

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 6th STATE STEERING COMMITTEE (SSC) OF THE GREEN-AG

Venue : Office Chamber of Secretary, MINECO, Aizawl

Date and time: 26th May, 2022 (Thursday) at 12:00PM hrs

The 6th State Steering Committee was held virtually under the chairmanship of Shri J. Hmingthanmawia, Secretary, Agriculture, Mizoram to discuss the various issues including Annual Work Plan and the proposed Budget.

At the outset, the chairman welcomed the SSC members and gave a brief introduction on Green Ag, Mizoram and its aims in achieving the goals. He narrated that this project is not a stand-alone project and seeks to synergise with other existing projects in the landscape as such and invited the members to contribute valuable inputs in the meeting so that the project could mitigate the degraded environment and bring about transformation to the Indian Agriculture for Global Environmental benefits which will further contribute to conservation of critical biodiversity and forest landscape. After giving a brief introduction for the purpose of holding the meeting, the chairman requested Dr. Konda Reddy Chavva (Officer in-charge FAOIN) to deliver a speech. Dr Konda thanked the members and expressed his appreciation for the collaboration with the state of Mizoram and informed the meeting that the project is implemented in five different states. He also highlighted that Mizoram is the first state to implement the project and putting the staff in place and started at the ground level. He reiterates the need for same level of commitment and support going forward and better engagement with the state team to effectively implement the project.

The chairman requested Mr. R. B. Sinha, the National Project Director to deliver a speech and the Project Director congratulated Mizoram for coming in as the first state on board. He also added that he is looking forward to implementing the project in the state of Mizoram.

The chairman called upon Shri James Lalsiamliana, Member Secretary, State Project Director to give action taken and compliance report. The brief report is as follows:

- Village implementation Committee (VIC) formation: The Formation of Village implementation committee has been completed in all the 20 approved villages. A meeting convenes every month in the villages. The VIC formed includes 8 villages in Lunglei district, and 12 villages in Mamit district (name, date of formation, no. of member attended, member size are appended as Appendix-I)
- Purchase of 30 nos. tablets for CRPs: 30 nos. Tablets have been purchased through the Local Procurement Advisory Board constituted by the Operational Partner-Agriculture Department.

- Policy dialogue on State Agriculture Policy, Mizoram: The Member Secretary reported
 that the hired consultant declined to take up the task due to personal reason. He informed
 that the matter was brought up before the SSC chairman and the State Project Director,
 and highlighted that appropriate action will be taken up as soon as possible.
- Training of Community Resource Persons (CRPs) on Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and Village Implementation Committee was completed at GLIU, Lunglei
- 3rd Technical Support Group (TSG) meeting convened at Lunglei and Mamit under the chairmanship of respective DCs.
- Received Community Engagement Plan from NPMU, this will be taken up shortly. Indigenous Traditional Knowledge (ITK) is already taken up in the field.
- The questionnaires received from NPMU are tested in the field and CRPs will take up this process. The issues faced by CRPs are conveyed back to NPMU and now the survey forms have been translated in Mizo language.
- The following list of commodities were selected for the green value chain addition under
 - a) Sticky rice
 - b) Mizo chili
 - c) Sesame
 - d) Maize
 - e) Piggery
 - f) Poultry (indigenous)

The chairman invited the Member Secretary to elaborate on all the agendas and the following decisions were taken in the meeting:

- 1. <u>High priority villages' selection</u>: The member secretary gave report on the selection of high priority which was discussed and approved by the Technical Support Group under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei and Mamit. The selection of high priority villages at the Landscape were done based on the Geospatial Analysis and Secondary Literature Review, it is identified that there are 17 villages in Dampa Landscape (13 in Mamit & 4 in Lunglei) which could be approved for the high priority villages. Therefore, considering the above results from the assessment, it is proposed that 17 villages under the landscape could be taken up as high priority villages. (list appended as Appendix-II)
- **Ex-post facto approval of purchase of tablets (30 nos. For 30 Community Resource Persons)**: The Member Secretary gave detailed information on how Tablets were procured. Procurement plan and budget for purchase of 30 tablets was already approved in the 5th SSC meeting and the budget allotted per tablet was Rs. 9500.00 (low specifications). However, since, the CRPs will be using the tablet extensively; in this regard, the NPMU shared a better and higher specification with price of Rs. 17,985. Before purchase of the tablets, approval of the chairman was obtained as there is price difference of Rs. 8,485. The tablets were purchased with the approval of the SSC chairman. Therefore, the new price is put before the meeting for ex post facto approval at higher rate. After hearing the details, the Chairman put the agenda before the meeting.

The meeting approved ex-post facto for purchase of tablets at Rs. 17,985. (specification appended as Appendix-III)

- **Procurement plan for still cameras to capture activities in the field (one no. each for GLIU Lunglei and Mamit):** The Chairman requested the Member Secretary to give justification for the need of still camera. The Member Secretary emphasized that for capturing all activities under Green-Ag, we need quality photos for documentations, showcasing success stories and others activities during the entire project. He added that the plan is to procure two still cameras, one each for GLIU, Lunglei and Mamit. The Chairman invited members for open discussion. After due deliberation, the member approved the purchase of two still cameras, and added that the State team should consult the NPMU to find out how it could be purchased under Social and BD assessment. **(Budgeted under Social BD assessment in the AWP&B)**
- 4. <u>Studies:</u> The Chairman requested the Member Secretary to elaborate on the proposed studies to be carried out under the project. The Member Secretary explained the need to undertake different topics and after careful consideration, the meeting approved the following topics:
 - a. <u>Studies on local procurement for social safety net programs</u>: This study will explore possibilities to align locally grown crops like legumes and tubers in the project landscape to PDS and Mid-day meals schemes of the Government of Mizoram.
 - SPMU will prepare Terms of Reference (ToR) in consultation with Directorate of School Education and Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and hire consultant following procurement rules of Department of Agriculture. Under this study, the Directorate of School Education and Directorate of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs will be the lead Government Department.
 - b. Studies on incentives for environment friendly agriculture: The key purpose of this study is to identify incentive systems for adoption of Global Environment Benefits (GEB) friendly agriculture practices.
 - SPMU will prepare ToR in consultation with National Project Management Unit (NPMU) and Department of Agriculture and hire consultant following procurement rules of Department of Agriculture. The Agriculture department will play a lead role.
 - c. <u>Studies on agro-biodiversity value of jhum plots</u>: The study will identify the jhum practices followed in jhum plots that are ecologically sustainable and deliver global environmental benefits.

The meeting suggested changing the topic to "Impact of monoculture in terms of agro-biodiversity loss"

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5. Approval of budget from April, 2022 to March, 2023: The state Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is placed before the meeting for approval. After careful deliberation, the Committee approved the budget prepared for the period April, 2022 to March, 2023 amounting Rs 37,650,298/- (Three Crore Seventy Six Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight only). The budget and work plan approved is annexed (Appendix-IV).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the chair.

(JHMINGTHANMAWIA)

Secretary, Agriculture &

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

Dated Aizawl, the 27th May, 2022

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JAMES LALSIAMLIANA)

Director of Agriculture

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

List of participants

- 1) Chairman, SSC & Secretary, Agriculture
- 2) Member Secretary, SSC & Director, Agriculture
- 3) Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department
- 4) Secretary, Planning and Programme Implementation Department
- 5) Secretary, Horticulture Department, Mizoram
- 6) Secretary, Finance Department, Mizoram
- 7) Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mizoram
- 8) Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Mizoram
- 9) Secretary, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Mizoram
- 10) Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board (SBB)
- 11) Secretary, Department of Geology & Mineral Resources, Mizoram
- 12) Secretary, Public Works Department, Mizoram
- 13) Secretary, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Mizoram
- 14) Secretary, Fisheries Department, Mizoram
- 15) Secretary, Sericulture Department, Mizoram
- 16) Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei
- 17) Deputy Commissioner, Mamit
- 18) Representatives from Central Agriculture University
- 19) State Technical Coordinator, Green-Ag Mizoram
- 20) Dr. C. Konda Reddy, Officer-in-charge, FAOIN
- 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
- 24) Lalchhuanawmi Pachuau, Team Leader (Invitee)

APPENDIX-I

List of VIC formed at the landscape

SI	Name of the village	Date of VIC formation	District	Block	Name of CRP	Member size	Member present in meeting	No of male	No of Female	No of official invited	No official of attended
1	Marpara South	16.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	Rohlupuia	31	13	17	14	9	. 1
2	Laisawral	15.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	Rohlupuia	24	12	14	10	9	0
3	Sesawm	15.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	S. Lalhruaitluanga	22	14	16	6	10	1
4	Bunghmun	15.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	Joseph Ramengmawia	20	11	14	6	9	2
5	Buarpui	10.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	C. Lalramdinpuia	22	12	17	5	10	0
6	Kawlhawk	08.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	C. Lalramdinpuia	15	7	12	3	10	0
7	New Khawlek-	25.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	MC Jane Lalnunzami	20	12	16	4	9	4
8	South Khawlek	25.02.2022	Lunglei	Bunghmun	MC Jane Lalnunzami	20	11	15	5	9	4
9	New West Phaileng	25.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Lalremruati Tlau	21	8	19	2	9	1
10	West Phaileng	28.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Zarzokimi	23	8	18	5	9	1
11	Tuirum	28.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Vanlalhlua	20	11	16	4	9	1
12	Khawhnai	26.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Vanlalhlua	21	13	16	5	9	1
13	Teirei / Hruaitluang	19.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Rafael Laltlanchhuaha	20	9	17	3	13	1
14	Kawnmawi / Chhippui	02.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Lalramchhuahhlua	17	10	12	5	8	1
15	Lallen	07.03.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Zothanpuia	17	11	14	3	88	2
16	Saithah	28.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	H Lalmalsawmzuala	18	7	16	2	11	0
17	Phuldungsei	01.03.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Abraham Lalrinpuia	20	10	17	3	9	0
18	W. Phulpui	21.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Lalnunpuia	18	8	16	2	8	0
19	Damparengpui	04.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	K Lalrinchhana	21	10	16	5	9	2
20	Tuipuibari	22.02.2022	Mamit	W. Phaileng	Lalhmingsanga	20	12	13	7	9	2

APPENDIX - 11

Name of priority villages

SI No	District	RD Block	Name of village
1	Mamit	Zawlnuam	Tuipuibari
2	Mamit	Zawlnuam	Rajivnagar
3	Mamit	West Phaileng	Damparengpui
4	Mamit	West Phaileng	Tuirum
5	Mamit	West Phaileng	Khawhnai
6	Mamit	West Phaileng	West Phaileng
7	Mamit	West Phaileng	New West Phaileng
8	Mamit	West Phaileng	Teirei/Hruaitluang
9	Mamit	West Phaileng	Marpara North
10	Mamit	West Phaileng	Pukzing
11	Mamit	West Phaileng	Pukzing Vengthar
12	Mamit	West Phaileng	West Phulpui
13	Mamit	West Phaileng	Phuldungsei
14	Lunglei	West Bunghmun	Laisawral
15	Lunglei	West Bunghmun	Tleu
16	Lunglei	West Bunghmun	Sesawm
17	Lunglei	West Bunghmun	West Bunghmun

Tablets Specifications					
General					
Form factor	Touchscreen				
Dimensions (mm)	247.60 x 157.50 x 7.80				
Weight (g)	400-470				
Battery capacity (mAh)	5000-8200 Lithium Polymei				
OS	Andriod 11				
Display					
Screen size (inches)	Min 10.4				
Touchscreen	Yes				
Resolution	Min 2000x1200 pixels				
Display Type	LED/IPS				
Hardware					
Processor	Min 1.8GHz octa-core				
RAM	4GB				
ROM(Internal storage)	Min 32GB-64GB				
Expandable storage	Yes				
Expandable storage type	microSD				
Expandable storage up to (GB)	512				
Camera					
Rear camera	Min 8-megapixel				
Rear Flash	Yes				
Front camera	Min 5-megapixel				
Connectivity					
USB	Mini port/Type-C				
Wi-Fi	Yes				
Wi-Fi standards supported	802.11 a/b/g/n/ac				
Navigation	GPS/Glonass				
Bluetooth	Yes				
Bluetooth version	5				
USB OTG	Yes				
Headphones	3.5mm				
Number of SIMs	1				
Wi-Fi Direct	Yes				
GSM/CDMA	GSM				
3G	Yes				
4G/ LTE	Yes				
Supports 4G in India (Band 40)	Yes				
Sensors					
Accelerometer	Yes				
Ambient light sensor	Yes				