



**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE  
(CROP HUSBANDRY)  
AIZAWL, MIZORAM**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> STATE STEERING COMMITTEE  
(SSC) OF GREEN-AG**

- Venue** : Secretary Conference Hall, MINECO, Aizawl  
**Date and time** : 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 (Wednesday) at 12:00 hrs  
**Members present** : 1) Lalhmingthanga, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Dept.  
2) Liandawla, Principal Secretary, EF & CC Dept.  
3) Lalzarmawii, Secretary, AH & Veterinary Dept.  
4) Zohmingthangi Fanai, U/S, Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs Dept.  
5) Dr Lalrozama, DC Mamit  
6) V. Lalsangliana, DC Lunglei  
7) Vanlalvuana, JS, Finance Dept.  
8) R. Lalbiakzuala, D/S, Horticulture Dept  
9) Dr H. Saithanthluanga, Director of Agriculture (R&E)  
10) Rohmingthanga Colney, Director of Agriculture (CH)  
11) Chingthanmawi Guite, Dy. Adviser, Planning Dept.  
12) Vanlalruati, State Biodiversity Board  
13) Dr Keny Vanlalhriatpuia, State Technical Coordinator, Green-Ag

**Annexed: Signature**

The meeting was chaired by Shri Lalhmingthanga, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department and Chairman of the State Steering Committee (SSC). The chairman welcomed the members and thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend the meeting. He informed the members that representatives of the FAO and NPMU will be online and attend the meeting in virtual mode. However, as the internet server in the State Secretariat was down due to technical issues, they could not attend the meeting in virtual mode. The chairman and Mr. Tomio Shichiri, FAO Representative in India exchanged salutations through telephonic conversation.

The chairman invited Shri Rohmingthanga Colney, Member Secretary, Director of Agriculture (CH) and State Project Director to give brief progress reports, achievements and shortfalls of the project. The brief reports are as follows

- 1<sup>st</sup> SSC Meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019
- 1<sup>st</sup> Video Conference was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SSC Meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Video Conference was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2020



- Project Overview Presentation on various thematic areas was conducted online on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of online knowledge sharing interaction organised by NPMU was held during 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020
- Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) online training was held on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of online knowledge sharing interaction organised by NPMU was held on 26<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020
- Online training on “Integrating Gender Equality in FAO’s work” organised by Social Policies & Rural Division, Rome was held during 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020
- State Inception Programme was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2020
- GLIU Inception Program was held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020
- TSG Meeting, Mamit was held on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020
- Website Content Management System (CMS) training conducted by ICT was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020
- TSG Meeting, Lunglei was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020
- Online Inception workshop/training was held during 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020
- The project landscapes have been examined and studied. At present, there are 23 & 13 villages at Mamit and Lunglei districts respectively. At these villages, as per the Biological Diversity Act 2002, Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) has been constituted by the Mizoram Biodiversity Board. The detailed information has already been collected.
- Formulated Template for informal village data to be collected and sent to NPMU ON 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020
- Stake holder Analysis meeting – GLIU & NPMU  
- Details of Stake holder analysis work plan & framework sent to NPMU ON 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020
- Secondary Consolidate data – each thematic area. Submitted to NPMU by GLIU ON 12<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2020
- He also highlighted the delayed approval of the landscape assessment form and the Village Implementation Committee formation guidelines from NMPU and reported that because of this the field work is getting delayed. The meeting expressed their concern about this delay and advised the project staff to speed up the field work.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. **Approval of Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) from August, 2020 and January, 2021:** The AWP&B prepared from August, 2020 to January, 2021 was deliberated. The meeting meticulously studied the budget and approved the budget with total of 135722 USD (94,64,003 INR). Due to COVID-19, the entire work plan of the project was revised and achievable Budget and Plan for December, 2020 and January, 2021 were also discussed at length, the meeting unanimously approved budget for the two months amounting to 65,301 USD (45,53,500 INR). Also the



meeting approved expenditure from August to November 2020 amounting to 70,421 USD (Annexure II). The meeting also suggested that Gram Panchayat Support Unit and Village Implementation Committee to be formed in all the villages at the earliest possible time during the two months. (Annexure I)

2. **Finalization of the number of fringe villages to be undertaken in the landscape based on the secondary data:** The Secretary informed the meeting that initially, the number of landscape to be covered under the project was 30 villages. But, based on the secondary data received from MIRSAC, it is proposed that a total number of 36 villages are to be covered under the Green Ag project. The new inclusions are mainly based on further studies on the secondary data. The meeting approved the new list of fringe villages (Annexure II)
3. **Procurement of Video Conference equipment for State Project Management Unit, Green Landscape Implementation Unit, Lunglei and Mamit:** The Chairman requested the Secretary to explain the need for procurement of these equipment. The Secretary informed the meeting that due to COVID-19, all the trainings and meetings are being held in virtual mode. The need of procuring video conference equipment is a must for smooth functioning and implementation of the project and the required fund is budgeted in the AWP&B. After deliberation at length, the meeting approved the proposed procurement of these equipment.
4. **Budget allocation to Lunglei and Mamit districts:** The Secretary informed the meeting on how funds are transferred to the GLIU office; the project has one office at Lunglei District with 10 staff, and at Mamit with only one staff, with DC as Chairman. Fund is transferred only to one account at GLIU, Lunglei. The pros and cons of opening two accounts were discussed at length. The meeting decided that there is no need to open a new account at Mamit and approved the present mode of fund transfer from SPMU to GLIU account at Lunglei.
5. **Term of Reference (ToR) for studies of Wildlife conflict for engagement of third party to conduct studies at the landscape:** The previous SSC meeting had already approved topic on Wildlife trade, but preliminary studies suggested that since Mizoram does not have recognizable wildlife trade at National or International levels, the meeting approved the topic to change to Human-Wildlife Conflict. A copy of the ToR was also discussed in the meeting. The meeting resolved that the ToR should be further studied by Shri Liandawla, Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board with SPMU and the same may be floated in the



newspapers for advertisement of EoI for possible hiring of consultant(s) and the SPMU may finalise selection of competent consultant. (ToR Annexure III)

Studies on jhum were initially approved in the last SSC Meeting. However, the same study was already taken up by FOCUS and the findings will be shared with the Committee. Accordingly, the meeting resolved that studies on jhum will not be taken up by Green-Ag.

6. **Engagement of Office Cleaners (2 Nos) at SPMU and GLIU offices:** The SSC was informed that the offices have Office Assistant. However, Office Cleaners are not engaged till now. The cleaner is needed for daily basis. Working days includes 20 days per month at Rs. 380/- per day. The meeting approved engagement of Office Cleaner and the budget head may be met from the General Office Expenditure.
7. **State Policy Dialogue on Agriculture Environment Development: Environmental Policy (Natural Resources Management):** The SSC approved the Policy Dialogue and the study to be undertaken by hiring competent consultant(s) and the subsequent meeting should be held with all the stakeholders to develop Policy on Natural Resources Management so that all the Departments may include the Environmental Policy in their existing plan.
8. **Inclusion of Land Resources, Soil and Water Conservation (LRS&WC), Department of Fisheries and Sericulture, Tourism Department, PWD & Department of Geology and Mineral Resources:** The proposal received from Technical Support Group (TSG), Mamit for inclusion of the three Departments in the TSG Mamit and Lunglei was discussed and the meeting unequivocally approved the inclusion of these Departments. The meeting also deliberated upon and approved the inclusion of Secretary of Tourism Department, Department of Geology and Mineral Resources and PWD in the State Steering Committee at the State and their District Offices as Technical Support Group members in the two Districts.
9. **Appointment of Office Assistant for SPMU without floating advertisement:** The Secretary informed the meeting that the Selection Board had appointed Shri Zothansanga S/o Vanlalluaia as Office Assistant in the SPMU office, who resigned after two days and Miss Zammalsawmi D/o Khamzagin who was in the panel was then appointed. However, Miss Zammalsawmi also resigned from the post wef 01<sup>st</sup> November, 2020. Now, the SPMU office is running without Office Assistant and faces problems in day to day office works. Due to COVID-19 pandemic

restrictions/disruptions, it is inconvenient to float advertisement and conduct interview for the lone post of OA. The Chairman put up this agenda for discussion and after deliberation, the meeting approved appointment of OA through head hunting. Mr. Daniel Lalchhanhima s/o Hmingthanzauva, Chaltlang, Aizawl who is qualified for the post is recommended for appointment as Office Assistant with immediate effect.

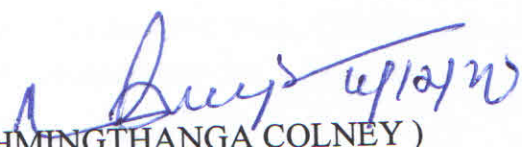
10. **Insurance of Office assets of Green-Ag:** The SSC approved insurance from National Insurance Company for insuring the assets procured for SPMU (Aizawl) and GLIU (Lunglei and Mamit) which is part of the risk mitigation policy for a premium of Rs 20002/- annually with immediate effect.

Sd/- LALHMINGTHANGA, IAS  
Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department  
&  
Chairman, State Steering Committee (SSC)  
Green-Ag, Mizoram.

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1. PS to Minister, Agriculture Department, Government of Mizoram.
2. PPS to Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture Department
3. All members

  
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