

TOUR NOTES OF AZ. BEISIA, Asst. PROJECT OFFICER (M), DRDA, SAIHA ON THE SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CONDUCTED AT TUISUMPUI UNDER SGSY AND MONITORING OF WORKS TAKEN UP UNDER MGNREGS, BRGF, SGSY, ETC.

As per the instruction of Project Director, DRDA, Saiha, I took up a visit to Tuisumpui on 28th October, 2011 to conduct Skill Development Training and monitor the implementation of SGSY, BRGF, MG-NREGS at the above village. I started leaving Saiha at 7.00 AM and reached Tuisumpui at 8:30 AM. Tuisumpui is the only village of Saiha district which could not be visited by any visitors of Saiha District till now without going through Bualpui and Siachangkawn of Lawngtlai District.

1) **Inspection of Pigsty of Vasti Piggery SHG:** Just after I reached Tuisumpui, I started inspecting two pigsties belonging to two Piggery SHGs. First I started inspecting Pigsty belonging to Piggery SHG-II which is located within the area of Tuisumpui Village Council-II. I was led to the site of pigsty along with some members of the village council including VCP. The pigsty constructed with the financial assistance of Rs.35, 000/- under SGSY Infrastructural Development Fund from DRDA. The quality of the pigsty was good. The revolving

fund released earlier was utilized very well. The pigs found inside the pigsty during the visit have the potential for growth to large size. I requested the group members to extend the length of pigsty in order to accommodate more pigs or piglets. This Piggery SHG is



composed of highly committed and disciplined members and they also have the potential for future growth. It is highly recommended for immediate release of back-ended subsidy for earliest injection of credit component from concerned bank.

2) **Inspection of Pigsty of Women Piggery SHG-I:** Eleven pigs (11) were seen inside the pigsty at the time of spot visit. Fifteen (15 pigs) including piglets were not kept inside the pigsty and but set free due to shortage of fodder. The group has at present 24 pigs in all. The Women Piggery SHG-I was given

a subsidy of Rs.1.00 lakhs under SGSY. Rs.35, 000/- was also sanctioned recently towards the group for reconstruction of the pigsty. The newly completed pigsty was also inspected at the time of the visit. The physical achievements and progress of the group was good except the roof portion of pigsty



where CGI sheets were not tightened with nails. The group was told that fund would be released in full only after work was done according to the simple specification devised by DRDA. Anyway, the overall performance of the group is found very well. The pigs were found inside the pigsty at the time of spot inspection. The variety of the pigs was also extremely good.

3) **Inspection of Women Variety Shop SHG:** A very successful women SHG at Tuisumpui. At present, the group is one of the few surviving Petty Trade SHGs in the district after one Women Petty Trade at Serkawr has become defunct. The group is very good in internal lending/loaning and it is found to be a dynamic group which has a great potential for future growth if it can be given enough financial support from DRDA/Block or Line Departments even by convergence with other schemes wherever practicable. The shop was visited for a thorough inspection of the quantity of items sold at the shop to see whether it has the potential to generate incomes for members of



the group. It is indeed a successful petty trade SHG. The group is found highly motivated and has gone to the extent of running a parallel trade of piggery alongside the sale of variety goods inside the group shop in order to generate more income for each members of the SHG. The sight of the shop is awesome. The shop was reported to meet the daily requirement of the village. It is the biggest shop in the village. When I was staying in the village, I was very happy to hear that members of the group were requested by some customers to open the shop for buying some items of the shop. This group really deserve assistance by way of back-ended Subsidy to get the loan.

4) **Inspection of Primary School-I & BNRGSK:** I took this opportunity to visit Primary School building and BNRGSK both constructed under MG-NREGS and BRGF. Both infrastructures established in separate locations of Tuisumpui-I were found to be average in quality. I could not have the opportunity to get inside both the infrastructures because the doors were kept locked at the time of the visit. The school was already inaugurated and used for class rooms. In the same way, BNRGSK was completed but not yet utilized by the village councils. The entire rooms of the VC house have not yet been furnished and all the rooms were lefty empty. All the rooms were partitioned but the partitioning walls were not erected in full. The sites of the building have not yet been fenced, so domesticated animals could get inside the veranda of the



building as shown in the above photo. The compound of the building has the chance for further extension provided that ways can be explored to persuade the owner of a wretched house in front of the VC House to move to some other area with the assistance of IAY.

After inspecting the physical achievements of the three SHGs on the spots, I along with members of the village councils and elders of the village proceeded to the residence of Village Council Secretary which was selected for the venue of the Training Programme because the Village Council Court House was not yet officially readied to host such public event. Members of the SHGs/ Village Councils including all BPL families of Tuisumpui participated in the training programme.

The main topics of this training were concepts of SHG, group formation, stabilization, microfinance, transparency, internal lending, village SHG Federation, maintenance of accounts, operating proper group/individual pass books, selection of key activities under SGSY, Importance of convergence in the implementation of RD Schemes, matters involving all aspects of village planning, monitoring of the implementation of RD Schemes at the village level, village sanitation & health concerns with special reference to a high mortality rates of the district and related preventive measures for each village.



The SGSY training was highly valued by the villagers and after the conclusion of each topic, enough time was given for participants to raise questions or share their views on all aspects of the lecture. The discussion was interactive and participatory in nature. All participants were found to have participated in the interactive session of the training. Members of the well-organized SHGs were asked to form more SHGs of BPL Families within or outside Tuisumpui as Facilitator under SGSY and get timely honorarium already earmarked for such activities as a step towards the universalization of SHG in the district. Some training materials like Common Group Bye-Laws, etc. were also distributed free of cost to some of the participants. Some training expenditures including refreshments were sponsored by DRDA under SGSY Training fund. And DA was not given to participants as per the instruction of the Deputy Commissioner, Saiha. This time, no resource person was brought to Tuisumpui as Training Programme was organized as none from KVK, Bankers, etc. could not be confirmed due to busy office works and absence of manpower at the time of the training.



I left the village at 6:30 PM and reached Saiha at 8.00 PM.

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Remark(above): Petty Trade SHGs has displayed information for customers that-

- 1) Getting anything on credit is nor allowed
- 2) It is not allowed even if you say **'after a few minutes, tomorrow morning, in the evening'**



Pic(above): Petty Trade SHG, Tuisumpui looking after the shop.



Pic (above): Members of Vasti Piggery SHG in front of the Pigsty



Pic (above): Members of Piggery Women SHG, Tuisumpui-I