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Introduction:

The project works with one of the Naga tribes known as the “Tangkhuls” where villages are characterized by their independence in terms of land ownership and their own system of governance based on the distinct customs. Our land does not come under the land revenue Act of India, our forest does not come under the forest Act of India. This ownership of land, forest, wild lives their management and the system of justice based on custom is acknowledged by Govt. of India. The project intervention aims to revive the weakening traditional systems and capacitate the community to be able to manage their system and access their rights and entitlements.

This year has been a period for reviewing organizational capacity, relevance of the project intervention, their effectiveness and analyzing the already approved project proposal in terms of its impact and outcome. This was preceded by an internal review. Mr. Khilesh Chaturvedi and Mr. Azam Khan of “ASK” (Association for Stimulation Know How) visited us in May to facilitate the external review. Apart from their interaction with the Executive Committee members and the program staff visited the two field centres and a few of the partner villages. Areas of concern have been identified in their report that has been shared with EED/EWDE Germany. Efforts are in progress to overcome the shortcomings both at the organizational management and programme management as well.

Following the orientation on the Donor requirement by Mr. KT. Suresh and Miss Anke Schuermann, Mr. Saiju Chacko of ASK visited us to analyse the issue being addressed by the project to find out the root causes and thereby relevance of the intervention and the outcome of the same. Based on the articulated outcome and strategies have been evolved for accomplishing the set outcome and impact, we have also been able to increase the number of Staff.

Vision:

“A Democratic Village Republic with Sustainable Livelihood and Egalitarian Society”.

Mission:

“To capacitate the people in terms of awareness, knowledge and skills, enable the community to set right their socio political and economic sustenance”.

Overall Project Objective:

“Effective village governance/ administration, improved socio- economic conditions of target families as well as values of sustainable use of natural resources and increased access to services exist in 20 target villages”.

The project works under four Thematic Heads and various indicators that are relevant in achieving the objective of the project:

1. Community Capacitation/ Village Governance.

Outcome:

By project end, effective village governance/administration will be done by the village authority in 20 old villages

Indicator:

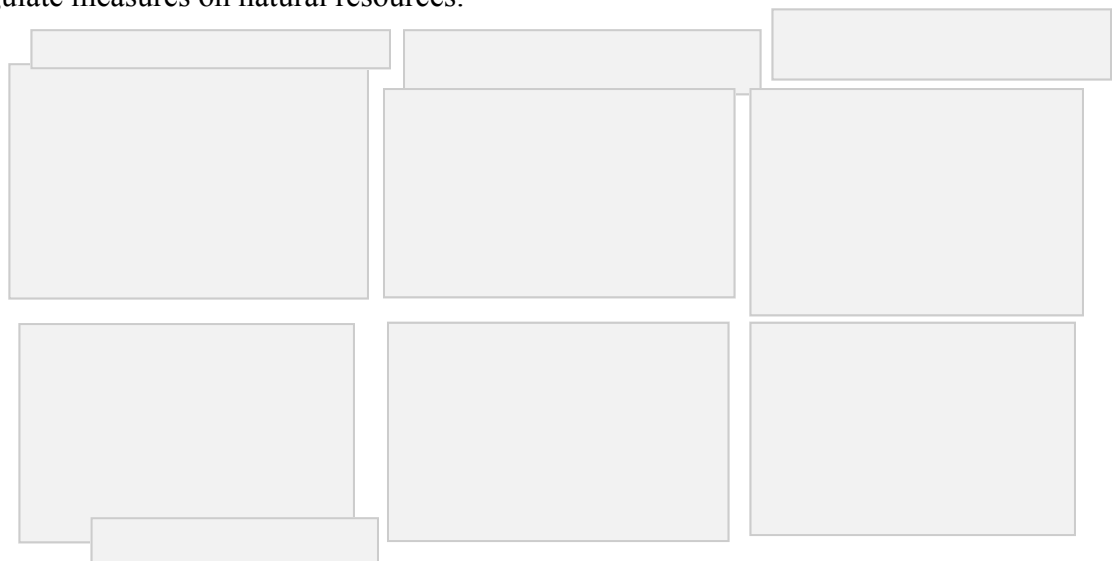
- i) VDC (Village Development Committee) in 20 partner villages should have started analyzing their own situation and plan relevant development program.
- ii) Village Assembly should have passed legislatives to regulate proper management of natural resources
- iii) Committees formed under National Flagship Programmes (NFP) should be functioning effectively.

Please refer Logical Framework annexure for activities/training/workshop under effective village governance.

Activities under effective village governance:

VDC has been restructured to ensure Gender balance in the composition of it and also representation from each traditional institution in the village. The restructured VDC members thus were oriented on the concept: role and responsibilities. Exercises were facilitated to analyze local situation and develop micro planning with focus on usage of community and Govt. resources for accomplishment of micro level planning issues related to social or livelihood in 20 partner villages.

On the issue of poor access to rights and entitlements the project has intervened to educate people on new laws concerning their social, economic and cultural and political rights and challenge irregularities in distribution of services under the National flagship programs for an improved governance. PRA exercise was carried out for two Blocks in Ukhrul under the District Administration which also covers our Partner villages. Situational analysis and need assessment programs were also carried out which was necessary to aware the community to plan relevant developmental program. This exercise provided the opportunity to collect data and information that was not on records. CDMC members are being activated to monitor the various National Flagship Programs and coordination meeting held with Village Authorities to regulate measures on natural resources.



2. Livelihood Support.

Outcome:

- i) Income of identified poorest families in 20 villages would be raised by Rs.14,500/- in a year
- ii) 42 families would have ensured their food security by land development and irrigation
- iii) 22 families would have ensured sustainable land use by changing practice of cultivation from shifting cultivation to horticulture farming.

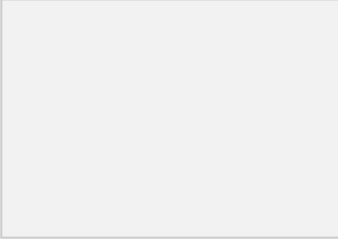
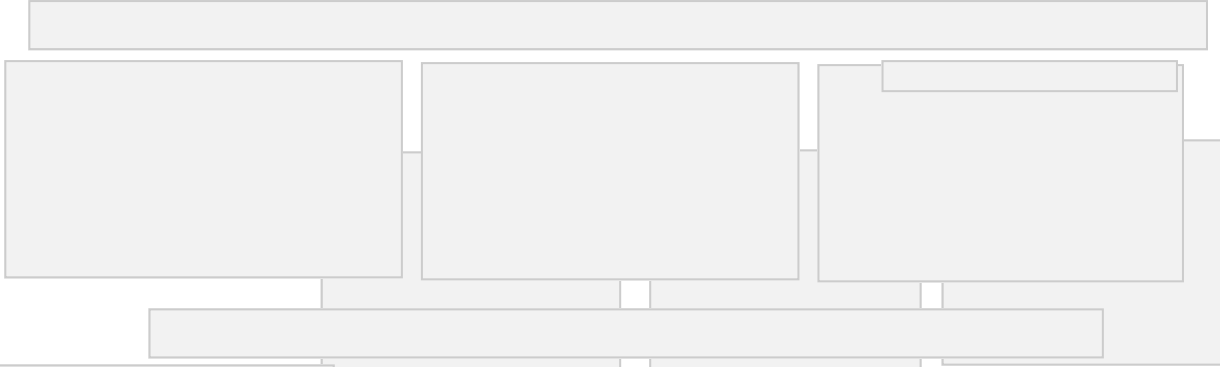
Indicators:

- i) No. of the poorest families in no. of partner villages amount of income raised
- ii) No. of farmers who were able to enhance production and productivity and ensure their food security.
- iii) No. of farmers who were able change practice of cultivation to horticulture
- iv) No. of years of land use enhanced.

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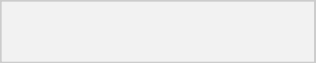
For an improved livelihood income generation is assured through women's SHGs of identified poorest families. For improved food security efforts are made to enhance food grain production and productivity through land development and orchard farms are being encouraged for sustainable land use in areas where people practice shifting cultivation.

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**Agriculture
and Horticulture Support under Livelihood:**

Food security 12 families were able to increase food grain production by 10 bags, 11 families by 8-9 bags, 14 families by 4-6 bags and 1 family by 2 bags. Among the farmers, two families who took up sugar cane growing were able to earn a profit of Rs. 10,000+.



The Income of 21 orchard farmers was too early to be assessed. Record maintenance at individual level has been introduced.



Orchard and Banana Farm

Land Development and Minor Irrigation Support under Livelihood



Logical Framework

By project end, effective village governance/administration improved socio-economic conditions of target families as well as values of sustainable use of natural resources and increased access to services exist in target villages.

Indicators (in relevance to the Thematic head outcome)	Achievement of Objectives (assess using indicators)	Planned Activities	Activities implemented
<p>Indicators 1: Community Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VDC (Village Development Committee) in 20 partner villages should have started analyzing their own situation and plan relevant development program. Village Assembly should have passed legislatives to regulate proper management of natural resources. Committees formed under national Flagship Programs (NFP) should be functioning effectively. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VDC's effectiveness is yet to see result due to internal conflicts between the Village Authority and the VDC as the former conceive the latte as a threat against the village customs and tradition Regulations exist in oral tradition only nonetheless, we are advocating the legislation in written documents. Irregularities in service deliveries still exist due to dependency n the organization. Activity calendar has been de4veloped for the CDMC for further actions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRA in 20 partner villages Situational analysis and Need Assessment program in 20 partner villages for VDC's. Revisiting need assessment in 20 partner villages Orientation on VDC concept, role and responsibilities Motivational meeting with CDMC at the two field centres. 3 days workshop on Community building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRA was necessitated by the absence of data and information on records. Situational Analysis and Need Assessment program in 20 partner villages for VDC's was conducted to start planning for relevant development program. Revisiting need assessment was necessary for VDC's to realize the community needs. Orientation given to VDC to revive them on their roles and duties. Motivational meeting with CDMC to attend on the irregular service deliveries

TRAINING PROGRAM:

Sl. No.	Activities	Date	Target	No. of Village	Participant		
					Male	Female	Total
1.	PRA in 20 Partner villages	October 2012		20 East and North P/villages	-	-	
2.	Situational Analysis and Need Assessment in 20 partner villages	4-7 Mar. 2012 4-24 Mar. '13	100 100	20 East and North P/villages	62	3	65
3.	Orientation on VDC concept, role & responsibilities	20-25 Dec.'12	160	20 P/villages	68	17	85
4.	Three days workshop on gender equity and women's role and development	22-25 Feb.'13	200	Kumram village	6	54	60
5.	Motivational meeting with CDMC at the 2 F/Centre's	25-27 Feb. '13	52	SHIDOs	36	2	38
6.	3 days workshop on Community building	3-5 April 2013	200	Namrei Village	32	24	56
7.	Revisiting need assessment in 20 partner villages	4-7 Mar. 2012 -24 Mar. '13	200	20 P/villages			

Indicators (in relevance to the Thematic head outcome)	Achievement of Objectives (assess using indicators)		Planned Activities	Activities implemented
	No. of families	Income raised (in Rupees)		
Indicators 2: Livelihood Support IGA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income of the families in 20 partner villages would be raised by Rs. 14,500/- in a year 	72	14,500 above	Training on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit Processing SHG's needs for trade specialization Accountancy Improved kitchen garden and family health nutrition. Animal Health care Pest Management training Monitoring field visit after the trainings. 	Trainings conducted on/for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit processing – 5 days SHG's needs for trade specialization – 2 days each at the 2 field centres' Accountancy for 5 SHG's Improved kitchen garden and family health nutrition for 2 days. Training on Animal Health care taken up at Marangphung village for 2 days. Training on Pest management conducted for 1 days.
	15	10,000-14,500		
	95	10,000 below		
	123	5,000 below		
Agriculture Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 families would have ensured their food security by land development and irrigation 	12	Food grain production increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot verification for land development and minor irrigation. Disbursement of grant money for the selected farmers. Monitoring visits for the works implemented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot verification was done to survey the feasibility of the project. Financial support for land development and raw materials were provided to construct dams for minor irrigation. Monitoring follow up done to observe the progress of the projects.
	11	10 bags		
	14	8-9 bags		
	1	4-7 bags 1 bag		
Horticulture Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 families would have ensured sustainable land sue by changing practice of cultivation form shifting cultivation to horticulture farming. 	Sugarcane Farming: 2 farmers who were given sugarcane support were able to earn profit of Rs. 20,000 above.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey and land measurement of the farm site Selected farmer's loan/grant disbursement. Spot verification of the project farms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey done and land measurement of the farm sites were 4 taken. Selected farmers were disbursed loan/grant and raw materials provided. Spot verification and follow up visits were done to monitor the progress of the project.
	21 orchard farmers were given support during this period but income generation is too early to assess nevertheless sustainable land use will be ensured for at least 10-15 years			

Training Program:

Livelihood Support:							
Sl. No.	Activities	Date	Target	No. of Village	Participant		
					Male	Female	Total
1.	Training on orchard management	4-7/5/2012		L-SHIDO (East)	12	4	16
2.	Training on improved kitchen garden and family health nutrition	12-15/3/2012		RA-SHIDO, (North) L-SHIDO (East)	-	-	83
3.	Training on Pest Management	6 th July 2012		New Kharasom			
4.	Training on Animal Health Care	25-28 July 2012					
5.	Training on Fruit processing	26-30/Nov '12		L-SHIDO (East)	12	13	25
6.	Identification of training needs for SHG'S	23&24 Feb' 13 5&6 March'13		L-SHIDO (East) RA-SHIDO, (North)			
7.	Accountancy Training for 5 SHG's	11 th - 13 th October 2012	65	L-SHIDO (East)		58	58

Indicators (in relevance to the Thematic head outcome)	Achievement of Objectives (assess using indicators)	Planned Activities	Activities implemented
<p>Indicators 3: Natural Resource Management (NRM)</p> <p>i. No. of villages where village authority strictly ensures compliance of rules and regulations of season for hunting, fishing and cutting trees to allow breeding and regeneration, make poisoning rivers, burning forest and use of chemical fertilizer liable for penalty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community legislation for sustainable use of natural resources practice in all 20 partner villages in oral with penalty if misused enacts. 4 villages have pass regulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass Awareness campaign on Natural resource management Mass awareness campaign on global climate changes. 1 Day awareness campaign on forest an environment and 1 day workshop on bio-diversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass Awareness Campaign on Natural Resource Management conducted in 11 East partner villages. Mass awareness campaign on Global climate change conducted at North Field Centre. 1 day awareness campaign on forest and environment and 1 day workshop on bio-diversity at Chungka Village.

<p>ii. No. of villages where communities have taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A forestation with MGNREGS funds and local resources. ● Decision and clearly defined not less than 10% of the community and as community reserved forest. ● School children, youth and people's movement for forest and environment initiated. ● Reduction of domestic consumption through alternative means and technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9 villages have planted 233,596 seeds and saplings ● Struggle is still on to extend the reserve forest coverage. All partner villages have reserve forest that covers at least 2 hectares. ● 12 villages have taken up tree plantation both at community level and institutional level. ● 165 household shave chulhas constructed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing material assistance during plantation. ● Mobilization and sensitization in all the partner villages on preserving natural vegetation. ● Seeds and saplings distribution for plantation initiated in partner villages. ● Construction of 100 out of 165 chulhas in the 20 partner villages by April 2013 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unspecific species of seeds/saplings were provided as support and assistance to encourage tree plantation. ● This has been done during every field visits in the partner villages. ● Disbursement of seeds and saplings for the various organizations and institutions for tree plantation. ● 165 chulhas were constructed in the partner villages through chur5ch association for demonstration
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Training Programme:

Sl. No.	Activities	Date	Target	No. of Village	Participant		
					Male	Female	Total
1.	Mass Awareness Campaign on NRM	12-24/6/2012	-	11 East partner Villages	163	149	312
2.	Mass awareness campaign on Global Climate change	4 -5 Mar. '13	-	RASHIDO	104	175	279
3.	1 Day Awareness Campaign on Forest and Environment and 1 day Workshop on Bio-diversity	9&10 th June 2012	-	Chungka			

Indicators (in relevance to the Thematic head outcome)	Achievement of Objectives (assess using indicators)	Planned Activities	Activities implemented
<p>Indicators 4: Lobby and Advocacy</p> <p>i. No. of organizations involved in the network. No. of issues identified No. of issues challenged.</p> <p>ii. No. of women in VDC. No. of women in CDMC No. of women attending meetings regularly. Women members holding responsibilities in VDC and CDMC. Women members able to raise issues in VDC and CDMC.</p> <p>iii. No. of village accepting women's participation in the Village Assembly. No. of women participating in Village Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 National flagship programs are being monitored whereby lapses and irregularities are identified and submitted to District Administration for corrective action. Expectation of CDMC to lobby with area level civil society organization has not proved effective. Issues are raised however women's voice is subdued. 7 villages, other villages orally accept participation yet women's presence is ignored. Women's voice is subdued/ considered over smart so there is hesitation to come forth in the Village Assembly. While not in written document, widows are given right to non-ancestral property and right to retain the house and land for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring National Flagship Program under district administration. Lobby with strategic individuals for gender equity by GoSA (Group of Social Activist) Awareness program on New Laws-Right to education in the partner villages. Three days workshop on Gender equity and Women's role and development Situation Analysis and need assessment exercise for VDC's Motivational meeting with CDMC on the concept, roles and responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Flagship Program monitoring conducted. Awareness program on RTE conducted in all the partner villages. Collaboration with TSL (Women apex body) for gender equity issues. Workshop on Gender Equity done in Kumram Village. Gender balance in the formation of VDC and CDMC initiated in the partner villages. Educated the roles and responsibilities of VDC & CDMC in the partner villages.

	livelihood till daughters are married/even after marriage.	
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Training Programme

Lobby and Advocacy on people's Rights and Entitlement and Women Empowerment:							
Sl. No.	Activities	Date	Target	No. of Village	Participant		
					Male	Female	Total
1.	Awareness on new Laws-Right to Education	2012 RASHIDO	20 villages	20 villages			
2.	Three days workshop on Gender Equity and women's role and development	22-25 Feb. 2013	-	Kumram village	6	54	60
3.	Lobby with strategic individuals for the gender equity by the GOSA (Group Of Social Activist)	February 2013	30 individuals /month	Ukhrul	30	30	60
Staff Capacitation:							
4.	Staff Capacitation by ASK to analyze the organization's setbacks.	18 th – 20 th June 2012		Program Staff at the VVD Training Hall			
5.	Staff capacitation by ASK for training on developing monitoring tools	16-18 Mar. 2013		Program Staff at the VVD Training Hall			