

**4th PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF
FOCUS
'Fostering of Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in North East' – Nagaland**

Meeting Minutes

**12th August 2021
Secretariat Conference Hall
15:00hrs
Kohima**

**Minutes of the 4th Project Steering Committee Meeting of FOCUS
(Fostering of Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in North East)
held on 12th August, 2021 in Secretariat Conference Hall at 15:00hrs**

The meeting was chaired by Shri. J. Alam, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Nagaland and Chairman PSC. Attendance of the meeting is appended at Annexure 'A'.

The meeting session started with a presentation on Project Activities by Shri. Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS, APC & MD FOCUS. At the outset he presented the overview of the project wherein the project intervened on quality seed supply, livestock, land based development activities & setting up of a Marketing Unit within the project. He informed the house that the project has a total budget of ₹ 612.25cr, out of which a percentage of 54.69 of the total budget is to borne by the State Government, Parallel Financing, Convergence & beneficiary contribution and IFAD loan and grant is 45.31 percent. In this regard, he highlighted certain issues relating to delay in re-imbursement which affected pre-financing from the State Government & problems of practical difficulties faced in convergence with CSS and MGNREGA Schemes.

Meeting Agenda and decisions taken:

Agenda 1- Overview of FOCUS project; highlights of Annual work plan & Budget 2021-22:

The Annual Work Plan & Budget 2021-22 was highlighted to the house with details of the project components:

- Component 1: Better Jhum and conservation
- Component 2: Value Chain Development and access to market
- Component 3: Project management

The above components with a budget cost of ₹94.53 crore (with IFAD loan of ₹ 60.00 crore) has been approved by IFAD India with No Objection to the AWP&B 2021-22 on 2nd July 2021. Since there has been a delay in implementation due to pandemic and non-availability of funds, the project proposes for reduction of the budget cost of AWPB 2021-2022 to ₹ 73.77 crore (with IFAD loan of ₹ 44.44 crore)

Decision taken:

- The proposed reduction of budget cost for the year 2021-22 from ₹ 94.53 crore to ₹ 73.77 crore (with IFAD loan of ₹ 44.44 crore) has been approved.

Agenda 2- Approval of Procurement Plan 2021-2022:

The Procurement Plan for 2021-22 is an abstract of the AWP&B 2021-2022, is proposed for goods, services and inputs, civil works and community procurement. IFAD India has communicated No Objection to the Procurement Plan 2021-22 on 9th July 2021.

Since there will be a reduction in the budget cost of AWPB 2021-2022, the Procurement Plan for 2021-2022 will be subjected to change. Therefore this matter is taken up for discussion and approval for revision of the annual Procurement Plan.

Decision Taken:

- The proposed revision of Procurement Plan in accordance with the reduction of AWPB 2021-2022 budget cost reduction has been approved

Agenda 3 – Parallel Financing and Convergence through CSS and MGNREGS:

FOCUS project design envisages co-financing from Government programmes under parallel financing from key Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) under Agri. & Allied Sector such as – Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), PradhanMantri KrishiSanchayi Yojana (PMKSY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER).

- Parallel financing (CSS) target for whole project period (6 yrs) : ₹ 90.17 crore
- Project has received so far from 2018, 2019 and 2020 from RKVY : ₹ 6.44 crore
- Parallel Financing (CSS) planned for the current FY 2021-2022 : ₹ 5.0 crore

Additionally MGNREGA funds are also to be earmarked by Rural Development Department for convergence in field level in 645 villages where FOCUS project is being implemented.

- Convergence target for whole project period (6 yrs) : ₹ 89.32 crore
- Project has received report for 2020-21 (MGNREGA) : ₹ 7.01 crore
- Convergence planned under MGNREGA for current FY 2021-2022 : ₹ 4.75 crores

Decision Taken:

- PSC strongly requested all the Agri. & Allied departments and Rural Development department to prioritize on convergence and submit the convergence reports to SoCRAN as desired quarterly in the prescribed format.

Agenda 4 - Assignment of Project Co-ordinator:

The project has felt the need to have a project co-ordinator for technical hand holding and co-ordination of project activities after the demise of the incumbent PSS (Project Support Specialist) in June 2020. The matter was also recommended by the recently concluded IFAD Support Mission 2021 to engage/assign an experienced and qualified full time project co-ordinator for the project.

Decision Taken:

- PSC approved on engaging/assigning a Project Co-ordinator for FOCUS project.
- Action to be taken by MD&SPD.

Agenda 5 - Engagement of Officers of Agriculture and Allied department/ATMA:

The engagement of officers from Agri. & Allied departments/ATMA to FOCUS project in the districts on full time attachment basis had become essential to provide technical assistance, strengthen man power and support better convergence in the implementation and monitoring of the project activities. The project is proposing 34 positions for attachment in the 8 districts in the average ratio of 1 officer per 20 villages. The matter was also recommended by IFAD Support Mission 2021.

Decision Taken:

- PSC approved in principle for full time attachment of additional 34 staffs drawn from the Agriculture & Allied departments. A separate meeting with the Agri&Allied departments to be convened by the APC for allotting full time staffs in the project districts have been suggested.

Agenda 6 - Engagement of Contractual staffs (DPAs) and drivers for Multi Utility Vehicle:

Due to shortage of staff in the following 3 bigger districts of the project namely Zunheboto having 150 villages, Wokha having 100 villages and Mon having 91 villages, the matter was discussed in the recently concluded IFAD Support Mission 2021 and they agreed to engage additional DPA, one each for the 3 districts so as to enable effective implementation and monitoring of project activities in those districts.

In the project design, it was planned to purchase 80 nos. of motorcycles on need basis and considering the utility the project requested IFAD for purchase multi-utility vehicles to which IFAD agreed. Accordingly 10 multi-utility vehicles were allotted to the districts for utilizing in project activities of seed delivery, staff mobility and transportation of agricultural produce to markets etc. In view of this, the project wants to engage drivers on need basis when required and this matter was also recommended by the recently concluded IFAD Support Mission 2021.

Decision Taken:

- The recruitment of contractual staff (DPA) in the 3 districts of Zunheboto, Wokha and Mon has been approved.
- The recruitment of drivers on contractual basis has been approved. PSC directed to undertake the recruitments, based on the existing daily allowance rates of the State and with clear agreement on nature of appointment.

Agenda 7 - Inclusion of 3 new districts in FOCUS project:

During project designing, the project planned to implement in 8 districts namely Mon, Longleng, Zunheboto, Wokha, Kiphire, Phek, Mokokchung and Kohima, excluding Dimapur district which was not being considered as it is largely situated in the plains; and Tuensang and Peren districts as these were covered under the World Bank supported North East Rural Livelihoods Programme (NERLP).

During the last Tripartite Portfolio Review Meeting (TPRM) and IFAD Support Mission 2021, the project had proposed for inclusion of Noklak and Peren districts and IFAD agreed for

sending the proposal to DEA (Department of Economic Affairs) GOI. Accordingly the project submitted the proposal for inclusion of Noklak and Peren to FOCUS on 29-06-2021 to DEA GOI. (Enclosed the letter to DEA as **Annexure-D**).

Now that the implementation of World Bank project in Tuensang, Noklak (previously under Tuensang) and Peren districts have wound up during 2019-2020, it is felt pertinent to propose for inclusion of Tuensang district also to FOCUS project along with Noklak and Peren districts proposed earlier, for the remaining 3 years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 of project implementation.

Decision Taken:

- Inclusion of 3 districts Noklak, Peren and Tuensang to FOCUS project has been approved. The Project is advised to conduct consultation with the Forest Department in order to ensure that there is no overlapping of project villages with externally aided projects in the additional districts.

Other decisions taken:

- The Department of Fisheries to forward convergence proposals to the project for possible convergence of hatchery units in the project districts.



(J. Alam)
Chief Secretary
& Chairman PSC, FOCUS-IFAD
Kohima: Nagaland

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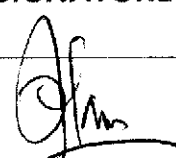
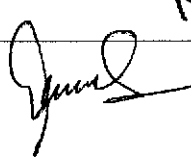
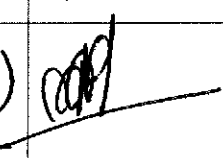
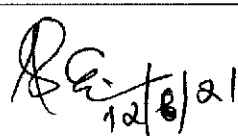
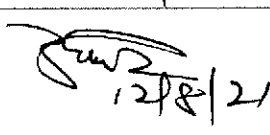
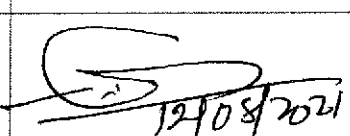
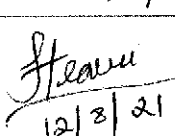
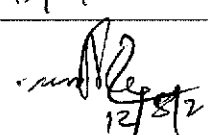
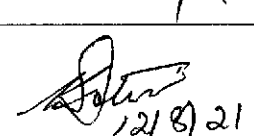
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Date: 12th August 2021

Venue: Secretariat Conference Hall, Kohima.

Time: 3:00 PM

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