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

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1. Activities in this month

- Continuation of 2nd pilot activities, promote understanding of new methods through pilot activities of BAIDC members
- Holding an online training on O&M of the minor irrigation scheme
- Consultation with working group for institutionalization of methods
- Start activities according to the follow-up activity plan for 1st pilot, progress management and payment procedures for remaining work in irrigation pilot
- Consultation about additional measures for COVID-19
- Holding an online PMT meeting
- Publicity activities through Facebook

2. Activities Photos

- As shown on the next page

Project activity photos



A working committee meeting

A working committee meeting was held for the institutionalization of the new method and discussed TOR of BAIDC. (Aizawl, shot on September 25, 2020)



Monitoring of Pilot Activities on Paddy Cultivation

Mr. V.Lalhratpui (AEO, DoA) and JPT visited paddy fields of five pilot farmers to see cultivation situation. Stem rot was confirmed in one field, so a germicide was sprayed. The paddy fields of other farmers were in good condition. (Tlangsam, shot on September 3, 2020)



Construction works of the minor irrigation facilities

DOA and IWRD formulated a plan for the construction of a small tank to be implemented under the DOA scheme. Dhirnuai WUA shared experience and provided guidance. (Tlangsam, shot on September 8, 2020)



Utilization of vetiver grass on terrace

The vetiver grass, which was cultivated on the farm of the DOA of Kolasib Province, was transplanted to the slope area of the pilot farmers. Soil conservation effect will be expected after growth. (Tlangsam, shot on September 4, 2020)



Orientation meeting for winter crops

BAIDC and JPT held an orientation meeting on winter crops (Rabi) cultivation in the 2nd pilot village, Bilkhawthlir North, and conducted cultivation training including farm maintenance for the second crops of carrot and watermelon selected at the previous meeting. (Bilkhawthlir North, shot on September 30, 2020)



Conduct Blue test

BAIDC and JPT monitored paddy cultivation training in the 1st and 2nd pilot sites. A Blue test was conducted to identify the prevalent tungro virus. Some measures will be taken based on the results of test. (Sailam, shot on September 29, 2020)