



Project Objectives

Climate resilience of upper watershed ecosystems is improved or sustainably restored and the adaptive capacity of forest dependent communities is increased (through sustainable forest management and water resource conservation).



Expected Impacts

Ecosystem watershed services are improved and secured, thus stabilizing the livelihood systems of the target groups; reduction of watershed and forest degradation; increased biodiversity; enhanced incomes for forest-dependent communities in vulnerable watersheds; increased availability of spring water in treated spring catchment areas and sustainable management of forests in the project area.



Success Indicators

At least 21,800 ha of poorly stocked degraded forest stands, 2,000 ha of jhum conservation buffer or other landscape connecting buffer zones, and 1,500 ha of riparian forests are sustainably managed as prescribed in management (working) plans.

Ecological status of ≥ 300 km of streams is maintained or improved.

Livelihood of 70% of targeted households/users of upper watershed forest dependent villages has been improved.

Project area and duration

The Project is supporting 50 villages located in two districts of Ukhrul and Kangpokpi.



Project sites include 35,000 ha of land included in 5 sub-watersheds

The project Phase I is designed for seven years from 09.2018 – 08.2025.

(1) Participatory watershed planning, coordination and monitoring

Resolution for CFM revised, based on village-level consultations and wide multi-stakeholder consultation on state level, and agreeable to participating villages and Government of Manipur.

Comprehensive technical (climate-resilient sustainable forest management) and project management guidelines are introduced.



Formal village - project agreements are signed.

Inter-village MoU (Expression of Interest in cooperation of village council with Project regarding forest and stream management) are signed.



(2) Restoration & sustainable management of upper watersheds

Committees for Community Forestry are established, or functions improved; and sustainable development funds for each Committee are in place; Special Purpose Association (SPA) are established.

Participatory village micro plans for all project villages are developed and approved, incorporating FPIC and conflict sensitive Do-No Harm principles.

Medium term CFM Working Plans developed/updated, integrated into working plans and approved by relevant authorities.

Watershed restoration is implemented according to micro plans.

(3) Security and improvement of livelihood

Entry point activities selected and implemented as per identified community priorities.

Livelihood and community infrastructure activities are implemented according to the plans (LIP).

Non-Timber Forest Products and farm income generating activities / micro-enterprises are implemented.

(4) Capacity building for community-based watershed management

At least 80% of Community Based Organisations rated as “well performing”

Majority (at least 75%) of project staff are rated in “excellent to good” performing groups in annual job appraisal from project year 2 onward.

Efficiency and effectiveness of training appraised by 90% of the trainees.



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