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Springshed management

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Springshed revival

COSFOM beneficiaries are completing six project villages in Ukhul with physical interventions to revive their village springs to enhance discharge of water.

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Cooperation with ICIMOD

Capacity building of local technicians is supported through a cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal since May 2024.

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State-level roundtable

A State-level roundtable on springshed management in Manipur State has been initiated to facilitate state-wide springshed revival and policy dialogue

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Springshed revival

Field surveys for hydrogeological mapping have been completed for all 23 project villages in Ukhrul district and writing of detailed project reports and digital mapping is ongoing. Physical interventions for the first six project villages (Teinem, Phalee, Lungshang Chingkha, Shangching, Shangshak Phunghon, Tashar) will be completed in one month to benefit from the upcoming monsoon season.

A full coverage of all 23 Project villages is targeted latest by end of the year 2025.

Physical interventions

Once springshed areas are identified and mapped, physical and biological interventions including e.g., staggered contour trenches, plantation, percolation tank, brushwood checkdams are completed by project beneficiaries under guidance of Project technicians, physical interventions to capture the rain and direct it into the groundwater system will be taken up.

Village monitoring teams are instructed and equipped (electronic water tracers, rain gauges) to independently conduct water quality and impact monitoring for their village springs.



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Cooperation with ICIMOD

In cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) a pool of around 40 trainees from State Universities, Institutions, Departments, CSOs and WRCGs have received a comprehensive introduction to the six step protocol on springshed management to enable them to act as para-hydrogeologists in the future. Three main training modules have been completed in Imphal, with intermediate online and coaching courses provided continuously.

Capacity building efforts under this cooperation are not limited to Project personnel and project areas but are designed to build up a pool of para-hydrogeologists for a State-wide implementation exceeding the actual project scope and timeframe.

A 2nd package of capacity building with specific focus on digital mapping and use of Geographical Information Systems is under development.

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in the Hindu Kush Himalaya:
A Practitioner's Manual



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State-level Roundtable

An inter-departmental roundtable on springshed rejuvenation was established in 2024. The roundtable includes representatives from eight Departments/ Directorates and three Universities/ Institutes, with nine nodal officers appointed to ensure ongoing communication between general meetings. A State roadmap, including a detailed action plan for springshed management, has been unanimously approved by all members following the 2nd roundtable meeting in February 2025, and the same has been submitted to the State Government for formal adoption and institutionalisation of the roundtable.

By fostering a governance structure that is inclusive, transparent, and action-oriented, the roundtable will contribute significantly to the protection of these critical water sources and the livelihoods of communities dependent on them.

“The roundtable on springshed rejuvenation will serve as a science-policy-practitioner interface for the entire State of Manipur...”

