



**INDIGENOUS
PARTNERSHIP
FOR AGROBIODIVERSITY
AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**



NO ONE SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND INITIATIVE

Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security

for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India

DECEMBER 2020 UPDATES



SUMMARY

The year 2020 has not been easy for any of us as the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world and had affected everyone tremendously. Despite the challenges, NESFAS and its partner communities, throughout these tough times, continued to strive on delivering all planned work and activities. As we wrapped up 2020's calendar, December saw a flurry of activities and a couple of auspicious events celebrating our journey with the 130 partner communities and Rural Electrification Corporation Foundation (REC) at Khweng community (Ri-Bhoi district) and a commemoration of our local heroes — the community facilitators. An indigenous seed fair was also held in Umsawwar community (East Khasi Hills district) wherein nine communities from nearby areas came together to celebrate and exchange indigenous seeds. NESFAS also published its third podcast episode, a Christmas special, which talks about the collaboration between a Shillong-based confectionery and NESFAS by an indigenous superfood -- Millet -- locally known as



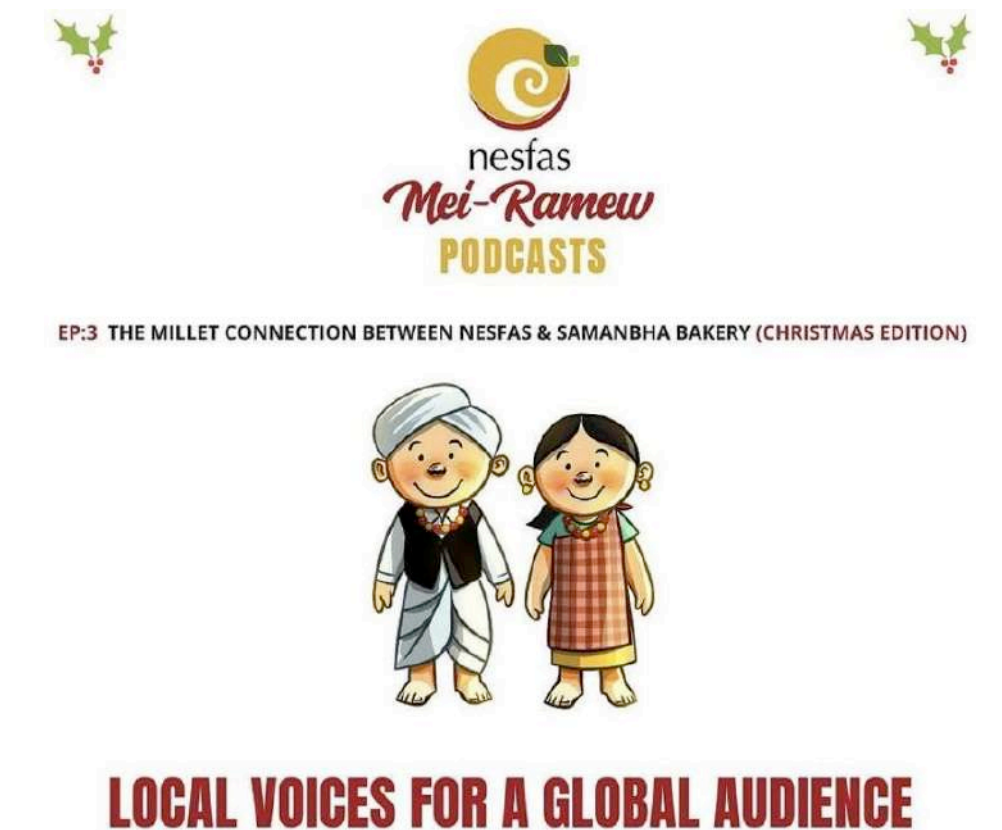
Community facilitators at the NESFAS office, Shillong
December 21, 2020; Photo by R Mawlieh, NESFAS



Locally-made products by Nangkyrsoi Self Help Group displayed
at Khweng community
December 15, 2020; Photo by R Mawlieh, NESFAS



Community feast held in Khweng, Ri-Bhoi district
December 15, 2020; Photo by: B Syiem, PV Fellow



Mei-Ramew Podcast-3rd episode launched in December 2020

BERKELEY COMPOSTING



Pest management at Mulum
December 9, 2020
Photo by SURE



Setting up of
composting
unit at
Nongkhrah
December
4, 2020;
Photo by
SSC

COMMUNITY GARDENS



Community members work on a community garden at Mulum
December 3, 2020; Photo by SURE

SEED DISPLAY



Seed display during a bio-festival held in Thetsumi community
December 15, 2020; Photo by NEN

KITCHEN GARDEN



Sbunti Nongrum's kitchen garden at Nohron community
December 10, 2020; Photo by NESFAS



A community member works on her kitchen garden at Nongpriang
December 21, 2020; Photo by NESFAS

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NUTRITION CAMPAIGN



Nutrition campaign held in Nongwah
December 4, 2020; Photo by NESFAS



Nutrition campaign held at Rongsahep community
December 12, 2020; Photo by A Lyngdoh, PV Fellow, SSC

WASH Campaign in Umsalang community
December 7, 2020; Photo by SURE



WASH CAMPAIGN



WASH Campaign in Nongkhroh
December 16, 2020; Photo by SURE

CLEANING DRIVE



Children take part in a cleaning drive in Nongkhroh
December 12, 2020; Photo by F. Pohleg, SURE



Women clean a water tank in Ksiehrynchang
December 12, 2020; Photo by SURE

CONSUMPTION

FARM ON WHEELS



Farm On Wheels initiative in Mulum
December 15, 2020; Photo by SURE



Farm on Wheels initiative in Khapmaw
December 15, 2020; Photo by NESFAS

PGS FARM DIARY

Ka jingbuh ryntih ia ki jingdie manla ka por.		Ka jingbuh ryntih ia ki jingdie manla ka por.		
Tarik	Kyrteng ki Jhut/ Sch/Ki wei kiwei ki mar	Katno (Tylii/Song/ Khum/Kilo)	Dor 1 wei/ Kg/1 Song/1 Khum	Ka Dor pisa baroh
1. 7.12.20	Tyro	3 kh	Rs 15/-	Rs 45
2. 8.12.20	Phaukaro	30 kg	Rs 30/-	Rs 900
3. 8.12.20	nei	2 kg	Rs 300/-	Rs 600

Farm dairies record by Mawpynthymmai PGS group
December 10, 2020; Photo by B Chyne, NESFAS

MEI-RAMEW WEAVES



Trainees who took part in the Eri Weaves workshop held in Khweng
December 4, 2020; Photo by A Tariang, NESFAS

FOOD PROCESSING & VALUE ADDITION TRAINING



Squash juice made by the trainees during the workshop
December 9, 2020; Photo by R Mawlieh, NESFAS



Trainer Silda Thabah (extreme left) along with Nangkyrsoi SHG members
December 9, 2020; Photo by R Mawlieh, NESFAS

Creating safety rooms for traditional knowledge holders

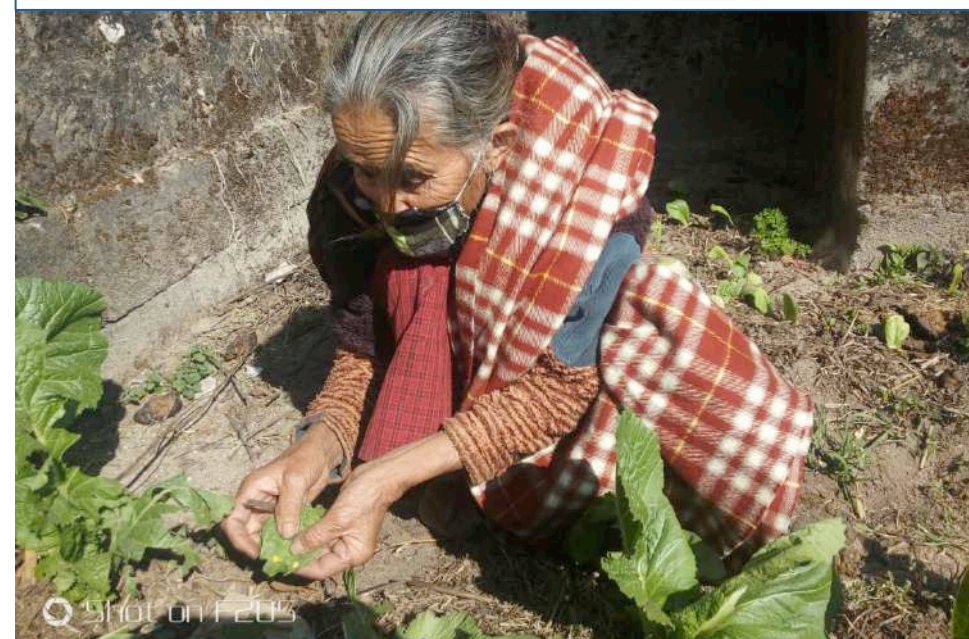
Mrs. P Klein's safety home which is complete in Plasha December, 2020; Photo by S Taro, PV Fellow



Community members of Mawpynthymmai gathering materials for the housing construction. December 9, 2020; Photo by NESFAS



Mrs. Ioril Nongsiej working on her kitchen garden outside the safety home in Mawhiang December, 2020; Photo by I Kharsyntiew, NESFAS



Proposed sketch of the safety home by Ajay Nayak, Consultant NESFAS



Trainings and data analysis: ongoing

Training community members to enter information on the app for monitoring the progress of Dietary Diversity Score.



INNOVATION

COMMUNICATIONS Stories from the Ground

1. [COVID 19-oni Tangrikani: NESFAS Advisor-ni Talatani](#)
2. [Mei-Ramew Cafe inaugurated in Cham Cham \(East Jaintia Hills\)](#)
3. [Eri-Weaves training concludes in Khweng \(Ri-Bhoi District\)](#)
4. [Waste to Wealth: Beekeeper turns organic waste into extra income](#)
5. [NESFAS-REC celebrates journey with 130 communities in Khweng Ri-Bhoi](#)
6. [9 communities showcase indigenous seeds at seed fair in Umsawwar](#)
7. [Bamboo School: Uplifting the livelihoods of local traditional artisans in Darichikgre](#)
8. [Research team represents NESFAS at 2-week global Climate Change webinar](#)
9. [Mukhap community wins indigenous cooking competition](#)
10. [A hopeful indigenous Christmas message from NESFAS chairman](#)



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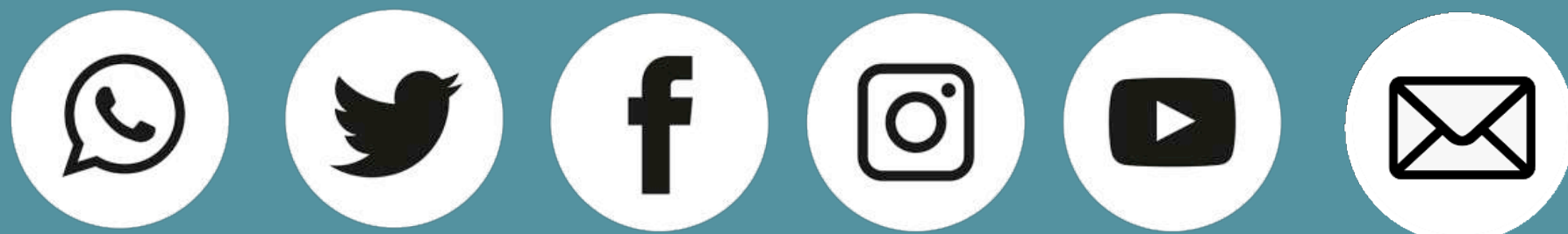
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