

**Project Progress Report per:  
Project Reporting Format  
(6 monthly Report: April – September 2011)**

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- 1.13. Date of Report : 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.2011
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- Miss Rinchonphy PME : Table of 3years Targets and Achievements.  
Mr. Lungsem Luiram : Narrative based on Table  
Checked by : Ashok Tipnis, Program Manager.

Report has been seen and Approved by the Executive Director Mr.  
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## 2. OUTCOME AND IMPACT

### Explanatory Comments:

We have added a table of 3 years targets and progress in achievement of these. In the Narrative Report we have not been able to incorporate this fully. Reference to annexure "A" Table is requested.

### 2.1. Which is the agreed upon objective of the project and its indicators;

#### Overall Project Objectives for Phase VII: July 2009 – June 2012:

To promote self help initiatives of village communities in 25 project villages for:

1. Augmentation of natural resources of the community by regulating care of village forest including control over forest fires and felling of trees and action for regenerating forest.
2. Promoting local food production thru Agricultural and Horticultural activity including land development and irrigation and seed supply for plantation.
3. Improving family income and purchasing power thru family IGA in SHG via micro-credit support.

#### Indicators for Objective 1:

Adoption of Forest Rules and Regulation by the people to control forest fires by strictly adhering and installing policy for planned controlled felling and annual plantation of trees for regeneration of forest in 25 villages.

#### Indicators for Objective 2:

1. Area of land newly brought under cultivation with and without irrigation. Additional cropping done in family vegetable/kitchen gardens through seed distribution etc. Fruit Trees planted.

#### Indicators for Objective 3:

- No. of families and SHG receiving and seeking Micro Credit for IGA for supplementing family income and purchasing power.
- Case studies for evidence of increase in family income.
- Interviews of wife and husband.

### 2.2. In case your project has different components, what were the agreed upon objectives of those components and their indicators?

#### 2.2.1. Objectives for Component 1: Augmentation of Natural Resources:

##### Objective 1:

To promote village community action for conservation, protection and regeneration of their community forest for environmental and economic benefit to people in 25 villages.

##### Indicators:

1. Number of village nurseries on ground.  
*2 hectares nursery developed against the target of 9 hectares where around 20000 saplings have been raised.*
2. Number of trees/bamboos/Medicinal plants planted.  
*Planted 255950 Nos. of Timber, Bamboo and medicinal plant in 61 hectare against the 3year target of 90000 in 45 hectares.*
3. Area of Reserved/Protected forest in villages  
*89 hectares of forest area have been demarcated as reserve forest in 20 partner villages against the target of 180 hectare in 25 partner villages.*

4. No. of Village Drafting Committees formed  
*in progress.*
5. Copies of Rules and Regulations drafted  
*in progress*
6. No. of villages officially adopting Rules and Regulations.  
*in progress*
7. No. of villages adopting Annual Plantation Program.  
*11 villages in East SHIDO have declared plantation day on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May every year, a step towards annual Plantation program. Other plantation covered under item 2 above.*

### **2.2.2. Objective of component 2: Promotion of Agriculture and Horticulture**

#### **Objective 1:**

To promote increase local food production thru Agricultural and Horticultural activity including land development and irrigation and seed supply for plantation.

#### **Indicators:**

1. Area of land developed for cultivation and irrigation channels developed for poor families. No. of families benefitted.  
*8 hectares of land has been brought under cultivation by 22 land less families against the target of 12 hectares.*
2. Progress in improved kitchen gardens and selected crop production.

#### **Objective 2:**

To promote Horticultural activity, improved kitchen gardens in 25 project villages.

#### **Indicators:**

Plans drawn for family action and one team member assigned at central team to work with SHIDOs and committee members

### **2.2.3. Objectives of Component 3: Livelihood Support: IGA with micro-credit support**

#### **Objective 1:**

To augment family income and purchasing power by increasing families Income Generating Activities by providing micro-credit.

#### **Indicators:**

1. Number of Families seeking and receiving grant & micro-credit for family IGA, as per records of loans and repayments.  
*17 SHGs covering 153 beneficiaries have been given credit against the target of 50 in 25 villages.*
2. No. of SHG formed. - *17 SHGs*
3. IGA Projects/Beneficiaries - *153 projects.*

### **2.2.4 Project component 4.**

#### **Network and back-up support**

#### **Objectives:**

##### **A. Follow up action (Evaluation report)**

To take effective action on selected recommendations of ASK Evaluation report; 2009 (i.e. unfinished tasks of Phase VI).

**Objective 1:**

Empowerment of women and youth through participation in Local self Governance and Project management and community institutions in 25 project villages.

**Note:** SHIDO, are reaching out to more SHGs and families through their revolving funds. At VVD HO.VVD.MF is reaching additional families.

**Indicator:**

Composition of VDC: Village Development Committee with ref participation of Women, Youth and representatives village institutions with approval of VA: Village Authority. Dialogue with VA and other leaders progressing.

**Objective 2:**

Improvement in Operational and management systems in people's Organizations SHGs, VA, VDC and SHIDOs and VVD.

**Indicator:**

Drafting and adoption of Manuals of Village Administration and project management as applicable to VA, VDC and CBOs.

**Note:** Work relating empowerment and community organization is in hand i.e. dialogue and orientation. Manuals prepared at VVD.

**Objective 3:**

Promotion of sustainability of CBOs, SHIDO, FGC and VVD

**Indicators:**

1. Preparation of Vision, Mission documents and Plans for creation of productive assets and services towards sustainability. Dialogue with CDMC members and village leaders underway. Per village projects and budgets and per SHIDO centre plans and budgets being prepared under indicative guidelines to SHIDOs.

**B. Support to FGC****Objectives:**

1. To strengthen State Federation of PWD for advocacy to secure PWD rights and entitlements.
2. Inter Community Friendship for Peace Building.
3. To establish Community Food Grain Banks: CFGB for local food security with controlled prices in 5 villages being referred to EED approval.

**Indicators: objective 1.**

*Formed All Tribal Disabled Union, Manipur at state level against the target of one. Having registered they function independently. Objective achieved.*

**Indicators: objective 2**

1. Impediment-free travel across communities/villages/areas and districts.

**Note: Economic blockades and highway blockades ordered by apex tribal bodies informs us that LCP alone will not suffice. Apex bodies need to be engaged.**

### **Indicators: objective 3**

1. No. of CFGB installed and Members served.

*Installed one CFGB at Ramrei village against the target of one.*

- 2.3. To what extent could the project objective be achieved? Please report by using the agreed indicators. Please refer to indicators differentiated by sex or with gender dimension too. If you have several components, please report along the objectives and the indicators of those components.**

We can say that there is considerable progress in implementation of awareness and training related meetings, workshops and training including technical instruction and also the physical implementation of program activities. *Please refer Annexure "A" showing targets and achievements made till reporting period.*

- 2.4. What other observations did you make? Please mention anything that may be enlightening for the progress of the project. Provide case stories if any in the annexure.**

We have highlighted the aspect of empowerment of women and PWD under point 2.2. The observation we make, also as VVD's learning from practical action and result is that empowerment involves creating opportunity and offering space. Women and PWD have demonstrated this. When offered challenging opportunity and space for responsibility and action, people/women specially the women SHGs reveal hidden capacities and perform well which is a process of enlightenment for VVD.

- 2.5. In case that you observed any direct negative outcome, please describe.**

As reported earlier SHIDO-West withdrew from program partnership as a regd. Society, over an administrative matter. This is a negative outcome in the endeavour for empowerment.

- 2.6. Could any impact (positive or negative) be observed in the wider context of the project that might be related to the project interventions? Do those observed facts contribute to achieving the development goal?**

During this Phase, VVD will consolidate work of empowerment of women, youth and communities through participation and strengthening VA, VDCs for Local self governance. In due course this will impact Local Self Governance in other villages in our area.

- 2.7. Which methods did you use for assessing outcome and impact?**

So far methods highlighted under 2.3 above i.e. the visual evidence of project activities on ground. Regular monitoring visits by SHIDOs, PME and Central staff. Also through interactions between the monitoring team with members of SHG and ATDUM Executive members and their reports. Through review meetings, verification of books of accounts and records, internal audit, case studies of some SHGs for their own specific projects. Interview with leaders and other partners.

- 3. ACTIVITIES:**

(Note: Numbering of specific activities is as per Approved Budgets Heads. Original Project Proposal numbering is bracketed).

## **Project Component 1.**

### **3.1. Augmentation of natural Resources: Forest.**

#### **Objective:**

To promote village community action for conservation, protection and regeneration of their village forest for environmental & economic benefits to people in 20 project villages.

#### **3.1.1 (1.1.8) Maintenance of existing forest.**

5 Partner villages of East-SHIDO have responded promptly regarding reservation of forest by demarcating specific areas as reserved forest by adoption of resolution at village level, where it read as punishable to those who hunts and fell trees within the specified area of reserved forest. Those five villages are 1. Kumram. 2. Patbung. 3. Khambi. 4. Sorde. 5. Punge village covering an area of about 80 - 90 hectares.

Hectic efforts are on to bring forest law at two tier structure 1<sup>st</sup> at area level and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the village level. Besides that, consultation and discussion with village and church leaders are in process with other partner villages in both the SHIDOs.

In view of strengthening forest conservation and regeneration East-SHIDO staff with Kham Lungpha Mitun Shanao Long (KLMSL) (Area Level apex women organization) carried out a mass campaign on forest regeneration and other livelihood covering 10 villages out of which the following decisions are taken in 10 villages:

11 (eleven) partner villages will have annual plantation day program every year at village level.

Every mother in the household of the village (women) shall plant not less than 2 fruit bearing plants in their respective kitchen garden.

#### **3.1.2 (1.1.9) Plantation of Timber, Bamboo & Medicinal plant Timber:**

Within the reporting period some individuals and Self Help Groups of East-SHIDO have planted approx.3000 Bamboo saplings and 15000 Timber saplings covering an area of 9 hectares of land.

Besides that being motivated with the importance of planting trees individuals from Punge village and church groups have started planting trees with their own initiatives and costs.

We have managed to implement this activity at North-SHIDO in 2 villages i.e. Razai khullen and Razai khunou of North-SHIDO planting a total of 5000 saplings covering an area of about 3ha.

In the process of mobilization for forest regeneration one of the partner villages particularly Luireishimphung has taken a major step by taking decision to allot 5 hectares each of village public land to two Church groups Catholic Church and Baptist church to take up plantation program for forest regeneration and conservation. Likewise Sorde village authority has agreed to allot plot to women society of Sorde village for taking up plantation program.

### **3.2. Project component 2.**

#### **3.2.1 (1.2.) Promotion of Agriculture and Horticulture**

**Objective:** To increase land under cultivation and its irrigation for increasing local food production particularly for poor families. And through seed distribution for improved kitchen gardens and for selected crops.

#### **3.2.2 (1.2.3): Training on Economically viable horti- base Project and its Management**

A 3 days training on horticulture based project management was held from 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> may 2011 where 18 male and 9 female altogether 27 village farmers attended the training. The various inputs with scientific project sample were an eye opening sessions for the farmers in choosing and taking up specific project activity as their sustainable project.

With the continuous efforts made by the SHIDO staff focusing on the importance of Horticultural production we have managed mobilizing a Village at East-SHIDO i.e. Punge village and declared an area of land covering around 15 hectares for taking up Horticultural projects. The declaration day was witnessed by the Block Development Officer and representatives from Forest Department with active participation of SHIDO staffs.

#### **3.2.3 Training on detergent and soap making:**

Training on detergent and soap making for home use and for income generation was conducted at East-SHIDO centre from 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September 2011. In a view of promoting supplementary income for housewives and also for self help group's fund raising. The training was participated by 26 women SHG members. And as an outcome of the training the participants have started producing their own products earning some income out of it.

#### **3.2.4. Training on watershed management and technology intervention: -**

A 4 days training on watershed management and technology intervention of resource conservation in Hill agriculture was organized from 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> August 2011 in collaboration with KVK/ICAR Ukhrul unit where 24 male and 6 female altogether 30 participants attended the training.

Emphasis was made on understanding change of climate and assess crop rotation accordingly. Enhancing green coverage at local level so as to respond global issue was on the stress point. Seeds of beans, ladies finger, cabbage and onion distributed for kitchen garden to all the participants.

### **3.3 Project component 3.**

#### **Livelihood Support IGA program:**

##### **Objective:**

1. To augment family income and purchasing power by increasing family IGA via Micro –Credit.

#### **3.3.1 (1.2.1) Timely doorstep delivery of grant support to SHGs:**

Within the reporting period a sum of ₹ 2,40,000/ to 6 SHGs for taking up Income Generating Activities @ ₹40,000/SHG and a sum of ₹ . 1,58,500/has been given to 12 individuals @ ₹ 10,000 – 15,000 for income generating activities from the local revolving fund of the East-SHIDO.

Credit for revolving fund amounting to ₹ 25,000 has been given to five individual families identified to be most needy in the village by the VDC at Ramrei village.

Grant support amounting to ₹ 25,000 has been given for construction of community Granary to VDC, Ramrei Village.

### **3.4. Project component 4: Network (FGC) and back-up support**

#### **Objectives:**

##### **A. Follow up action (Evaluation report)**

To take effective action on selected recommendations of ASK Evaluation report; 2009 (i.e. unfinished tasks of Phase VI).

Empowerment,

Improvement in operational and Management aspects of people's organization; SHGs, VA, VDC and SHIDOs and VVD.

Sustainability.

##### **B. Support to FGC**

1. To strengthen State Federation of PWD for advocacy to secure PWD rights and entitlements.
2. Inter Community Friendship for Peace Building.
3. To establish Community Food Grain Banks: CFGB for local food security with controlled prices in 5 villages being referred for EED approval.

#### **3.4.1 (3.2.12) Orientation of RTI and Entitlements:**

One day orientation on RTI, advocacy and entitlement was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. 26 Village Authority members, VDC and SMDC (school management and development committee) from 9 partner villages participated the program.

Special emphasis was given on the “right to education and child rights” where as an outcome of the program, members on behalf of the community filed petition seeking information on the following issues.

Provision to each child under ICDS project.

Provision under each government schools by education department and ADC (Autonomous district council) per annum.



### **3.5 (1.4): Follow up Activities and Actions on Evaluation Feedback.**

#### **3.5.1 (1.4.9): Conscientization of program and specific Activities of the Phase VII at SHIDO level program planning Workshop:**

Within the reporting period we have organized a 3 days workshop on action plan for the final year Phase VII with the participation of both central and SHIDO staff where concrete action plan have been drawn up in order to achieve the program objective of Phase VII and the report of the activities will be reported in the coming six months report.

#### **3.5.2. Continuing Education for the Staff as well as Self Help Groups.**

Within the reporting period we have capacitated 3 Staff including SHIDO Coordinators on NGO Management facilitated by Nice Foundation, Chennai from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September at Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati. 3 Program staffs have undergone a short crash course in computer. (3 months).

## **4. CHANGES IN THE ORGANISATION:**

**Did any important events or changes during the reporting period take place within the organization?**

A process of change is underway:

### **4.1. Related to management structure**

We have begun rebuilding program personnel at 3 levels.

#### **1. Central Team**

##### **a) Team for field programs in:**

- Forestry and forest related issues, Trees and bamboo and plants including fruit trees
- Animals/Livestock: Goatery and pig breeding
- IGA and livelihood.

##### **b) Team for Community Organization**

- Local Self Governance at village level
- Cooperative organization and management.

##### **c) We can afford to have only 2 members in each team as of now. Monitoring 1 member, supported by others in field visits for monitoring.**

#### **2. At SHIDO Centres:**

- We are trying to strengthen personnel at SHIDO centres. In addition to VVD Staff, services of SHIDO Committee members are being explored. Currently each SHIDO has 1 Co-coordinator plus 1 field staff and 1 Accountant-Cum-Office Asstt.

#### **3. Village community level:**

- We are trying to mobilize village community and village leaders to appoint a VDC: Village Development Committee of the village (not of VVD project). A more participatory committee of more capable men and women of the village.
- By June 2012 these changes should be in place

**4.2 Related to planning System**

We have realized that the change process referred in last report, will take longer to be firmly grounded in VVD, and that external consultancy and facilitation will be needed. Being arranged for RBM/outcome and impact oriented planning and program implementation and staff capacity building. ASK is the Agency. Discussions under way for OD process.

**4.3 Related to staff composition**

Changes are underway as reported under 4.1 above. Finding qualified/skilled/experienced new staff has been difficult. Hence OD/Capacity Building Process being planned with the help of ASK in which staff and team will be capacitated for skills development for community mobilization and organization and micro project planning etc. This is being reported to EED in detail with intensive dialogue with Ms. Edda Kirleis.

**4.4 Related to other issues**

**Program Resources Following Cordaid Pull-out after Phase VI.**

The effort for new/additional funding bore fruit and MOU was signed between WDT: Women Development Trust Anantapur and VVD late into the reporting period .VVD will receive Rs. 10 million per year for 5 years.(First transfer received in October 2011).

These are Indian funds and will add to VVD-EED project funds as local contribution .The program will be strengthened all round as co-funded program. A proposal for changes including extension and revised co-funded budget will be submitted for EED approval within December 2011.

WDT offers flexibility in utilization in order to make up shortages in program budget and to respond opportunities and improve staff salaries and meet infrastructural/Eqpt needs in the program. Thereby program and Organization will be strengthened between January 2012 and June 2013.

**5. Changes in development context**

5.1. Are there important changes in the direct political environment since inception of the project?

Yes  No

In continuation of the last report: During the period, tensions and tempers escalated over issues of formation new Sadar Hills District, Nagaland UNC/Kuki/ imposed economic blockades against each other hurting own people besides the targeted people. People in the valley and in the hills have both suffered due to escalation of prices of essentials. E.g. LPG/cooking gas cylinder cost shot up from under Rs. 400/- to Rs. 1500-1600/-and even Rs. 2000!( Economic blockade was called off by United Naga council in November 2011).political tension and confrontation have impacted economy with sharp rise in prices of essentials: diesel, petrol and Kerosene adding to travel and operational costs of program especially since VVD has to operate diesel generator/s three hours a day on regular basis and for meetings and training program also at night. This has increased operational cost of

VVD program. EED approved operational costs have thereby been over-run. VVD will be able to adjust with WDT funds for now.

**5.2 Are there important changes in the direct social environment since inception of the project?**

Yes  No

Impact of 5.1 above affecting social economic condition of life of people.

**5.4. Do those changes have implication for the relevance of the project?**

Yes  No

The project continues to be relevant and acquire further positive significant for the people of the area. A new peace advocacy will be taken up during 2012.

**5.5 Do these changes have implication for the project development goal?**

Yes  No

As explained in last report.

**5.6 Do those changes have implication for the project objective?**

Yes  No

No, Nothing new to add since last report.

**5.7. Is the underlying problem analysis still valid?**

Yes  No

**6. Conclusions for future work**

**6.1 Based on your experience, do you see a need for changing the planned activities in order to achieve your project objective?**

Yes  No

Yes. This is elaborated under 6.2

**6.2. If necessary please update the project planning**

Without changing the project objective and in order to ensure achievement of project objectives in both qualitative and quantitative terms, following a critical review by Ms. Edda Kirleis and our internal assessment, VVD is proposing to seek EED's approval for extension of the current phase VII by one year, up to June end 2013, without additional funding by EED.

This will involve certain additional activities. Activities under VVD-EED project will not change substantially. They will be further reinforced with WDT funding.

VVD may not carry out the entire training program as planned at the outset of phase VII. Looking at objectives and program for their achievement, VVD will opt for training which prepares staff and local leaders for achieving the objectives and targets.

Secondly, in view of WDT funding from Anandapur, we shall strengthen social mobilization and organization of the community by way of LSG and project planning, Management and monitoring capacities in the village. This is important for sustainability. People must own the program.

The other aspect of community organization is to explore formation of both SHG and Co-operatives for sustainability of economic projects/activities. Co-operative action being a traditional strength and cultural practice among Naga communities.

We shall be also referring EED, changes proposed by FGC to stop further expenditure on local peace committees and related work and take up advocacy under peace program. FGC has proposed to take up 5 community food grain banks in 5 villages as being a more beneficial activity, in present situation wherein locally communal tensions have reduced allowing normal economic activities of the people. Tension/quarrels continue at Apex tribal bodies and leadership level and LCP cannot address these. VVD will take up advocacy for peace as new activity.

VVD is preparing a proposal for referring the changes including proposed extension of phase VII by one year without additional funding by EED. Will follow this report shortly within December 2011 for consideration and approval of EED.

It needs to be noted that originally 32 villages were to be covered. Due to SHIDO-West drop out, number of project villages became 20. However, we are targeting minimum 25 villages during proposed extension.

### **6.3. In case of consultancy in what areas.**

As VVD found itself rebuilding personnel strength and staff and organization capacities VVD is in the process of planning on OD process with ASK New Delhi.

Other specific areas for reinforcing VVD as stressed by Ms. Edda Kirleis:

- a) Improved/effective PME system
- b) Better understanding and practice of RBM/outcome and impact oriented planning, implementation and monitoring, reporting of project activity (In tune with EED BfWd Joint Framework on outcome and impact orientation).
- c) Leadership counseling including decision making.

This is being planned with ASK but also in consultation with Ms. Edda Kirleis.

Resources for consultancy and proposed extension are to be managed from within approved funds of Phase VII and WDT new funding.

### **6.4. What are the lessons learned?**

Several important lessons were listed in the last report; we are trying to act on the lessons.

With reference to the need to develop new generation leadership, the OD process will help VVD to also form a strong Core Group of senior/up-coming leadership to enhance ownership, commitment and shared collective responsibility and accountability. So that important decision making becomes more participatory and broad based. As highlighted by Executive Director, Tennyson Kazingmei, and stated in proverbs 15:22: ***“without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of counselors they are established”***.

- We are also gaining new insights into reporting in tune with objectives and Outcome and impact Orientation. We are adding an Annexure of activities, targets and progress in achievement of targets. Annx “A”

In the future, if not in the next report this table will be sequenced according to objectives followed by progress in targets achievement. It is in the order of planned activities in the report. In the last report this table was prepared but not sent. In the narrative report part 1, 2, 3 we have tried to report progress against targets under Indicators. The new reporting format and Outcome and Impact orientation are mid-course changes for VVD during phase VII. We are trying to understand, comply and improve.

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