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DEVELOPMENT IN MIZORAM IN REPUBLIC OF INDIA (Mizo-CESAID)

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## 1. Activities in this month

- Continuation of 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot activities, promote understanding of new methods through pilot activities of BAIDC members
- Conduct WEB to promote understanding of manuals for staff, aggregation of results
- Support for formulating DPR to be conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot
- Finalization and approval of follow-up activity plan for 1<sup>st</sup> pilot, start activities according to the plan, progress management of remaining work in irrigation pilot
- Aggregation of self-evaluation sheet regarding achievement of ability development of BAIDC members
- Holding a PMT meeting, creation of the minutes of proceedings and examination of implementation policy and schedule of various activities
- Publicity activities through Facebook
- Participation in JICA information session

## 2. Activities Photos

- As shown on the next page

## Project activity photos



### PMT Meeting

A PMT meeting was held to discuss how to continue planned activities due to the spread of COVID-19 infection. The wrap-up of the 1st pilot, the follow-up plan of the 1st pilot, and the Sensitization meeting for the institutionalization of the new method were discussed. (Aizawl, shot on May 21, 2020)



### Conduct paddy cultivation training

As a follow-up activity for the 1st pilot, DoA G.S, a member of BAIDC, and JPT provided seeds (Burmabu) to pilot farmers and provided practical training on seed treatment. 5 kg of seeds were distributed to each farmer according to the follow-up plan. (Hnahlan, shot on May 28, 2020)



### Conduct INN and IPM training for rainy season

Prior to training, the HEO of DOH and Circle Officer checked the condition of plants with pilot farmers and identified current diseases and pests. In the training, farmers learned how to make PPC and how to protect crops from pests. Farmers were provided with a planting calendar so that they could write down when to apply fertilizer and PPC. (Lamchhip, shot on May 15, 2020)



### Description of follow-up activities and process

Mr. F.Hrangmuana, a member of BAIDC, and JPT visited Buhchanphai and explained activities of the rainy season and cultivars to pilot farmers. (Buhchangphai, shot on May 29, 2020)



### Conduct paddy cultivation training

BAIDC members of DOA and ATMA conducted paddy cultivation training such as selection of seeds with salt water, treatment of seeds with fungicides, and proper nursery management of paddy fields according to BAIDC Annual Plan at Lamchhip, the 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot village. (Lamchhip, shot on May 8, 2020)



### Follow-up Activities on Sailam

DOA and JPT visited Sailam's pilot farmers and held a briefing for follow-up activities 20-21 to explain the activities and implementation procedures. In discussions with farmers, the use of nursery trays and MAT nursery types that was transferred last year were confirmed. (Sailam, shot on May 8, 2020)