seed Display at the community seed bank in Phor
October 1, 2020; Photo by Vilazonuo Gloria, NEN

SEED SAVING

BERKELEY COMPOSTING

Workshop on Berkeley Composting held in Nongkrarah community
October 27, 2020; Photo by Judit, SSC

BERKELEY COMPOSTING

Berkeley compost made by the youth of Durakantragre community
October 20, 2020; Photo by Alfred A Sangma

ALC MEETING

ALC members of Phor attend a Millet Charter meeting
October 9, 2020; Photo by Keviselhou, NEN

PEST MANAGEMENT

Pest management training by Kong Tronila Lynshiang
October 28, 2020; Photo by Kelamon Suting

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Berkeley compost training held in Nohron by the community members
October 12, 2020; Photo by Jimson Lyting

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Nutrition Campaign

- Nutritional campaign workshop held in Laitumong
  October 15, 2020
  Photo by Wannila Khongnaiñ

- Nutritional campaign for children held in Nongwah
  October 9, 2020; Photo by Stialinda Khasain

- Nutritional campaign in Jooksi
  October 22, 2020; Photo by D Sumer, SURE

WASH Campaign

- WASH Campaign in Nohron
  October 19, 2020; Photo by Jimson Lyting

- Cleaning drive in Umsalang
  October 2, 2020; Photo by S Lyngdoh, SURE

AGROBIODIVERSITY WALK

- ABD walk held in Jooksi
  October 22, 2020; Photo by D Sumer, SURE

1000 DAYS CAMPAIGN

- 1000 Days campaign for pregnant women and lactating mothers at Nongpriang
  October 22, 2020; Photo by Saralin Sulising
FARM APPRAISAL

Umsawwar PGS groups conduct a peer appraisal of fellow group members
October 30, 2020; Photo By Kelamon Suting

BAMBOO CRAFT

Bamboo craft training in Madanitiang
October 8, 2020; Photo by Naphishisha Nongsiej

MEI-RAMEW WEAVES

Eri Silk production in Khweng post-training by NESFAS
Date: October 27, 2020
Photo by A Tariang

MEI-RAMEW CAFE

Inauguration of Mei-Ramew Cafe in Mupyut
October 30, 2020; Photo by H Lyngdoh, SURE

FARM ON WHEELS

Farm on Wheels initiative by PGS farmers of Garo Hills
October 23, 2020; Photo by Palnangson A Sangma

Farm on Wheels initiative by PGS farmers of Umsawwar
October 14, 2020; Photos by Kelamon Suting
Training community members to enter information on the app for monitoring the progress of Dietary Diversity Score.

Trainings and data analysis: ongoing

BEAUTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HALLS

Work has been completed on October 6, 2020 at Khweng, Ri-Bhoi district

Mrs. Hong Pyngrope’s safety home which is under construction in Mawynthymmai
Photo by Lappura Pyngrope

Mrs. Poini Klein’s safety home which is almost complete in Plasha
Photo by Bilin Ingyt

Community Hall in Khweng
October 6, 2020
Photo by Khraw Wahlang
1. Garo Hills communities exchange saplings to increase diversity
3. Madanritiang community aims to revive, save old local traditional seeds
4. Agroecology Pre and Post COVID-19: An opportunity to advance sustainable food systems
5. NESFAS, partner communities celebrate World Food Day
6. Infants identify wild edibles, plants on ABD walk in Garo Hills
7. Nature’s Classroom: Children benefit from ABD walks while taking a ‘break’ from school
8. NABARD launches sanitation literacy campaign in Moodymmai
9. Biodiversity in Indigenous Rice Based Food System of Meghalaya
10. Mawhiang PGS members launch Pop-Up Food Stall to accompany FOW

The grassroots journalism program is an initiative that NESFAS has undertaken to redefine contemporary journalism at the grassroots level by involving youths from different partner communities. It was launched on October, 2020.

The initiative was launched with the intention to enhance indigenous stories through publication mediums and empower community members voices members from different communities to a global audience.

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