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Dated Mamit, the 14th August, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE 6th TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP (TSG) MEETING,
GREEN LANDSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (GLIU), MAMIT
GREEN – AG PROJECT**

Venue: DC Conference Hall, Mamit

Dated: 11th July 2023 01:00 pm

The meeting starts at 01:00 pm with a welcome speech from the Deputy Commissioner, Mamit. The Chairman thanked all the members for attending the 6th TSG meeting.

Progress Report of the GLIU (April-June, 2023):

Project status and Activity report was given by Mr T. Lalhmingmawia, District Agriculture Officer and Member Secretary of the TSG as given below: -

1. Development of Crop Suitability Matrix and Ground Truthing for soil suitability of Sticky Rice, Maize and Sesame.

The development of a crop suitability matrix under the guidance of KVK Hnahthial, with support from NPMU has been informed to the members. Validation of soil suitability was done by the team, and the report has been prepared and submitted and approved by NPMU, FAO UN.

2. Capacity Building on Seed Treatment & Storage for Women (Rice, Mizo Chilli, Maize and for indigenous vegetables Brinjal, Solanum spp, Cowpea, French bean)

Training on seed treatment & Storage was conducted for Community Resource Person (CRP) on 21st April 2023 in Aizawl. The same training was conducted by the CRPs in their respective villages.

A bacterium-based (*Ochrobactrum pseudogrignonense*) Organic fertilizer, OP-12 was received from the Department of Agriculture. These bio-fertilizers are being used in 15 MiSALT plots from 9 villages.

3. MiSALT Demonstration plot – 15 plots have been established in 9 high-priority villages under the project landscape, there are 11 plots in Mamit district.



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4. Observation of World Environment Day (5th June 2023)

In commemoration of World Environment Day, the Green-Ag Project, Mizoram observed World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 by conducting an awareness drive to reduce the use of plastic and the adverse effect it has on our environment. Six different Government Middle School Eco-clubs were selected under Lunglei and Mamit districts.

5. FFS on Green Landscape Governance.

FFS on Green Landscape Governance, training was provided to the Community Resource Person. The activities were carried out and completed in 17 high-priority landscape villages (13 villages in Mamit District) in June 2023.

6. Curriculum Development Workshop for Livestock Management.

A two-day workshop for poultry and piggery was held at the Agricultural Committee Room in Aizawl on June 12 – 13, 2023.

7. Development of Communication product.

The following communication product has been developed and approved.

- Booklet on Greenhouse cultivation of Tomato
- Farmers guide to MiSALT booklet
- Booklet on Management of Rainbow Rooster
- Leaflet on Seed Treatment and Storage

AGENDA DISCUSSION:

Agenda 1: Project Status and Activity Report (February – June 2023)

Agenda 2: Action Plan for 2nd quarter (July-Sept. 2023-2024)

Agenda 3: Review of GLMP, 2023

The Gender and Social Inclusion Experts, Green Ag Project, Ms C. Lalnuntluangi gave an elaborated power point presentation on the Project status and activity report of the previous quarter, the Action Plan for 2nd quarter 2023-2024, as well as the Review of GLMP.



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The discussion points are as below:

1. The delay in implementing Vermicomposting was discussed. The members were informed that once the unit for vermicomposting is received from the line Department, training will be imparted to the farmers. Vermicomposting which was approved under GLMP is on hold as there are no available schemes as mentioned by the horticulture department in this current year 2023.
2. Mobilization of Eco Clubs to Promote green Landscape Conservation was discussed in detail. The members were briefed that MOU with Samagra Shiksha will be signed. Activities like “Riverine conservation” with Fishery Department will converge with the Eco Club in the project Landscape during the event of World Fishery Days i.e., 21st November, 2023. **(Action – Fishery Department, Green Ag Project)**
3. The Line Departments were requested to be conscious of the GLMP activity/intervention and its timeline of implementation and to provide the Government contribution part in time so that the GLMP could be implemented according to its timeline. **(Action – All Line Department)**
4. In relation to the Winter Vegetables, the members were informed that Field School will be conducted in 8 villages in Mamit. The horticulture department will be consulted on the selection of varieties before conducting Farmer Field School on winter vegetables. **(Action – Horticulture Department & Green Ag Project)**
5. All concerned line departments were requested to be aware of any available scheme and programme for the construction and improvement of agriculture link road within the project landscape. **(Action – All Line Department)**
6. They were also informed that the project established Village Implementation Committees to plan, implement and monitor all project activities. These committees are responsible for selecting all beneficiaries. The members were also made aware that some Line Department field workers had been ex-officio members of the VIC. The committee determined that quarterly VIC meetings should be held because it was challenging for department staff to attend monthly VIC meetings. They also mentioned that it is challenging because of the insufficient staff and their posting. So, it was suggested by the TSG members that the VIC meeting be held quarterly and on need basis as per requirement. Heads of the department were asked to communicate with their field personnel about the VIC meeting. **(Action – All Line Department & Green Ag Project)**



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7. Convergence with NABARD has been pending. As was already discussed with the SDM, NABARD will be approached for any possible convergence. DPR will be prepared by the team for any relevant activities within the landscape. **(Action - Green Ag Project)**
8. Preparation of a Quarterly Action Plan may be done in consultation with the Line Department. **(Action - Green Ag Project)**
9. For Organizing MiSALT Demonstration Plot, the team were advised to approach KVK Lengpui as they have an ongoing programme for Agro-forestry for possible convergence. **(Action - Green Ag Project & KVK Lengpui)**
10. The District Agriculture Officer and District Horticulture Officer have been advised to take the initiative in acquiring the convergence on solar tunnel dryer, as the activities are to start in the month of September. It was discussed that the dryer could be used not only for drying Mizo Chilli but for drying other leafy vegetables as Mizo's are fond of dried food. **(Action – Horticulture Department, Agriculture Department & Green Ag Project)**
11. Among the GLMP activities, convergence for Water harvesting structures was still pending. The Agriculture Department informed the committee that when the allotment for Mamit district is received for this, they will provide the structures for the Project villages. **(Action - Agriculture & Horticulture Department)**
12. Supply of saplings by the concerned line department was informed to the members. They were informed that 6400 nos of tree saplings were provided by EF & CC Department for the landscape. As, for Mamit 13 villages will be covered. It was informed by the Divisional Forest Officers Mamit that, saplings can be taken from Mamit, Saithah and Tuahzawl Range. It was also decided that the planting of the trees should be done within July. **(Action - Green Ag Project)**
13. It was also discussed and informed that since there is an absence of ongoing programmes and schemes to implement the Hatchery Unit under the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, the project will take up the activity from the project budget under Community-based project topics. **(Action - Green Ag Project)**



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The Action Plan for the 2nd quarter (July-September) of 2023-2024 was approved by the meeting after discussion.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks from Mr. T. Lalhmingmawia, Member Secretary, TSG and District Agriculture Officer, Mamit.

Enclosed:

1. Attendance sheet
2. Action Plan for 2nd Quarter & Review of GLMP

Sd/- VL REMLIANA
Deputy Commissioner & Chairman
TSG, Green-Ag Project
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2. National Project Director, NPMU, FAO-UN, Delhi, for kind information.
3. All members of TSG, Mamit District for kind information and necessary action.
4. District Information & Public Relations, DIPR, Mamit for kind information and necessary action.

(T. LALHMINGMAWIA)
District Nodal Officer & Member Secretary
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