

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 5^{th} STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF THE GREEN-AG

Venue : Office Chamber of Secretary, Agriculture, MINECO, Aizawl

Date and time : 27th August, 2021 (Friday) at 1:00PM hrs

The 5th State Steering Committee was held virtually under the chairmanship of Shri J Hmingthanmawia, Secretary, Agriculture, Mizoram to discuss the Annual Work Plan and the proposed Budget.

At the outset, the chairman welcomed SSC members and he gave a brief introduction of Green Ag in Mizoram and its aims. After giving a brief introduction for the purpose of holding this meeting, the chairman requested Shri. Tomio Shichiri (FAO Representative) to deliver a speech. While welcoming the members, he gave brief outline of the projects and thanked the members for their cooperation towards the project and also mentioned his appreciation for organizing the meeting.

On the invite of the chair, Dr. C. Konda Reddy gave brief speech, after which the chairman invited Shri R.B. Sinha, Project Director. He delivered a short speech and highlighted the need for more intervention of the State Project Director.

The chairman called upon Shri Rohmingthanga Colney, Member Secretary, State Project Director to give brief progress reports and achievements. The brief reports are as follows

- To enhance greater success and better implementation of the project, District Coordination Committee was formed (12th May, 2021) by the Operational Partner where all the state, central and externally aided projects come together for convergence for wider coverage and benefit for the people in the project areas.
- First draft reports received from consultant on Human Wildlife Conflict and Natural Resources Management. Comments from NPMU also received for input to the studies. Virtual meeting will be organised for discussion. Final report on Human Wildlife Conflict received and shared with NPMU
- Term of Reference on State Agriculture Policy is prepared, review and comments received from NPMU.
- The approved topic on *Environmental laws: Principle and policies* need revision, NPMU has shared guidlines for selection of topic, therefore, a new topic will be taken up in the next SSC meeting for deliberation and approval.
- Guidelines for conducting FPIC was finalised by NPMU. Training will be conducted and the same will be taken up in the month of September, 2021 tentatively.

- Green Ag staff attended training organised by State Agriculture Management & Extension Training Institute, Mizoram
- Attended 3rd NPMC meeting
- Village informal assessment is completed in all the villages of Dampa landscape (except Zopui, Hnahva & Silsuri, which are inaccessible), the village information has been incorporated into google spreadsheet.
- Participated in a group discussion on jhum in Mamit, District AgricultureOffice under the "BEST PRACTICES OF SHIFTING CULTIVATION IN MIZORAM AND NAGALAND – A DOCUMENTATION" held on Feb 18, 2021.
- GLIU Animal Husbandry Expert & VFA of CRPs participated in the Mass vaccination drive for African Swine Fever (ASF) conducted by Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, w.e.f. 15th March to 9th April, 2021, the pigs of the Villages under Dampa landscape have all been vaccinated in this mass vaccination drive.
- The information and data required from the stakeholders for secondary research which have been conducted by National Consultant for the research, Dr. Arun Dixit, engaged by NPMU, FAO-UN is being collected and send to the National consultant, the research involves different theme like Livestock & Livestock production, Fisheries, Annual Cropping pattern, Crop Diversity, Agriculture Inputs, Farming System, Sericulture, Apiculture, Financial-institutional support, Ground water, Irrigation Type and Extent of Land degradation, Land use, Watershed Development, Social institutional capital & Forest and biodiversity Management which were obtained from the concerned line departments. The collection is ongoing and is affected by the total lockdown, it is yet to be completed.
- A Sustainable jhum studies is carried out hand in hand with the FOCUS project, for this, in Lunglei district three villages which were selected for the studies are Buarpui, South Khawlek and Dengsur village. Data collection tools received from the National consultant for Sustainable Jhum studies Dr NC Talukdar, is being translated into local language. The translated questionnaire for Village head and farmers is being collected by the Community Resource Persons of the selected villages and is already submitted to the National consultant. Online discussion on Sustainable Jhum with line departments, Village Head and farmers of Lunglei district is planned to be conducted in the near future.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting

1. Approval of Annual Work Plan from April, 2021 to March, 2022: Due to the Corona-virus pandemic, the proposed work plan approved in the previous meeting could not be carried out. The annual work plan presented is the result of continuous consultation with the National Project Management Unit (NPMU), Delhi experts in devising achievable plan and risk mitigation workshop organised by NPMU. The

- Annual Work Plan prepared with achievable target from April, 2021 to March, 2022 was deliberated. The meeting meticulously studied the work plan and approved the plan as presented. The approved Annual Work plan is annexed.
- 2. Approval of Budget from April, 2021 to March, 2022: The State Steering Committee also approved the budget prepared for the period from April, 2021 to March, 2022, the budget approved is annexed.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

(J HMINGTHANMAWIA) IAS Secretary, Agriculture

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Chairman, State Steering Committee Green-Ag, Mizoram, Aizawl.

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Dated Aizawl, the 31st August, 2021

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3. All members

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Director of Agriculture

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Member Secretary, State Steering Committee, Green-Ag, Mizoram

List of participants for the 5th State Steering Committee on 27th August, 2021-08-30

State Steering Committee members

- 1) Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department
- 2) Secretary, Planning and Programme Implementation Department
- 3) Secretary, Horticulture Department, Mizoram
- 4) Secretary, Finance Department, Mizoram
- 5) Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mizoram
- 6) Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Mizoram
- 7) Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Mizoram
- 8) Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board (SBB)
- 9) Secretary, Tourism Department, Mizoram
- 10) Secretary, Department of Geology & Mineral Resources, Mizoram
- 11) Secretary, Public Works Department, Mizoram
- 12) Secretary, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Mizoram
- 13) Secretary, Fisheries Department, Mizoram
- 14) Secretary, Sericulture Department, Mizoram
- 15) Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei
- 16) Deputy Commissioner, Mamit
- 17) Representatives from Central Agriculture University
- 18) State Technical Coordinator, Green-Ag Mizoram

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- 19) Shri Tomio Shichiri, FAO Representative
- 20) Dr. C. Konda Reddy, AFOAR

Natinal Project Management Unit (NPMU), New Delhi

- 21) Shri RB Sinha, Project Director
- 22) Shmt. Uma Balaji, Admin & Operation Officer (Mizoram Coordinator)
- 23) Shri Sumanta Sahoo, Budget specialist and other NPMU experts