

# NO ONE SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND INITIATIVE

Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security  
for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India

## OCTOBER 2020 UPDATES



# SUMMARY

In the month of October, our main focus was on World Food Day, which was celebrated globally on October 16, 2020. Several programmes were held across 27 communities. The highlight of the day was community members embracing the theme of the day - Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together. The activities of the day included drawing competitions for the children; agrobiodiversity walks, cooking competitions where community members were asked to highlight local and chemical-free ingredients and workshops on food sovereignty. On the other hand, we also launched our Grassroots Journalism initiative wherein six identified youths will be trained to document stories from their respective and nearby communities.



Agrobiodiversity Walk held on World Food Day in Madanritiang October 16, 2020; Photo by Naphishisha Nongsiej

## Commemorating World Food Day 2020

### Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together

Community members of Mukhap, West Jaintia Hills took part in an Indigenous Food Cooking Competition organised by NESFAS partner organisation Society for Urban and Rural Empowerment where they highlighted local and indigenous ingredients in their meals.



A platter of food prepared by community members during the Indigenous Cooking Competition in Mukhap October 16, 2020; Photo by: D Bareh, SURE

## PEST MANAGEMENT



Pest management training by Kong Tronila Lynshiang  
October 28, 2020; Photo by Kelamon Suting

## SCHOOL GARDEN



School garden fencing at SSA LP School, Wahshnong Cham Cham  
October 3, 2020; Photo by N Phawa, SURE

## SEED SAVING



Seed Display at the community seed bank in Phor  
October 1, 2020; Photo by Vilazonuo Gloria, NEN

## BERKELEY COMPOSTING



Berkeley compost training held in Nohron  
by the community members  
October 12, 2020; Photo by Jimson Lyting



Workshop on Berkeley Composting held in  
Nongkhrah community  
October 27, 2020; Photo by Judit, SSC



Berkeley compost made by the youth of  
Durakantragre community  
October 20, 2020; Photo by Alfred A Sangma

## ALC MEETING



ALC members of Phor attend a Millet Charter meeting  
October 9, 2020; Photo by Keviselhou, NEN

# NUTRITION CAMPAIGN



Nutritional campaign workshop held in Laitumiong October 15, 2020 Photo by Wannila Khongngaiñ



Nutritional campaign for children held in Nongwah October 9, 2020; Photo by Stialinda Khasain



Nutritional campaign in Iooksi October 22, 2020 Photo by D Sumer, SURE

# WASH CAMPAIGN



WASH Campaign in Nohron October 19, 2020; Photo by Jimson Lyting



Cleaning drive in Umsalang October 2, 2020; Photo by: S Lyngdoh, SURE

# AGROBIODIVERSITY WALK



ABD walk held in Iooksi October 22, 2020; Photo by D Sumer, SURE

# 1000 DAYS CAMPAIGN



1000 Days campaign for pregnant women and lactating mothers at Nongpriang October 22, 2020; Photo by Saralin Suting

CONSUMPTION

## FARM APPRAISAL



Umsawwar PGS groups conduct a peer appraisal of fellow group members  
October 30, 2020; Photo By Kelamon Suting

## BAMBOO CRAFT



Bamboo craft training in Madanritiang  
October 8, 2020; Photo by Naphishisha Nongsiej

## FARM ON WHEELS



Farm on Wheels initiative by PGS farmers of Garo Hills  
October 23, 2020; Photo by Palnangson A Sangma

## MEI-RAMEW CAFE



Inauguration of Mei-Ramew Cafe in Mupyut  
October 30, 2020; Photo by H Lyngdoh, SURE

## MEI-RAMEW WEAVES



Eri Silk production in Khweng post-training by NESFAS  
Date: October 27, 2020  
Photo by A Tariang

Farm on Wheels initiative by PGS farmers of Umsawwar  
October 14, 2020; Photos by Kelamon Suting



## ELDERLY PROJECT

*Creating safety rooms for traditional knowledge holders*

Work in progress



Mrs. Poini Klein's safety home which is almost complete in, Plasha  
Photo by Bilin Ingty



## BEAUTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HALLS

Work has been completed on October 6, 2020 at Khweng, Ri-Bhoi district



Community Hall in Khweng  
October 6, 2020  
Photo by Khraw Wahlang

## TRAINING ON NESFAS NUTRI APP

Trainings and data analysis:  
ongoing



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

1. [Garo Hills communities exchange saplings to increase diversity](#)
2. [Meghalaya's Resilience in the face of COVID-19: The Beekeeper's story](#)
3. [Madanritiang community aims to revive, save old local traditional seeds](#)
4. [Agroecology Pre and Post COVID-19: An opportunity to advance sustainable food systems](#)
5. [NESFAS, partner communities celebrate World Food Day](#)
6. [Infants identify wild edibles, plants on ABD walk in Garo Hills](#)
7. [Nature's Classroom: Children benefit from ABD walks while taking a 'break' from school](#)
8. [NABARD launches sanitation literacy campaign in Moodymmmai](#)
9. [Biodiversity in Indigenous Rice Based Food System of Meghalaya](#)
10. [Mawhiang PGS members launch Pop-Up Food Stall to accompany FOW](#)

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**Mei-Ramew**  
FARM ON WHEELS

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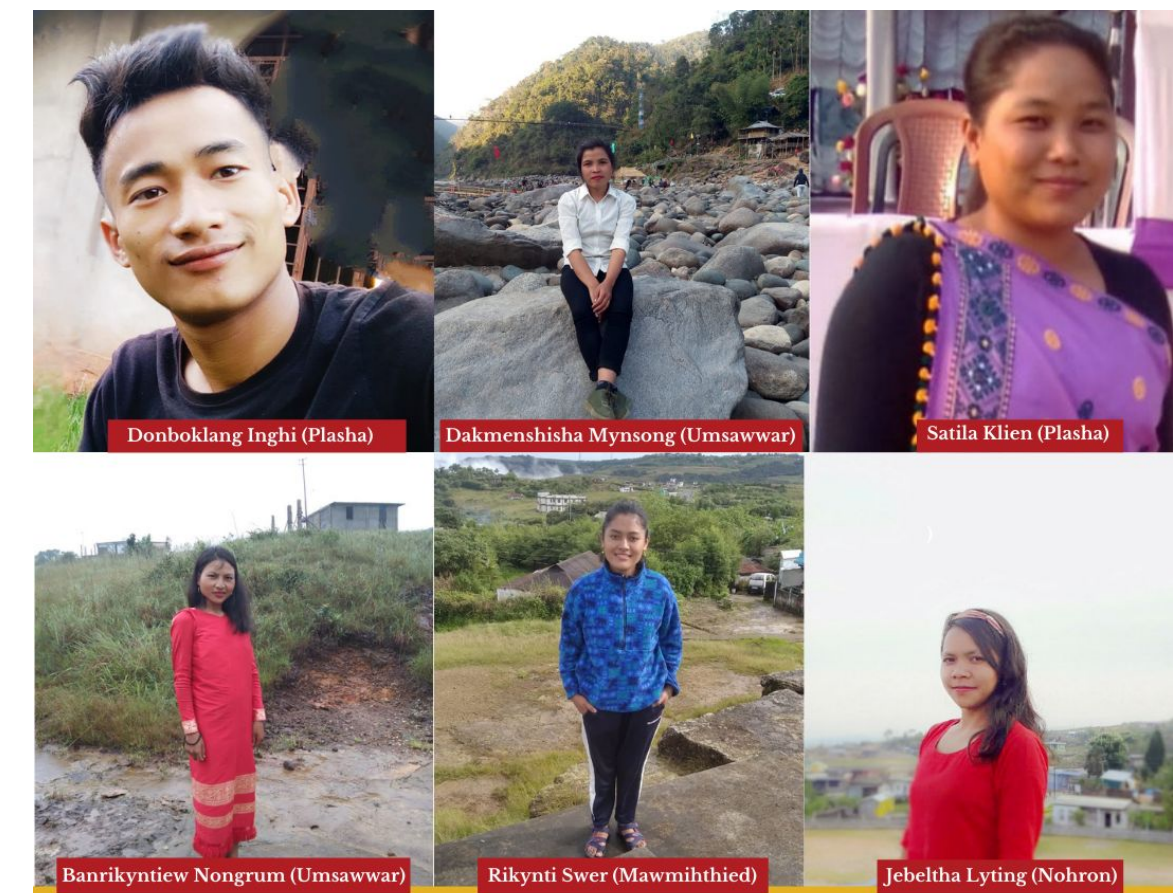
From nature's fields to your doorstep  
Na ka pneh ka Meiramew sha ka khyrdop jong phi..

**Canning S Shabong** ◉  
Farm on Wheels ( Small pickup, mini vans, Tempos, Rickshaw, etc.) will help connect both farmers and consumers for farm fresh produce at reasonable costs. This is a WIN WIN model specially in the context of Covid-19 where people hesitate to step out into the market- With a contact centre (single phone number) and some branding for centralized management and organising producer groups, this could serve as an employment opportunity for entrepreneur too.

**Canning S Shabong** ◉  
Congratulations for making this initiative visible which I am sure will be an eye opener for budding entrepreneur and unemployed youths/farmers to also play the role of a "Food Hero" to help turn the wheels of this farm to plate journey at a time like this.

Comments & remarks on our Farm on Wheels (FOW) initiative by  
**Mr. Canning S Shabong, Assistant Director (Info & IT), Directorate of Agriculture, Govt of Meghalaya**

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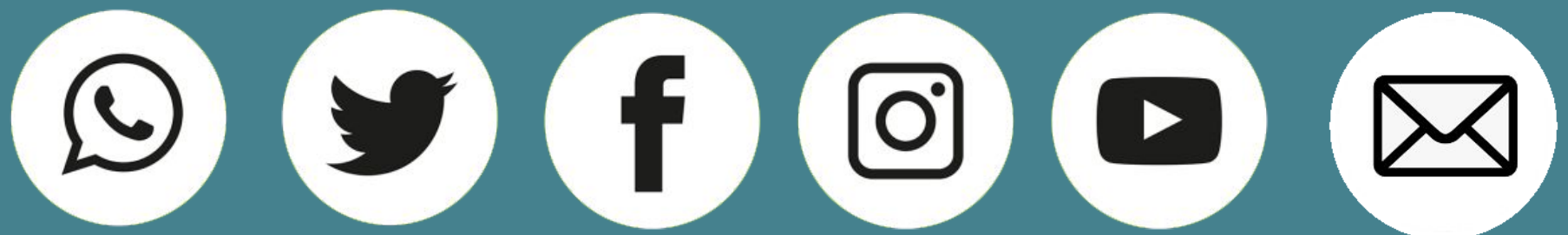


## Grassroots Journalists

The grassroots journalism program is an initiative that NESFAS has undertaken to redefine contemporary journalism at the grassroots level by involving youths from different partner communities. It was launched on October , 2020.

The initiative was launched with the intention to enhance indigenous stories through publication mediums and empower community members voices members from different communities to a global audience.

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