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Building Futures

Communities taking lead in building their local infrastructure and restoring their natural environment for a prosperous future.

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Catching The Rain

While 358 ha springsheds have been restored in Ukhru district, Manipur aims to revive at least 1,200 springs in the coming years to strengthen water security across the state.

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Final Year of COSFOM

The Project is reaching its final year of operation with a strong focus to prepare our beneficiaries to sustain project activities after the end of COSFOM support.



Building Futures

Community infrastructure development continues to make steady progress across 23 villages in Ukhrul. With support from WRCGs, communities are implementing a range of locally identified projects, including guesthouses, village courts, traditional houses, and other community assets.

By putting leadership in the hands of the villagers, projects reflect local ideas, culture, and priorities, ensuring that every resource is used wisely and every structure serves the community's long-term interests

Planting Future



COSFOM together with DFOs Ukhrul & Kangpokpi, marked World Environment Day with 34,255 saplings planted by nearly 900 people from Youth, Church, WRCGs and Self-Help Groups.

Beyond planting trees, the project is supporting 24 village forest patrol teams, helping safeguard remaining natural forests and the rich biodiversity within their village area using modern app-based monitoring tools.



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Catching the Rain

Springshed management is progressing well in Ukhrul, with 35 springshed areas across 17 villages implemented, covering a total of 358 hectares.

Encouraging results are emerging in Teinem village, with improved spring discharge observed after just two years of implementation.

To strengthen local ownership and sustainability, greater responsibility for monitoring and maintenance is gradually transferred to local communities.

1,200 Springs Set for Revival

Manipur State has completed its first-ever spring census - identifying over 3,000 springs - with 1,200 springs prioritized as immediate targets for state-level springshed revival.

The inter-departmental roundtable on springshed management aims to improve cooperation and coordination among different state actors and support actions to bring these vital water sources back to life.





Final Planning

As the COSFOM Project enters its final year, the trustful collaboration between project staff, Partner NGOs, and village beneficiaries is clearly reflected in the lively and open discussions during annual planning meetings. This strong sense of ownership lays the foundation for sustaining project activities well beyond the life of the project.

SHGs in Good Hands

The Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM) has expressed its commitment to continue supporting Project Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under its livelihood scheme, ensuring a smooth transition from the COSFOM Project to long-term state program support.

SHGs will retain full freedom to decide their future, with COSFOM organizing stakeholder meetings to ensure they have all the knowledge needed to make an informed choice about joining the State program.

