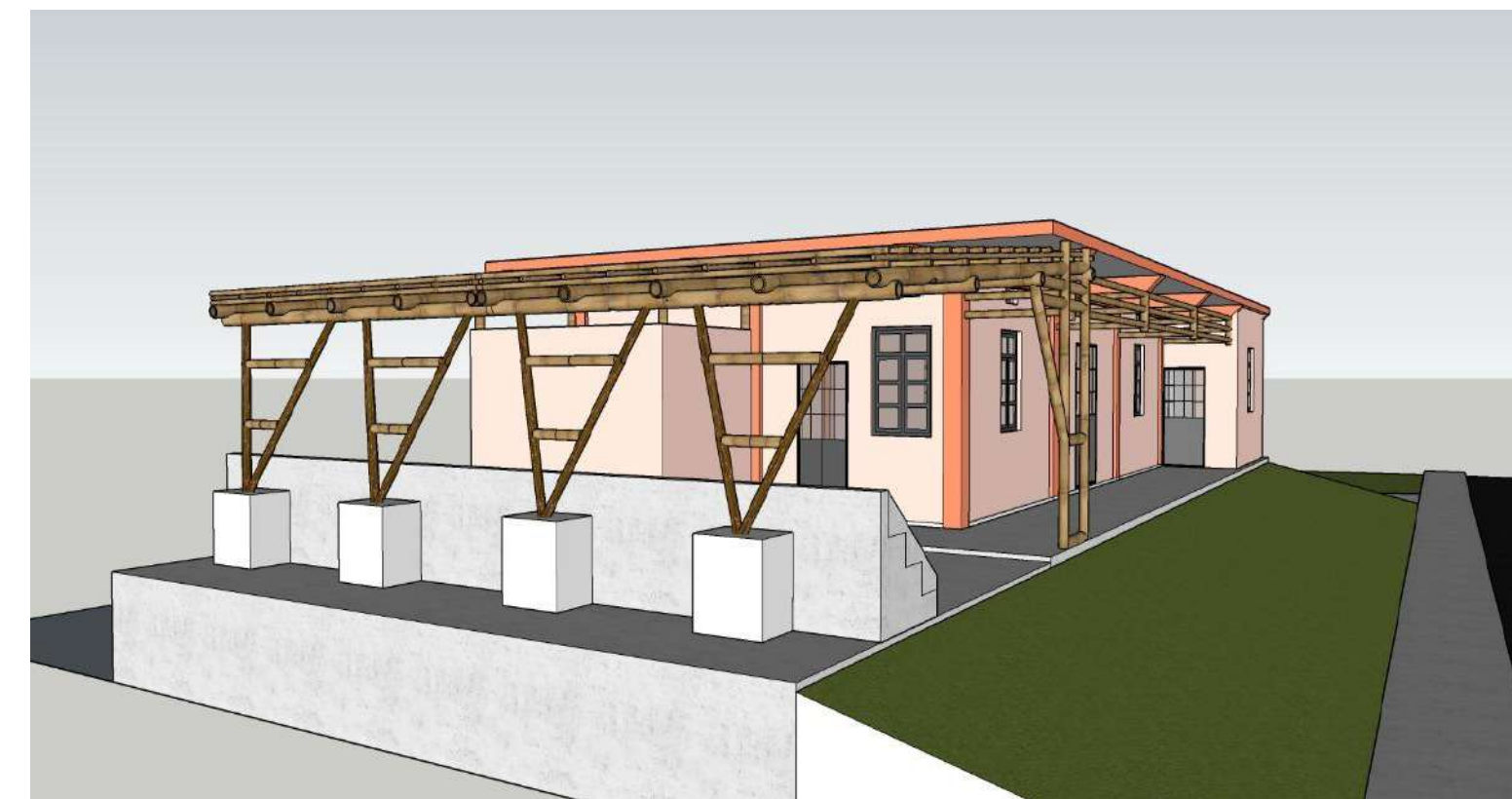




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Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security
for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India

APRIL 2021 UPDATES



SUMMARY

As spring passed, NESFAS geared to take things up a notch by implementing the Indigenous Youth Fellowship Programme. The programme had a total of 25 participants from across Khasi, Jaintia and Garo Hills, armed with the objective to empower youth to have a better understanding on the importance of Indigenous Food Systems, biodiversity and intensifying the existing food crops in their respective villages for food security. The programme was a successful initiative as we are currently witnessing the implementation of various learnings at the ground level.

April marks an important occasion as we celebrated 'Earth Day 2021' themed 'Restore The Earth'. Our communications team developed a 30 seconds AV shared via Social Media reminding everyone about the practices one can adopt in their lives to help contribute to restoring our ecosystem.

We have also seen an increase in the livelihood sector with our partner organisation SURE (Jaintia Hills). Women coming to the fore to engaged in these activities added tremendous value to Indigenous women empowerment in the years to come.

On the innovation front, a majority of the community halls construction work has begun. The progress is promising to elevate community development and provide a safe space for exchange of dialogues and learning.

SCHOOL GARDEN



School Garden land preparation at Bibrage, April 20, 2021; Photo by NESFAS

ALC GARDEN



ALC Garden follow-up Laitsohpliah. April 28, 2021; Photo by NESFAS

NUTRITION CAMPAIGN



As part of the nutritional campaign, an ABD walk was conducted at Mawmihthied. April 24, 2021; Photo by NESFAS



Nutritional campaign at Skhenpyrsit. April 15, 2021; Photo by SURE

FOOD PROCESSING & VALUE ADDITION



Food Processing training at Mynso B. April 17, 2021; Photo by H. Lyngdoh, NESFAS PV Fellow



Food Processing training at Tyrchang. April 4, 2021; Photo by S. Phawa, SURE



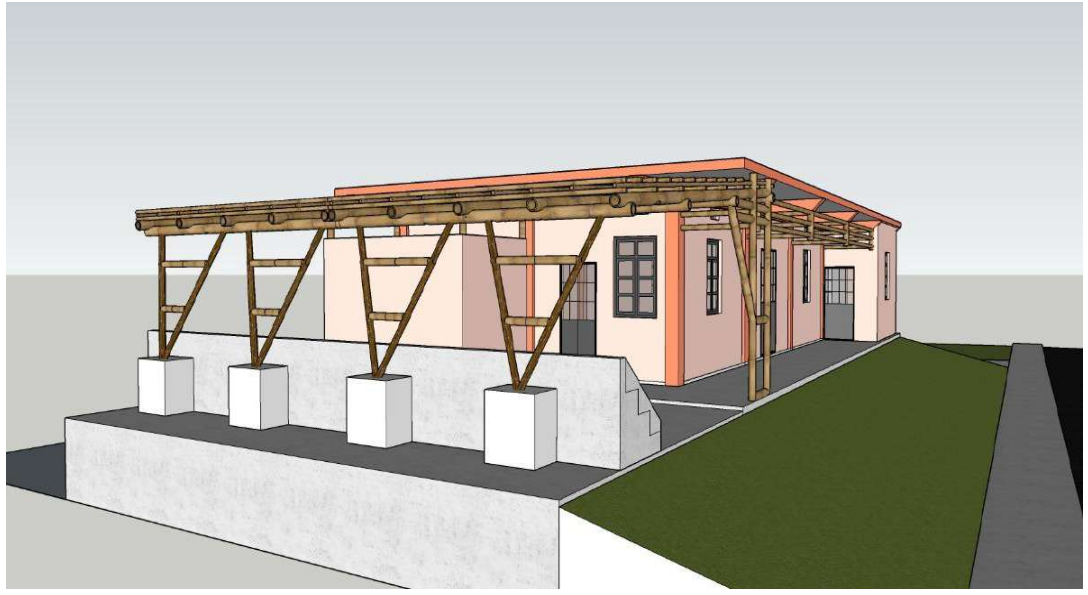
Food Processing training at Nongkroh. April 29, 2021; Photo by H. Lyngdoh, NESFAS PV Fellow

INDIGENOUS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



Indigenous Youth Fellowship Program Inauguration. April 6, 202; Photo by R. Mawlieh, NESFAS

BEAUTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HALLS



Out of 26 community halls, 11 are undergoing construction, the remaining constructions are on hold due to the lockdown. April 2021; Photos by K. Wahlang, NESFAS



DATA COLLECTION

Data analysis and reporting

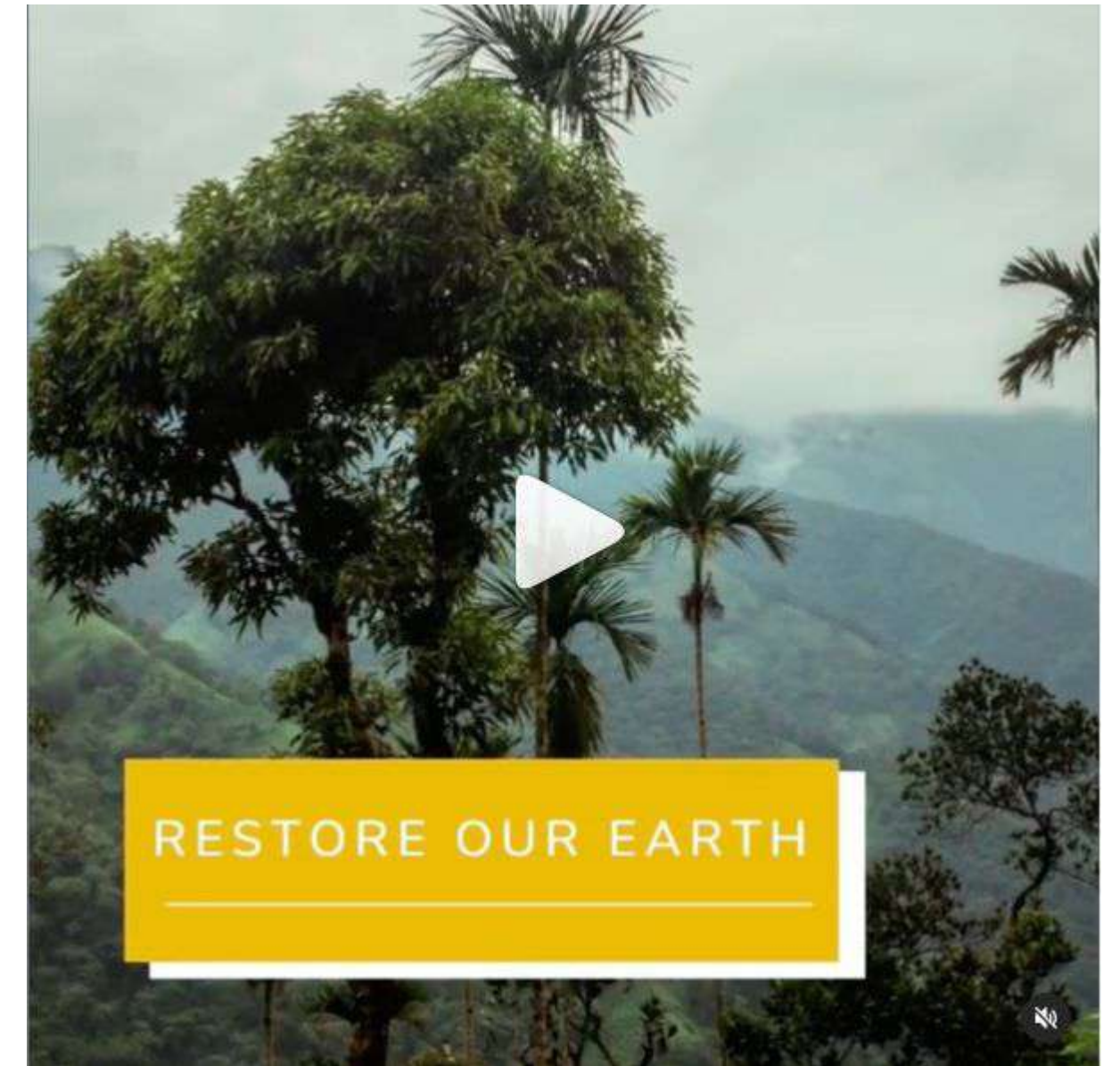


Data Collection for monitoring the progress of Dietary Diversity Score has been completed. Data analysis and reporting is ongoing.

COMMUNICATIONS

Stories from the Ground

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2. [Nongwah farmers motivate PGS groups from _____ across Khasi & Jaintia Hills](#)
3. [NESFAS initiates the Indigenous Youth Fellowship programme to defend local food systems.](#)
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