

## **Proceedings of the Farm Livelihoods quarterly progress review of 2017-18 and planning of 2018-19 of North-Eastern States at NIRDRC Guwahati from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**

The farm livelihoods quarterly progress review meeting for the financial year 2017-18 and planning for FY 2018-19 was held at NIRDRC Guwahati from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018. SPM-Livelihoods/Livelihood team members of Eight States, representative of Regional council of NCOF and representative from Clean Energy Access Network have attended the meeting. List of participants is attached as Annexure. Followings are the details on the presentation made by the States/ UTs, discussion and key decision points where SRLMs need to take action.

### **B. Farm Livelihoods Outreach under MKSP till March, 2018 (as presented by SRLMs):**

S r.	State	Type of project	District		Block		Village		Mahila Kishan	
			Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
1	Assam	MKSP - PIA	7	7	14	14	140	140	14000	14549
2	Assam	MKSP - AAP	4	0	6	0	250	0	12500	0
3	Mizoram	MKSP - AAP	2	2	4	4	72	72	5000	2000
4	Meghalaya	MKSP - AAP	3	3	4	4	40	16	4000	1600
5	Nagaland	MKSP - AAP	9	0	9	0	132	0	7500	0
			<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>43000</b>	<b>18149</b>

- Value Chain Development project in Assam: 1361 SHG households covered in Hill Broom and 819 SHG households in Maize value chain

### **B. Important common action points discussed during the meeting**

- All the SRLMs must focus on initiating Farm Livelihoods interventions in all the intensive Blocks in next two years.
- Dedicated farm Livelihoods staff must be deployed by all the states at Block level and State level as per the advisory shared by MoRD. (Livelihoods implementation advisory – 11062/01/2015/NRLM dated 29/12/2015).
- States must take judicious approach while partnering with different organizations as DAY-NRLM's non-negotiables must be maintained and should adhere to all the guidelines and advisories issued by DAY NRLM.
- Communities may be provided exposure visit to the various agriculture tools and machineries. While deciding the list of tools for CHCs, the requirement list should be generated from the community only.

- States must focus to promote and build efficiencies in existing livelihoods practices instead of introducing completely new practice for the community. The focus would be to strengthen existing livelihoods.
- States must keep close observation on livestock interventions and training by the partnering agencies and regular monitoring need to be done. Indigenous varieties must be prioritized by the NRLM projects.
- States must share the prepared evaluation studies, reports, knowledge products with NMMU team on a regular basis.
- All the states need to explore the local herbs which can be used in composting and concoction preparation. States need to do field research for local replacement of neem, cow dung etc wherever they are not available.
- All States may strongly take up creation of individual and community assets in convergence with MGNREGS (animal sheds, water conservation structure, compost, rural haats etc).
- Each SRLM should take up a monthly review and planning exercise with their farm livelihoods team including block team.
- **Development of organic village clusters –**
  - The States should initiate partnership with Regional Councils for organic farming initiative
  - The States Should initiate convergence with PKVY for roll-out of organic village clusters
- **MIS**
  - All Mahila Kisan profiles should be entered into the Farm Livelihoods MIS.

### **C. State Specific Issues that need attention:**

#### **Mizoram:**

- MzSRLM has taken up collaboration with NEIDA and PIGFED for support in piggery intervention. State should ensure due diligence before any such collaborate with other programs or agencies so that NRLM non-negotiables are maintained.
- PIGFED is providing training to CRPs/SHG members. But MzSRLM already have Pool of State Resource Person (SRP) livestock who had been trained by the National Resource Persons (NRP). NMMU may look into the training materials being used by PIGFED and NEIDA.
- MzSRLM should not provide any individual subsidy to any Mahila Kisan/SHG member.
- Number of Kitchen Garden is very less compared to total SHG members to be covered under farm livelihoods. Each household should have a nutrition garden in her backyard. There should not be any individual subsidy for kitchen garden promotion.

- State need to look into the convergence plan with MGNREGA.
- State need to do proper value chain study, market analysis and assess the viability of the business before taking up producer groups formation.

### **Meghalaya:**

- Meghalaya SRLM has received one MKSP AAP approval. Dedicated livelihoods staffs for the project as per EC approval are not in place. State must ensure dedicated livelihoods staff for the MKSP project immediately.
- State Resource Person (SRP) have received training from NRPs last year. But SRP to CRP thematic trainings have not yet started. Delay in these CRPs training causes information loss from the SRPs. State may write to NMMU for NRP support during initial CRP trainings. Rounds of module based thematic CRP training must be rolled out immediately.
- State LH need to maintain the prepared timeline for roll out of the livelihood interventions in the state. Block teams have already missed the Kharif season crop intervention opportunities.
- MSRLM has planned to work with total 8720 SHG members (7120 under SRLM AAP and 1600 under MKSP AAP) in 2018-19. With this existing livelihoods staff strength and roll out timeliness the state has to make a plan to achieve the target.
- Livelihoods asset creation in convergence with MGNREGA, the planned asset creation numbers are minimal and need to be relooked. Similarly almost all the Mahila Kishans must be trained and facilitated to adopt kitchen garden models.
- State must organize a meeting within LH team along with MGNREGA team to decide the roll out strategy till the village level. There is scope of improvement in the models that had been already created by MGNREGA (poultry shed, pig stay). More effective and cost-efficient models have already been practices in the state and can be adopted.

### **Nagaland:**

1. State must prepare a comprehensive timeline to implement the MKSP AAP and stick to the timeline.
2. Planned farm livelihoods interventions must be an exhaustive list of interventions.
3. Block team must start repetitive module based thematic CRP training immediately.
4. Special focus should be given in asset creation in convergence with MGNREGA.
5. LH team need to prepare a detail training calendar for CRPs and MKs urgently and roll out the program.
6. Preparation on DPR, inception report and baseline study need to be completed timely.
7. State has plan to work with 10000 women farmers in 18-19 including MKSP AAP and SRLM AAP.

- This is a very high target and state need to prepare a complete road map to achieve the same.

#### **Arunachal Pradesh:**

1. Arunachal SRLM has taken a good step to bring dedicated livelihoods staff on board. Module based training of the existing and new staffs may be planned.
2. Scope of market linkage of the local produce of Arunachal need to be explored.
3. Arunachal Pradesh may submit the MKSP AAP proposal developed with the support of the NRPs
4. ArSRLM may identify exposure visit sites within the State for agriculture, livestock and organic farming.

#### **Manipur:**

1. Manipur is planning to create BRT for livelihoods. It is suggested that state may create SRP pool and they can directly train the livelihoods CRPs. Creation of another level or resource person may cause transmission loss of the training module.
2. SRLM is planning to do farm livelihoods study with the help of Non-farm livelihoods PIA. SRLM may ensure that domain experts are engaged for such work. SRLM team may discuss with NMMU about identification process of resource persons or NRPs.
3. Scope of intervention in the state need to be identified and an exhausted list of interventions need to be prepared.
4. Manipur is yet to take Block livelihood steam in place. This is a major concern for program roll out. State must take dedicated staffs for livelihoods on board immediately.
5. As presented, Manipur SRLM has prepared some books on livelihoods with support from external resource persons. Content of the books may be shared with the NMMU. State must ensure that the content of the book in aligned with NRLM principle.
6. There are many discrepancy in the PPT data compared to the approved SRLM AAP 18-19. State must recheck the data consistency.

#### **Sikkim:**

1. SRLM need to work on SRLM AAP output framework as the number of women farmers to be intervened is not properly planned.
2. Custom hiring center should be set up at village level so that SHG members can easily access the tools. Block level CHC may not be effective at all.
3. Krishi Sakhi and Pashu Sakhi must be deployed at village level. They will provide the last mile service and handholding training to the Mahila Kishans.

4. State is organizing farm livelihoods training from RSETI. This policy need to be relooked. SRLM must ensure that principles of NRLM is sustained. SRLM may discuss with NMMU in detail about the training architecture.

**Tripura:**

1. TSRLM is partnering with GOAT Trust. SRLM must ensure that principle of NRLM must be adhered (use of antibiotics by the Pashu sakhi).
2. Many of the activities taken up by the SRLM are PoP based or crop based interventions. LH team should focus on whole bucket of agro-ecological practices. All the aspect of soil, seed, water, plant protection need to be intervened.
3. State must take dedicated livelihoods staff on board immediately at State and Block level as per advisory.

**Assam:**

1. MKSP project of NGO partner (NEDC) must be monitored by the state and regular report need to be sent to MoRD. There was no update presented during the review.
2. There is no concrete plan to roll out sanctioned MKSP AAP by the state. This is a two year old project and yet to be grounded effectively.
3. As presented, SRLM has deployed krishi sakhi and pashu sakhi at village level. But capacity building, engagement of CRPs are not clear. There must be a comprehensive CRP engagement policy for the state.
4. Specific farm livelihoods interventions (agro –ecological practices) are not well planned. A holistic intervention plan must be prepared and adoption should be followed up and monitored.

**Feedback/comments from the States Missions:**

1. Sikkim SRLM needs immediate support from NMMU to strategies and roll out farm livelihoods interventions.
2. Manipur asked for capacity building of the staffs on farm livelihoods.
3. States like Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur requested for thematic SRP training.
4. Advisory on Pashu Sakhi engagement policy and Custom Hiring Center set up are required immediately, as presented by states.

## Annexure

<b>Farm Livelihoods Review And Planning Workshop</b>					
<b>Date: 28th May- 30th May, 2018</b>					
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