

Livelihoods Improvement Project for Himalayas

(Meghalaya)





Government of Meghalaya



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Chronology of major Project events

20 th Feb 2004	Project Loan Agreement signed
10 th Jun 2004	Establishment of MRDS
22 nd Jun 2004	Registration of MRDS under Society Registration Act 1860
23 rd Sep 2004	Project Loan effectiveness ?
14 th Dec 2004	Financial & Administrative Rules 2005
31 st Dec 2005	Completion of recruitment process of core staff
23 rd to 25 th Nov 2005	1 st Review Mission by UNOPS
16 th & 17 th Mar 2006	State level Project Launch Workshop
12 th May 2006	MoU signing with partner NGOs for 1 st phase Blocks
27 th Nov to 8 th Dec 2006	2 nd Review Mission by UNOPS
27 th & 28 th Mar 2007	MoU signing with partner NGOs for 2 nd phase Blocks

Decision of actual field effectiveness of Project - Suggested Jan 2006

Objective

Improve the livelihood of vulnerable groups in a sustainable manner through the promotion of improved livelihood opportunities and strengthening of local institutions that relates to livelihood development



Project Component	Sub Component/Major Activity						
Pre project implementation							
Empowerment and capacity building of community organizations & their support organizations (9%)	 Community Empowerment - Training, workshops, exposure visits Facilitation through NGO's - Group Formation, follow ups Interventions to reduce Women's Drudgery - Rice mill, water supply 						
Livelihood enhancement &	Farm	Non-Farm					
development (16 %)	 Agriculture - Integrated Jhum Dev., SRI Horticulture – Oranges, Pineapple, Banana, Turmeric Soil & Water Resources – Afforestation, IWDP Livestock & Aquaculture Forestry Development – NRM, NTFP 	 Value addition Processing Service sectors Transportation Marketing Energy 					
Livelihood support systems (55 %)	 Entrepreneurship Development – As per the emerging n Rural Finance – Seed capital, Facilitate Credit Linkage, St Rural Finance Services Support – SHG Federations Network partnership with FIs (NABARD, SIDBI, PACs) Social Venture Capital Company Policy Studies and Advocacy – As per requirement Leverage Fund 	reamlining policy					
Project Management (20 %)	Establishment of project management units, strategy development	opment, project MIS					

COVERAGE STATUS

District (AR 5)	Villages (A	AR – 570)	Households (AR – 29,300)			
Block (AR 14/15)	Project Target	Covered so far	Project Target	Covered so far	% Covered	
Jaintia Hills	120	90	10891	8169	75	
East Khasi Hills	179	164	11602	10673	91	
Ri Bhoi	100	80	5380	4304	80	
East Garo Hills	145	133	6032	5549	92	
South Garo Hills	140	115	4718	3868	82	
Total	684	582	38623	32564	85	

Outputs/Outcomes	Progress so Far
Persons receiving direct project services [SHG members]	11752

SHG STATUS (AR – 1955)

District	N	o. of SHC)s	Total	F	Percentage	e
	Μ	F	Mix	Totai	Μ	F	Mix
Jaintia Hills	35	70	7	112	31.25	62.5	6.25
East Khasi Hills	42	44	96	182	23.08	24.18	52.75
Ri Bhoi	93	87	21	201	46.27	43.28	10.45
East Garo Hills	86	124	21	231	37.23	53.68	9.09
South Garo Hills	62	86	21	169	36.69	50.89	12.43
TOTAL	318	411	166	895	35.53	45.92	18.55

Promoted – 535; Adopted – 360; Remaining 1400 apprx by Dec 2008

90% of Phase I villages SHG mobilized, remaining largely from Phase II

Capacity Building of SHG members

- Nb. of SHG members trained in *Module 1*
- Nb. of SHG members trained in *Module 2*
- Nb. of SHG members trained in <u>Module 3</u>
- Thematic Trainings
- Exposure Visits

- 667 SHGs (1980 men, 1995 women)
- 1799 SHG members (822 men, 977 women)
- 1433 SHG members (635 men, 798 women)
- 1226 SHG members (330 men, 896 women)
- 478 SHG members (157 men, 321 women)

Functional Status of SHGs

- No of SHGs Graded 339
 27.53 % 'A' Grade
 62.66 % 'B' grade
 9.81 % 'C' Grade
- No. of SHG eligible SHGs not graded 280 (option of using RNGO for grading)
- No. of SHGs who have started lending among members 244 (30.35 %)
- Total corpus Rs. 62,55,684 /-
- Savings generated Rs.37,46,422/-
- Group Contributions Rs. 4,55,346/-
- Interest earned on Loans and savings
- Total fund available for internal lending
- Of which Rs. 13,16, 338 internally revolving (31.42%)
- No. of SHGs given Seed Capital 203 (Rs.3,44,100 /- disbursed as seed money)
- Kinds of IGAs taken up by SHGs Rice Mill, Piggery, Poultry, Homestead Garden, Turmeric, vegetables cultivation, etc.

- Rs1,53,726/-
- Rs. 41,89,635 /-

SHG Linkages Status

Linkages										
Dist/Block	Direct Bank	. Linkage		ct Bank e (SGSY)	Govt. Grant Fund					
	SHGs	Rs	SHGs	Rs	SHGs	Rs				
Jaintia Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0				
East Khasi Hills	0	0	10	250000	8	136000				
Ri-Bhoi	4	58761	9	289630	12	122000				
East Garo Hills	22	855000	19	340000	2	53000				
South Garo Hills	11	187000	6	160000	2	25000				
Total	37	1100761	44	1039630	24	336000				
Total Amt form Bank Li	nkage		2140391							

Total No. of SHGs Credit Linked with banks

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D_{int}^{i}/B_{1n}	Convergence F	unds	Name of Inst	Democra	Comm.
Dist/Block	SHGs/HH/Comm	Rs	Iname of first	Purpose	Contri
	5	50000	Planning	Voluntary Action Fund	
Jaintia Hills	DMU	50000	NABARD	Expsure to Kerela	
	DMU	10000	NABARD	Banker's Meet	
Sub-Total		110000			
East Khasi Hills		0	0	0	
Ri-Bhoi		135000	Sericulture	Rearing House & Training	
Sub-Total		135000			
	7 SHG	35775	Horti	Floriculture/labour expenses	
	312 HH	1487500	Health	Mosquito Net & RDK	
East Garo Hills	413 HH	729600	Health	Sanitary Latrines	182400
		4139500	Horti/Agri/C&R D/Forest	Veg, strawbery, floriculture, IJD, Green House, etc.	
Sub-Total		6392375			182400
		105000	Agri	Vermicompost	
		135000	Fishery	Fish Ponds	
South Garo Hills		305000	Horti	Vermicompost, cashewnut	
		49000	C&RD	Rice Mill, Rd. Const.	
Sub-Total		594000			0
Total		7231375			182400
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Need to capture details in respect of community contribution

SHG Financial Status

Dist	No. of SHGs	SHGs with Bank A/c	Savings Amt.	Group Contributi on amt.	SHGs Other Internal sources of fund	SHG External Sources of fund	Corpus Amt	Cash at Bank	Cash at Hand
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 (4+6+7)	9	10
JH	112	40	291482	86265	28886	117615	437983	101725	143600
EKH	182	107	1023672	117050	81715	585481	1690868	330007	214488
RB	201	76	739220	28028	116433	548554	1404207	205557	223550
EGH	231	201	964999	160035	184878	1719317	2869194	1128375	287120
SGH	169	105	727049	63968	31302	384548	1142899	469539	148133
Total	895	529	3746422	455346	443213	3355515	6255684	2235203	1016891

SHGs Fund management to be addressed

SHGs Promotion Action Plan '08-'09

Dist	Target	Acht as on Mar	Balance		Target for Next Nine Months					Target for N			
Dist Target	608	Dalalice	Ap	Ma	Jun	Jul	Au	Sep	Oct	No	Dec		
ЈН	636	112	524	58	58	59	59	58	58	58	58	58	
EKH	610	182	428	48	48	48	48	48	47	47	47	47	
RB	359	201	158	23	23	23	23	22	23	21			
EGH	372	231	141	20	20	20	20	20	21	20			
SGH	315	169	146	21	21	21	21	21	21	20			
Total	2292	895	1397	170	170	171	171	169	170	166	105	105	

For 2 (JH& EKH) Districts special strategy worked out

Facilitation through FNGOs

- <u>11 FNGOs</u> engaged to service 15 Blocks
- Selected F-NGOs involved in project sensitization, community mobilization and PRA exercises and mobilizing communities towards group formation.
- Total of <u>105 trainings</u> and <u>exposure visits</u> organized
- 94 Village Level Groups Promoters engaged & trained in 5 Districts
- Total of <u>15 RNGOs</u> engaged so far
- 15 Block Level Resource Centres (BLRCs) set up in all 5 districts
- FNGOs/ staffs turnover Enhance VLGPs, possible support fund increase, identify CRPs
- Strengthen BLRCs

Gender Initiatives

- Gender sensitization and training team (GSTT) instituted for further mobilising women SHGs and supports identification of women's Drudgery Interventions
- Gender trainings undertaken in 4 Districts (DMU & FNGOs & VLGPs)
- GST assisting in highlighting entitlements like Mid-Day Meal, PDS, ICDS, NREGA, NOAPS, NMBS, JSY, NFBS, Community Health etc. as mobilizing strategy
- Beneficiaries trained in gender related issues
 - 67 trainings (1883 participants 844 Male, 1039 female); 34 villages covered so far
- Interventions to reduce women's drudgery
 - Rice Mills EGH (Time saved from 1 day milling 40 kgs to 20 min for 40 Kgs) per month return Rs. 36,000)
 - Working shed for women stone cutters EGH
 - 4 Mechanized Spinning machine distributed to 2 SHGs and members trained RB
 - □ Washing place, sanitation complex,
 - $\Box \quad Creche EKH \& RB$
 - Convergence with Rajiv Gandhi Creche Programme for 7 SHGs

Community Health

- Rationale:
 - Health expressed as an urgent need during PRA
 - Interventions on health will mean SHG savings not diverted for meeting medical expenses
 - Better Health will translate into better ability/opportunity for beneficiaries to be involved in Livelihood related activities and less loss of man days as a result of ill health
- 111 Bare Foot Health Workers BFHW in 3 districts trained.
- Kit that includes one months supply of medicines provided by project.
- Medicines sold at cost price ensures sustainability of the initiative.
- Total of 9 rounds of medicines procured
- Over Rs. 34,000/- generated from sales of medicines
- Over 265 patients treated over in one District
- Convergence with District Malaria Office in East Garo Hills (7000 nets/ 14 packets malaria rapid testing kits worth Rs 6250/- each)
- Convergence with NRHM underway

Linkages & Convergence

- District Unit (Jaintia Hills) to prepare 5 yrs perspective plan under NREGA
- Total Sanitation Programme PHE DMU- EGH SHGs involved in channelization and implementation.
- National Rajiv Gandhi Creche programme
- Convergence with District Malaria Office in East Garo Hills Supply of Mosquito Nets, RDKs, etc
- Vermi-compost, Cashewnut Plantation Horticulture
- Sericulture Cluster formation, technical assistance RB Sericulture Deptt
- Fish Ponds (Fishery Deptt.)- South Garo Hills
- Voluntary Action Fund from Planning Deptt
- Project actively working with NABARD to identify feasible areas where programmes and schemes provided by NABARD could be accessed by the Project (MRDS as SHPI; Leveraging technology development fund; sending innovative proposals in pipeline)
- NABARD Jaintia Hills
- Irrigation Project with Agri Deptt in Ri Bhoi Water User Group formed

Convergence Initiatives in Livelihood

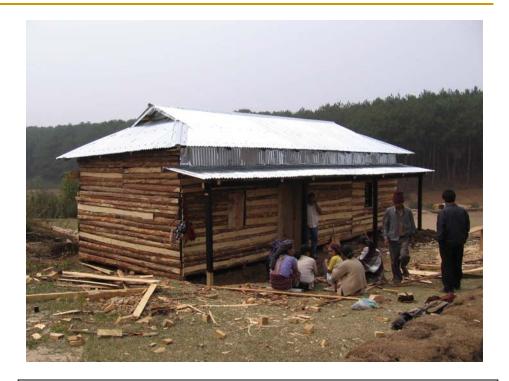
- Convergence: Strawberry cultivation
 - □ 1 acre involving 4 SHGs land preparation, fencing
 - Line Deptt Technical inputs (drip irrigation, nursery raising)
 - □ First harvest 50,000 INR in SHG account
 - Upscaling and market linkage
- SHG Federation in Turmeric Niche product (Lakadong)
 - 16 SHGs from 4 villages Land worth 5 lakhs (5 acres) donated by village dorbar
 - Multi purpose Processing Plant for slicing, drying and grinding
 - □ Value addition Pre 55 INR/kg to 80 INR/kg powdered
 - District Level Committee for dovetailing initiative for value chain of turmeric
 - □ Market link with India Post, Private sector initiated



Exposure visit



Federation members



Packing and processing of Turmeric Plant





Component 2: Livelihood Enhancement & Development Agriculture

Туре	Units	Beneficiaries trained			
		Male	Female	Total	
System of Rice Intensification (SRI)	4	25	28	53	
Different aspects of agriculture – high yielding variety of paddy, kharif crops etc,	18	116	93	209	
Scientific cultivation of color capsicum.	1		20	20	
One square meter kitchen garden	2	25	33	58	
"TRELLIS" mode of homestead farming	22	97	84	181	
Integrated Agriculture (Training)	1	4	3	7	
Inter-cropping maize with turmeric	1	48	33	81	
Integrated Farming & Entrepreneurship Development (Training)	1	8		8	
Total	50	323	294	617	

Component 2: Livelihood Enhancement & Development Horticulture

Type	Units	Beneficiaries trained			
		Male	Female	Total	
Seasonal vegetable cultivation	7	42	120	162	
Construction of green house for off-season vegetable cultivation	4	116	93	209	
Vermi-compost	2		180		
Banana cultivation	1	130		310	
Organic pineapple	1				
Strawberry Cultivation	1	5	7	12	
Floriculture	1				
Cultivation & processing of Lakadong Turmeric (SHG Federation - Group of 16 SHGs)	1	2	74	76	
	18	295	474	769	

Component 2: Livelihood Enhancement & Development Livestock & Aquaculture

Туре	Units	Beneficiaries trained			
		Male	Female	Total	
Bokashi method of pig rearing	5	27	97	124	
Cross breeding of cows for increase in milk production	1	15		15	
Pig rearing.	2	39	20	59	
Poultry farming (Kroiler)	3	104	126	230	
"Livestock Management Entrepreneurship Development (Training)	1	5		5	
Pisciculture	2		12	12	
Total	14	190	255	445	

Component 2: Livelihood Enhancement & Development Forestry Development

Туре	Units	Beneficiaries Trained		
		Male	Female	Total
Tree plantation in village forest to ensure regular supply of potable water	1	-	_	-
Sustainable harvest of NTFP resources (Muga plantation & Eri Rearing)	25	101	108	209
Sustainable harvest of bamboo & Scientific management of bamboo groves	1	30	10	40
Integrated Jhum Development	1	8	37	45
Total	28	139	155	294

Component 2: Livelihood Enhancement & Development Soil and Water Resources

Туре	Units	Beneficiaries trained		
	1	Male	Female	Total
Water Harvest Storage cum Fishery Pond	1			
Organic composting	1	6	43	49
Repairing of water tanks to make potable drinking water available in the poor household & Reduction of women's drudgery	4			
Irrigation Project	1	7	5	12
Rain Harvesting Tank	1			
Total	8	13	48	61

Funds received (INR)

Funds received	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Cumulative
GoM	2,23,11,634	Nil	6,70,00,000	10,67,00,000	19,60,11,634
Beneficiaries	_	_	_	1,98,325	1,98,325
FIs	_	_	_	22,05,842	22,05,842
Project Total	2,23,11,634	Nil	6,70,00,000	10,91,04,167	19,84,15,801
* Convergence	_	_	_	72,31,375	72,31,375
Grand Total	2,23,11,634	Nil	6,70,00,000	22,54,39,709	40,40,62,977
IFAD Reimbursement	1,55,000	1,26,05,000	2,23,52,000	2,69,22,000 (upto Dec '07)	6,20,34,000

* Health, Planning, PWD, Horticulture, Sericulture, Agriculture, PHE, C & RD

Funds Utilized (INR)

Funds Utilized	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	Cumulative
Component 1		2,11,234	75,58,501	1,63,46,274	2,41,16,009
Component 2		Nil	Nil	16,90,071	16,90,071
Component 3		Nil	1,65,089	24,99,319	26,64,408
Component 4	1,82,061	1,46,39,932	1,80,11,241	2,10,67,201	5,39,00,435
Total	1,82,061	1,48,51,166	2,57,34,831	4,16,02,865	8,23,70,923

Financial Utilization Achievements

	Year	Cumulative Utilisation	
Project Components [in INR]	%age of AWPB 2007-08 (2006-07)		
Empowerment & Capacity Building of Community & Support Organization	1.63 Cr - 42.56 % (0.76 Cr - 24.35%)	31.75%	
Livelihood Enhancement & Development	0.17 Cr – 20 % (Nil - 0%)	3.16 %	
Livelihood Support System Development	0.26 Cr - 10.5 % (0.0042 Cr - 0.03%)	1.02%	
Project Management	2.10 Cr – 58.5 % (1.81 Cr - 61.48%)	14.7 %	
Total	4.16 Cr – 39 % (2.57 Cr – 11%)	8.23 4.78 %	

Rural Finance, SVCC, Livelihood enhancement, SHG mobilization & support organization to be upscaled, multi pronged strategy to be adopted

Policy Changes & Advocacy

- State Coordinator for SHG: <u>www.megselfhelp.gov.in</u>; Directory of SHGs; "Megh Self Help" newsletter
- Partnering towards entitlements and access of services for poor: Letter from Chief Secretary to NGOs.
- Inclusion of Project villages under the Government's normal plan provisions -Convergence Directive issued by Chief Secretary to all Heads of Line Departments from Planning Deptt.
- Project actively working with NABARD to identify feasible areas where programmes and schemes provided by NABARD could be accessed by the Project (MRDS as SHPI; Leveraging technology development fund; sending innovative proposals in pipeline)
- Rainwater Harvesting Mission launched in State with SHG as main players
- Voluntary Action Fund of State (Rs. 50 Lakh annually)- SHGs entitled to apply

Implementation issues

- Further impetus in Convergence efforts with Line Departments to ensure sustainability of Project Intervention & up-scaling
- Greater focus in SHG-Bank Linkage (credit linkage) and focus rural finance, Other financial services and Technological backup action plan to be prepared
- Defining exact role of SVCC in NE context Possible start up as MFI; partnering with SHG FEDs and Cooperative FEDs
- Steps to ensure acceptance and sustainability of enterprise demonstrations initiated
- IFAD hand holding and advocacy technology, micro-finance and micro-enterprise, Knowledge Management; two-way communication for analysis and way ahead
- □ IFAD addressing developmental issue in specific NE context and model
- □ FNGOs additional support & strengthening
- □ Full-fledged Manager on Knowledge & Resource Management
- □ Further streamlining MIS
- □ Addressing women participation
- Strengthening bottom up planning

WAY FORWARD

SHG MOBILIZATION

- Additional FNGOs
- Additional number of VLGPs and more incentives for all VLGPs.
- Good SHGs to promote new SHGs
- SHG and Village plan

SERVICE CENTRES AT DISTRICT HQs

- Resource / Credit Counseling Centre
- Technology Centre.
- Programmes & Knowledge Centre

RURAL FINANCE

- MFI creation or Partnership
- Networking with PACs & SHG-Federations
- RNGOs Networking for Credit support

MONITORING & EVALUATION

MIS and software to be developed

SVCC

- CEO & 2 senior staff likely to join by June 2008
- *SVCC likely to be registered by July 2008*
- All core staff to be in place by October 2008

ADVOCACYY & FACILITATION

•Food Security, entitlements, information and Access to plans and programmes