



NEWSLETTER

SUSTAINABLE CATCHMENT FOREST MANAGEMENT (SCATFORM) PROJECT



MESSAGE FROM CEO & PD

On behalf of the SCATFORM Project, I am delighted to share the second volume newsletter of the project. The primary purpose behind starting the newsletter was to inform the readers about the project and periodically share the progress and achievements of the project.

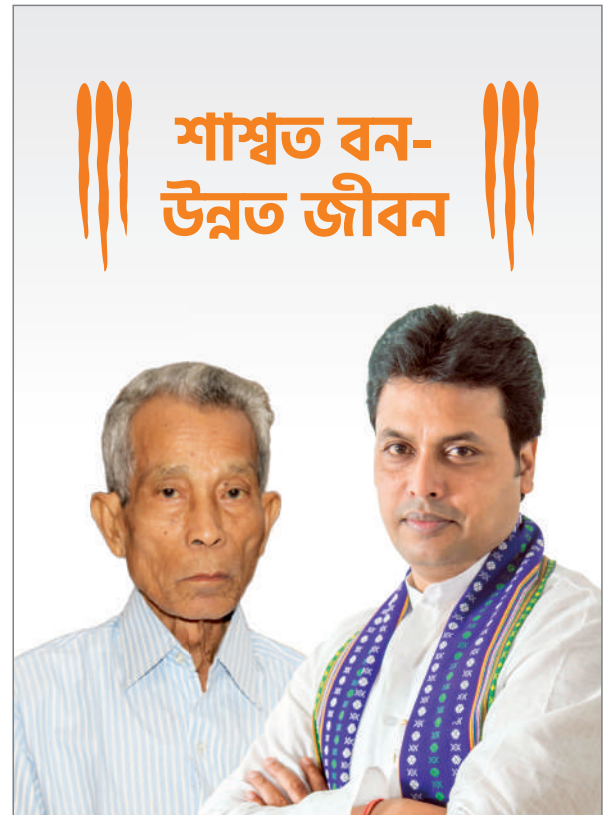
In the first volume starting from January, 2021 we have shared various aspects of the projects including the purpose, objective and structure of this project. We also shared the information about all the components that the SCATFORM project is focused on.

In this edition of the project's newsletter, a summary of project's progress and achievement will be 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. I will reiterate that we would like to receive your feedback and suggestions on things related to the project and about the newsletter. Do write to us.

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ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PROJECT SO FAR

The SCATFORM Project was formally launched on 19 January, 2019 by Honourable Chief Minister of Tripura, Shri Biplab Kumar Deb in presence then Forest Minister Mevar Kumar Jamatia, senior representative of JICA India, Mr Taru Uemachi, PCCF Dr. Alind Rastogi and CEO and Project Director of Tripura JICA Project at the Hatipara Forest Complex.

The 10-year SCATFORM project period has three phases including, Preparatory Phase (18 months), Implementation Phase (84 months), and Phase out Phase (18 months). SCATFORM 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.

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

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

livelihood improvement component.

As is evident from the figure above, AR and ANR plantations were undertaken in all the DMUs except for Gumti WLS. Overall, 2172 ha of plantation (44 percent of the project target) in AR model and 3377 ha of plantation (34 percent of project target) in ANR model were carried out up to December, 2021.

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. Gumti WLS did not have any large AR or ANR plantations.

Agroforestry plantations were planned for 1360 ha in all the 7 DMUs and in Gumti WLS. Overall only 35 percent of the target area was covered under the Agroforestry plantations. Five hundred eighty seven (587) households benefited from the Agroforestry plantation activity in the project area (264 in North Tripura, 104 in Khowai, 42 in West, 56 in Sepahijala, 70 in South and 51 in Gumti WLS). While North Tripura DMU fully achieved the target and Sepahijala DMU achieved 108 percent of the target, Khowai (79%), West Tripura (27%) and Gumti WLS (19%) achieved the targets only partially.

Besides these models, fruit tree plantation (135 ha),



grass-land development (135 ha) and weed eradication (135 ha) was also planned in Gumti WLS under the SFM component. These targets were fully achieved.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The 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 the project planned to construct 628 check dams (343 in Model I, 284 in Model II and 1 in Model III) upto December, 2021. Overall achievement was 44 percent of project target (38% for Model I and 63% for Model II). Most of the DMUs were able to achieve their financial targeted number of check dams.

Besides construction of check dams, 403 Brushwood checkdams were constructed and contour trenching was done in around 157.7 ha area. Both these activities were not planned in the previous 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.

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 300 SHGs were planned to be formed out of which 212 SHGs (71% of the target) were formed and the revolving fund was transferred to 82 JFMCs for further disbursement of revolving fund 177 SHGs (59% of the target).

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

INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

To initiate the 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 274 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) were formed, 127 BFBPs approved and 138 microplans approved against the target of 450 JFMCs.



Sl. No.	Name of Activities	Unit	F.Y. 2019-20		F.Y. 2020-21		F.Y. 2021-22		Cumulative Achievement	
			Tar	Achi	Tar	Achi	Tar	Achi	Project Target	Achievement
A. Sustainable Forest Management										
1	Plantation									
	1.1 AR Bamboo Plantation	ha	241	41	600	734	755	755	5000.00	1530.00
	1.2 AR Mixed	0	0	0	0	0	630	642		642.00
	1.3 ANR Bamboo Plantation	ha	126	0	871	962	1326	1295	21000.00	2257.00
	1.4 ANR Mixed	0	0	0	0	0	1149	1120		1120.00
2	Agroforestry Plantation									
	2.1 Area	ha		0	360	181.03	1009	285.6	8880.00	466.63
	2.2 Beneficiary	nos	0		238		349		587	
3	Fruit Tree Plantation	ha	0	0	65	65	70	70	600.00	135.00
4	Grass-land Development	ha	0	0	65	65	70	70	375.00	135.00
5	Weed Eradication	ha	0	0	65	65	70	70	330.00	135.00
6	Fireline Creation	km	0	0	15	15	15	0	40.00	0.00
7	Pillars	nos	0	0	250	250	250	0		0.00
8	Sign Board	nos	0	0	500	451	500	0		0.00
9	DCPN	nos	0	0	35	4	50	0	150	4.00
10	Teak Plantation Management	ha	0	0	0	0	40	0	15000.00	0.00
11	Silvipastoral Development	ha	0	0	0	0	30	20	1000.00	0.00
B. Soil and Moisture Conservation										
1	Check Dam									
	1.1 Model-I	nos	10	6	75	71	300	266	900	343
	1.2 Model-II	nos	5	3	104	97	120	184	450	284
	1.3 Model-III	nos	0	0	17	0	15	1	85	1
2	Brushwood Check Dam	nos	30	24	275	175	500	204	1269	403
3	Contour Trenching	ha	51	3	250	88	350	66.7	1125	157.7
4	Bundling	sites	0	0	1	1	0	0	222	1
5	River Bank Plantation	km	0	0	13.5	11	53	0	100.00	11.00
6	Filter Strip	km	0	0	21	2.5	16	0	96.00	2.50
C. Livelihood Development										
1	SHG Formation	nos	0	0	276	175	300	37	1350	212
2	R.F. of SHG	nos	0	0	276	129	300	48	1350	177
D. Institutional Strengthening etc.										
1	Construction of Buildings									
	1.1 FPU Barrack	nos	0		0				0	
2	Multi Utility Centre Construction (MUC)	nos	0		0		29		29	
3	Training									
	3.1 No of training	nos	33		50		52		135	
	3.2 No of participants	nos	1550		1329		1266		4145	
4	Formation of JFMC	nos	27		139		284	108	450	274
5	BFBP Approved	nos	10		47		53	25	135	82
6	Microplan Approved	nos	27		98		316	9	450	134
7	Computer Procure	nos	0		42		30	0	42	
8	Field Facilitator	nos	0		0		157		450	157

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

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