



# NEWSLETTER

## SUSTAINABLE CATCHMENT FOREST MANAGEMENT (SCATFORM) PROJECT



### MESSAGE FROM CEO & PD

The financial year 2020-2021 has been a year filled with challenges on various accounts. The pandemic, which brought with itself a lot of uncertainty, has also affected individuals and projects, disrupted normal ways of working and caused overall perturbation. However, despite these challenges, I am happy to share that the project has achieved what it had planned to do in the financial year. This has been possible with a great degree of commitment, collaboration and perseverance of all involved in its implementation.

In this edition of the project's newsletter, a summary of project's progress and achievements is being shared with you. Through this newsletter, we will continue to provide you a glimpse into project activities, challenges, good practices and progress.

Through this effort, I hope the readers are able to better understand the project. We would really like to receive your feedback and suggestions on things related to project and about this newsletter.

Wish you happy reading.

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### PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT IN 2020-21

The objective of SCATFORM project is to enhance quality of forest and its management in the targeted catchment, thereby improving forest ecosystem services and meeting the livelihoods needs of forest dependent communities by

ensuring sustainable utilization of forests and, water resources.

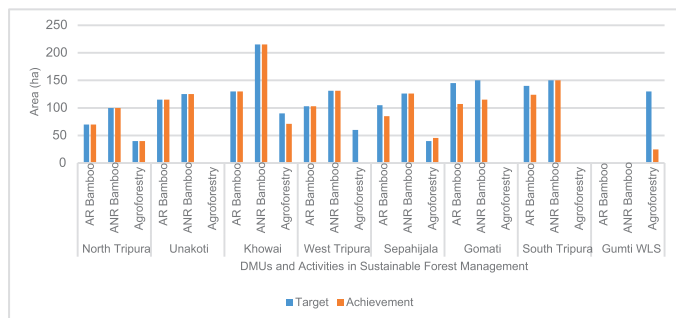
The project has four key components including (1) Sustainable Forest Management, (2) Soil and Moisture Conservation, (3) Livelihood Development, and (4)

Institutional Strengthening and Project Management. The components are further divided into 26 sub components. The following sections are arranged component wise to provide you with a glimpse into the progress made during the financial year 2020-21.

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Last year, three key plantation activities were undertaken in the component of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) i.e. Artificial Regeneration (AR), Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) and Agroforestry plantations. While AR and ANR plantations are undertaken in SFM component, Agroforestry plantations are part of livelihood improvement component.

Figure1 - Plantation under Sustainable Forest Management Component Planned and Achieved in 2020-21



As is evident from the figure above, AR and ANR plantations were undertaken in all the DMUs except for Gumti WLS. In 2020-21, only Bamboo plantations were undertaken in both the plantation models. Overall, 734 ha of plantation (91 percent of the target) in AR model and 962 ha of plantation (96 percent of target) in ANR model were carried out.

In North Tripura, Unakoti, Khowai and West Tripura DMUs, the target for the AR plantations was fully achieved. In Sepahijala, Gomati and South Tripura DMUs, 81 percent, 74 percent and 89 percent of the target was achieved respectively. In ANR plantations, all the DMUs achieved their targets except for Gomati DMU where 77 percent of the target under ANR plantations could be achieved. Gumti WLS did not have any target under AR or ANR plantations.



AR Bamboo Plantation

Agroforestry plantations were planned for 360 ha area in 4 DMUs out of 7 DMUs and in Gumti WLS. Overall, only 50

percent of the target area were covered under the Agroforestry plantations. Two hundred thirty eight households benefited from the Agroforestry plantation activity in the project area (67 in North Tripura, 89 in Khowai, 31 in Sepahijala and 51 in Gumti WLS). While North Tripura DMU fully achieved the target and Sepahijala DMU achieved 114 percent of the target, Khowai (79%), West Tripura (0%) and Gumti WLS (19%) achieved the targets only partially.

Besides these models, fruit tree plantation (65 ha), grass-land development (65 ha) and weed eradication (65 ha) was also planned in Gumti WLS under SFM component. These targets were fully achieved.



Grassland Development



Fruit Tree Plantation

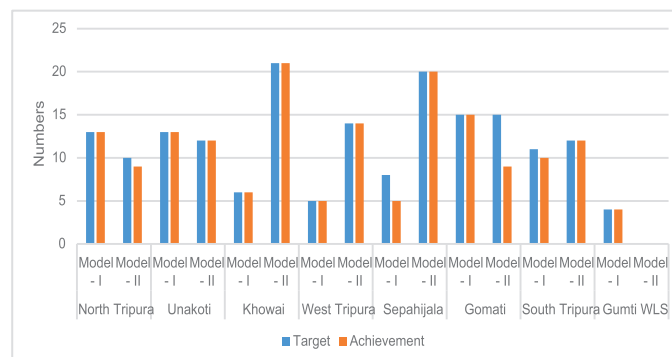


Agro-Forestry Plantation

## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation component has three sub-components i.e. a) construction of check dams, b) erosion prevention works combined with check dams and c) assessment of soil and moisture conservation model. Overall,

Figure2- DMU wise Check Dams Planned and Achieved in 2020-21



the project planned to construct 179 check dams (75 in model I and 104 in model II) in the previous financial year. Overall achievement was 94 percent (95% for model I and 93% for model II). Most of the DMUs were able to achieve their targeted number of check dams.

Besides construction of check dams, 175 Brushwood checkdams were constructed and contour trenching was done in around 88 ha area. Both these activities were not planned in the year. Filter strip and River Bank plantations were also carried out in 2.5 km and 11 km respectively against the target of 21 km and 13.5 km.



Model I Check Dam



Model II Check Dam

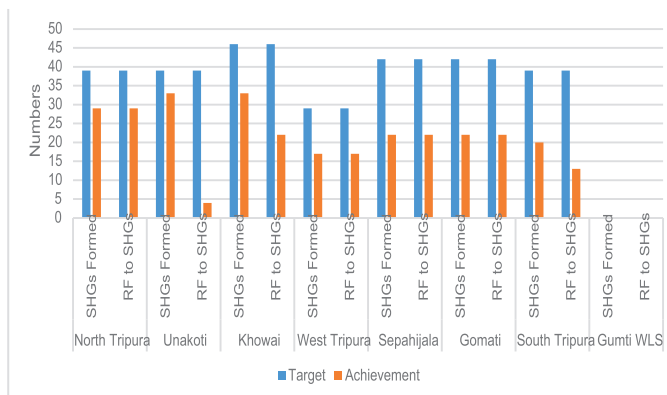


Brushwood Check Dam

## LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Under livelihood development components various activities were carried out during the year. In all the DMUs (except Gumti WLS), the project planned to form SHGs and transfer revolving fund to these SHGs for undertaking livelihood activities. Overall 276 SHGs were planned to be formed out of which 176 SHGs (64% of the target) were formed and revolving fund was transferred to 67 JFMCs for further disbursement of revolving fund to 129 SHGs (47% of the target).

Figure3- SHGs formed and Revolving Fund released to SHGs in 202021



Besides, livelihood and cluster development strategy, SHG management guidelines and templates for book keeping and records management by SHGs were developed.



SHG Formation



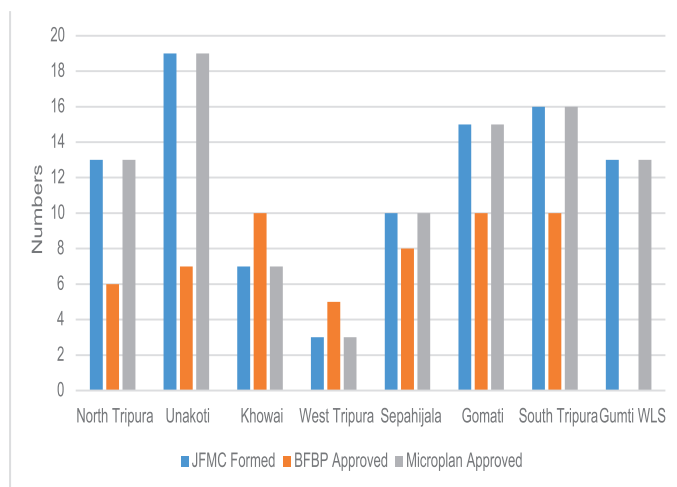
SHG's Monthly Meeting

## INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

To initiate institutional strengthening process, a number of manuals and guidelines were prepared during the year. These were BFBP manual, JFMC manual, microplanning manual, operation manual, M&E strategy, Gender Action Plan, Accounting Procedure Guidelines, Procurement Manual, Training Need Assessment, ESMS Guideline, Training Modules, Training Master Plan, Training Calendars for 2020-21 and 2021-22, Cost Chart for organizing Training and Exposure Visits and Baseline Survey Manual & mobile application.

Overall 98 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) were formed, 46 BFbps approved and 96 microplans approved against the target of 450 JFMCs, 135 BFbps and 450 microplans.

Figure4 - Achievement in institutional strengthening component



Trainings at different levels were also conducted during the year on topics such as microplanning, survey & mapping of JFMCs, socio-economic baseline survey, soil & moisture conservation works, Environment and Social Management Framework, SHG formation & management, NTFP resource assessment, agroforestry etc. Overall, more than 1000 participants were trained in 50 trainings conducted during the year.

## TRAINING ON BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF PIGGERY FARMING

Training on Basic knowledge of Piggery Farming for SHG members was held from 01/03/2021 to 08/03/2021 in different locations under Khowai District. 190 participants mostly women members have participated in that 1 day long training. The participants were provided handful technical knowledge of pig farming by the ARDD resource person.



## LIVE DATA ENTRY EXERCISE

Live Data Entry Exercise on web based portal and database for check dam was organized in PMU in 8 batches covering DACA, SDA, RDA, LC and COs of the project. MIS wing of the project provided a handful guidance in regard to web based portal and check dam database towards the participants.



## YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER

We request and encourage you to share your experiences under the Project. You can highlight activities and achievements of the Joint Forest Management Committee. We can also consider inspiring stories of individuals who are doing good work which needs to be shared with other people in the state. This will provide recognition to individuals and provide opportunities for other people to learn from the experiences. You can share your experiences with our field personnel / JFMC.

You can also write to us at : [tripurajica@gmail.com](mailto:tripurajica@gmail.com)

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