

Minutes of the Farm Livelihoods review and planning for FY 2017-18 meeting held at NIRD-NERC, Guwahati from 14th to 16th June, 2017

DAY-NRLM farm livelihoods review of FY 2016-17 and planning for FY 2017-18 meeting was held at NIRD-NERC, Guwahati from 14th to 16th June, 2017 with seven North Eastern States. Representatives of the seven N-E SRLMs and two MKSP Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) of Assam, National Resource Persons (NRP) and representative of 'Kabil', NGO working in North Eastern India, attended the meeting. The meeting focused the review of farm livelihoods progress and preparatory work of the respective States and the planning of the livelihoods interventions in FY 17-18. SRLMs presented respective livelihoods roll out plan under SRLM AAP for 17-18. Session on DAY-NRLM Farm Livelihoods MIS was one of the most important topic in the review meeting.

Few major points of discussions follows:

- 1.1 Vast area of North East is under Jhum cultivation. In that regard, Jhum cultivation need to be studied and policy and protocol may be prepared on Jhum at DAY-NRLM level.
- 1.2 In case of Jhum cultivation, cultivated area changes frequently, so to capture that some alternatives may be included in MIS for Jhum.
- 1.3 Few areas of NE have low density of cattle. For seed treatment and other uses of sustainable agriculture some alternative of cow urine and cow dung may be explored.
- 1.4 Exploration need to be done if pig dung can be used as compost.
- 1.5 A study needs to be conducted on lease land practice in different states of NE. LH NRPs may be involved for this activities.
- 1.6 Suitable model of kitchen garden/ nutrition garden need to be explored for NE states.
- 1.7 Scope of palm oil in NE need to be explored.
- 1.8 NE SRLMs may communicate with NMMU LH team for NRP support. NMMU will depute LH NRPs as per requirement and domain expertise to support the states.
- 1.9 Village level livelihoods planning need to done in the intervened villages. NRPs' support may be taken in the process initially to understand the process.
- 1.10 Agriculture interventions must be based on NPM.
- 1.11 During first year of intervention all SRLMs must document best practices so that it can be easily replicated in subsequent seasons.
- 1.12 All LH CRPs should be tested and graded.
- 1.13 A village profiling template and entry situational activities need to be prepared. NRP's support may be taken for this purpose.
- 1.14 Value chain studies may be taken up with the major commodities listed in the 5-10 commodities data. The State may write to NMMU to depute NRPs to conduct these value chain studies.

1.15 MIS – fields to be added in the MIS to incorporate agriculture and livestock activities specific to the NE.

State specific discussion:

Nagaland:

- 2.1 Staffs with Agriculture and veterinary educational background are on board and posted at block level.
- 2.2 'Kabil' an NGO is doing scoping study in Nagaland and it is under process.
- 2.3 Nagaland SRLM must focus on livelihoods asset creation (pig sty, animal shed etc) in convergence with MGNREGA.
- 2.4 SRLM must enter in all resource and intensive blocks with SA and Livestock interventions.
- 2.5 SRLM must roll out 'Pashu Sakhi' (Livestock CRP) as there is higher population of livestock and extension service is required.
- 2.6 NSRLM has partnered with NSO PRADAN and NEDA for support. SRLM may decide action plan with NEDA to prepare a comprehensive livelihoods plan and replicated the same in the whole state.
- 2.7 Nagaland is planning to organize a consultative workshop. It is suggested that Livelihoods NRPs to be invited through NMMU to provide support.

Tripura:

- 3.1 TSRLM should focus on more asset creation in convergence with MGNREGA.
- 3.2 SA intervention may be planned with a higher target.
- 3.3 Livelihoods planning must focus on household level rather than SHG level.
- 3.4 TSRLM need to plan for more number of Custom Hiring Centers.
- 3.5 Dedicated HR for farm livelihoods must be on board immediately,
- 2.8 The State may explore developing value chain interventions for vegetables. The State may write to NMMU to depute NRPs to conduct value chain studies for the same.

Sikkim:

- 4.1 Sikkim has recruited new staffs for livelihoods. Few of them are from Agriculture and Veterinary background. These staffs must receive SRP training.

Meghalaya:

- 5.1 Requirement of micro-irrigation need to be explored and work need to be done in convergence with MGNREGA.

- 5.2 Meghalaya is a very important state in respect to bio-diversity. SRLM should be cautious before procuring external variety of chicks.
- 5.3 Local indigenous varieties may be promoted more.
- 5.4 During the initial years more focus should be on quality work so that it can be replicated later on.
- 5.5 Few best sustainable practices and successful models need to be grounded and documents.
- 5.6 Enterprise model of pig breeding center may be set with the support from livelihoods experts. SHG members may be run the enterprise.
- 5.7 The State may identify few commodities to take up value chain studies to determine the potential for value addition and market linkage opportunities.

Arunachal Pradesh:

- 6.1 Small watershed work need to be started immediately.
- 6.2 Best locally successful model need to be documents well.
- 6.3 Locally successful model need to be replicated.
- 6.4 Livelihoods staffs must take SRP training on Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock.
- 6.5 The State may identify few commodities such as cardamom, chillies, ginger, passion fruit, kiwi for developing market linkage interventions.

Mizoram:

- 7.1 SRLM has signed MOU with NEDA
- 7.2 18 member livelihoods team is on board in Mizoram.
- 7.3 MzSRLM must plan SRP training immediately.
- 7.4 Pig Stay, banding etc should be focused in convergence activities with MGNREGA.
- 7.5 Both SA and livestock interventions should be promoted in the same household for substantial incremental income.
- 7.6 Under approved MKSP AAP, project may be initiated with CRPs. Para-professionals may be deployed at the later stage depending on performance or other parameters.
- 7.7 The State may take value chain studies to identify potential commodities for value addition and market linkage.
- 7.8 The State should enter all Mahila Kisan profiles, CRP and SRP profiles into the Livelihoods MIS

Manipur:

- 8.1. SRLM need to take farm livelihoods team on board urgently.
- 8.2. SRLM should prepare one MKSP AAP

Suggestions and Feedback from the participants:

- 9.1. SRLMs should initiate livelihoods interventions immediately required preparatory works can be continue simultaneously.
- 9.2 Suggested interventions from present NRPs for North Eastern states are: Pig breeding units, kitchen garden/ nutrition garden universalization, ginger value chain, convergence work with other departments or programs.
- 9.3 Existing best practices should be learnt and documented and replicated in other parts of the state.
- 9.4 More detail presentation may be planned to trigger more thoughts in the process part.
- 9.5 Few suggestions came for value chain interventions for the commodities like: ginger, varieties of chilly, large cardamom, tamarind, kiwi, pineapple
- 9.6 Review and planning meetings for North-Eastern states may be organized well before the agriculture season as cropping calendar in NE is different from rest of the states.

SRLMs shared the areas where they require support:

Mizoram:

- Training of State Resource Persons (SRPs) by National Resource Persons (NRPs).
- Regular visit of NMMU staffs in the project areas.
- Farm Livelihoods Operational Manual is required to stratatise farm livelihoods roll out.

Tripura:

- Training of State Resource Persons (SRPs) by National Resource Persons (NRPs) after September.
- Support in MKSP AAP preparation.
- NMMU team to support for meeting with other departments.

Arunachal Pradesh:

- Training of State Resource Persons (SRPs) by National Resource Persons (NRPs)
- NMMU team to support for meeting with other departments

- Support in market linkage activities

Sikkim:

- Training of State Resource Persons (SRPs) by National Resource Persons (NRPs) and capacity building of LH staffs

Meghalaya:

- Module for SRP to CRP training is required to roll out CRP training.
- Best practices documentation is required.
- NMMU livelihoods team members to attend workshop and meeting on livelihoods at the state.

Manipur:

- NMMU livelihoods staffs to attend convergence workshop at the state.
- Support id required from NMMU for MKSP AAP preparation.

List of Annexure:

Annexure A: List of Participants

Annexure B: Farm Livelihoods planning compilation including HR of the SRLMs under SRLM AAP for 17-18

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meeting
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