

NORTH EAST RURAL LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

REACHING OUR GOALS

North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) and Adharshila for Sustainable Socio-Economic Transformation and Welfare (ASSET & W) have partnered to develop goat cluster as a source of livelihood in the West and South districts of Sikkim. The partnership was launched on the 17th of March, 2017 and have completed six months of implementation on the 30th of September, 2017. The project aims to empower small holder women farmers in the community with a sustainable source of livelihood, bringing them together into Producer Groups and organizing them into Business Units with improved bargaining power.

As per the plan, ASSET & W provided technical support to develop a cadre of community resource person (Nos 50) in the form of Community Service Providers (CSP) (Nos. 30) and Community Agro Vet Entrepreneurs (CAVE) (Nos. 20). The community resource person is supported by NERLP and ASSET & W to mobilize the community and implement the project. ASSET & W have facilitated training of the community by the CSPs in Improved Animal Resource Management Practices and Social Capital building.

ASSET & W promoted Heifer's models of 'Passing on the Gift'® and '12 Cornerstone Training for Just and Sustainable development' are widely accepted in the community. Passing on the Gift is a model in which families who receive resources—such as livestock, seeds or training—pass on the same resources and support to other families in need in their community. In the project, communities have begun to internalise 'Passing on the Gift' to support their relationships amongst themselves and strengthen the group through collectivization. Two events on Passing on the Gift was organized in the project in this quarter. Case studies of communities passing on gifts in the group is demonstrated in both districts of project implementation.

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN SECOND QUARTER

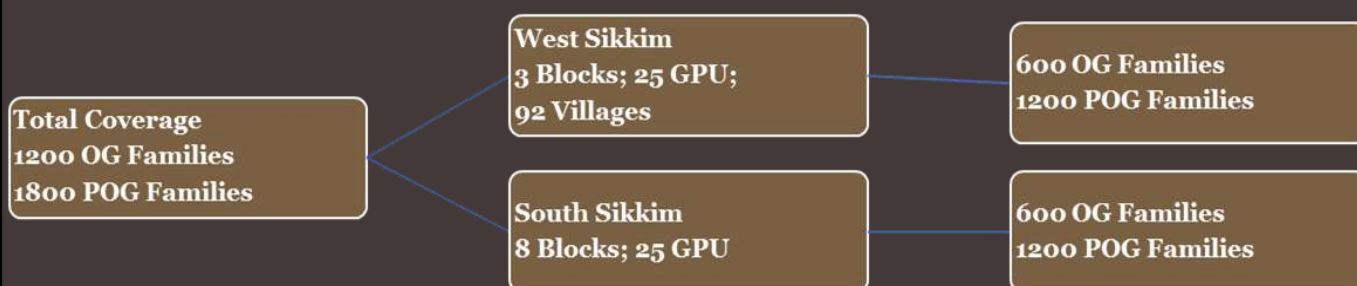
(July 2017—September 2017)

(Budget Utilization certificate in Annexure 1)

Scheduled

Completed

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| i) ToT on Farmer Field School, handholding and establishment support to 2 FFS | (4th and 5th August, 17) |
| ii) 3 days training on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standard (LEGS) for 30 participants | (1st, 2nd and 3rd of August, 17) |
| iii) 3 days PME training | (4th, 5th and 6th of July, 17) |
| iv) Demonstration of improved goat sheds | <i>(planned for Oct-Dec 17 quarter subject to release of funds)</i> |

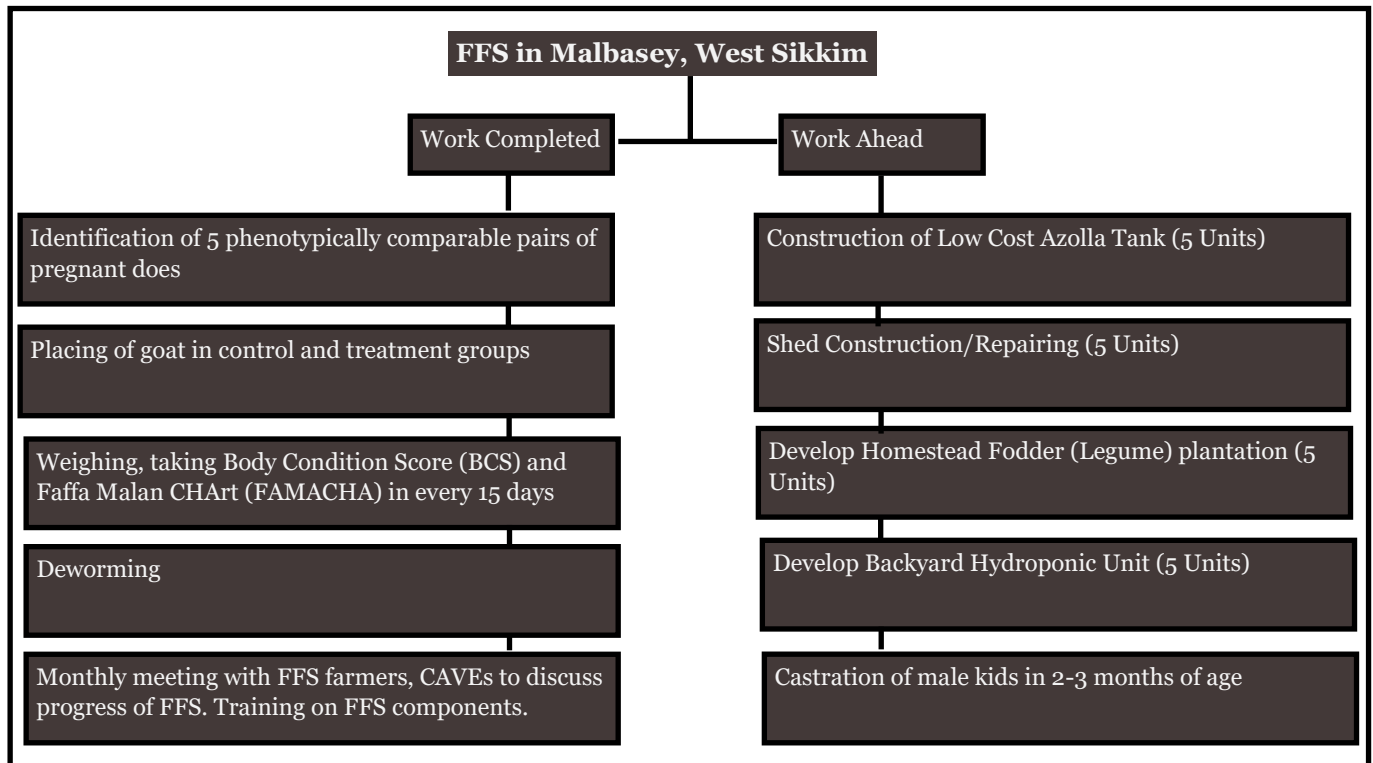


Facilitation

- i) Completed selection and Data entry of 3600 targeted households in the two districts
- ii) Identification of 1200 Original Group (OG) families (120 SHGs) and 2400 Passing of Gifts (POG) families (240 SHGs)
- iii) 'Passing on the Gift' Ceremony in West Sikkim on the 26th of August 2017
- iv) 'Passing on the Gift' Ceremony in Yangang, South Sikkim on the 15th September 2017

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FARMER FIELD SCHOOL



Case Study

In the 'Passing on the Gift' ceremony organised in Malbasey Village in West Sikkim on the 26th of August, 2017, Merigold Self Help Group (SHG) gifted a source of livelihood to Jenuka Chettri, one of their community member, who needed the most. There are ten members in the SHG. Nirmala Chettri, the Community Resource Person working with Merigold SHG has motivated the group members to contribute INR 150.00 each to give a six month old doe to the family. Jenuka has committed to gift the first female kid of the doe to support another family in need. The hope is eventually, every member of the SHG will receive a gift from the SHG.

In South Sikkim, the 'Passing on the Gift' ceremony was organised on the 15th of September, 2017, in Yangang Block. Three members of Prativa, Srijana and Lali Gurash SHGs have gifted one goat each to a member of Himshika SHG and two members of Mayur SHG.

