



Taungya E-Bulletin

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Editorial Message:

We are very happy to publish the first issue of it's third volume. Efforts to make the *Bulletin* even more visible and useful are in progress. From now on we welcome general and executive committee members of Taungya as well as staff with contribution of writings on the thematic areas of Taungya development issues to enrich the publication. In addition, we will continue the effort to extend our publication by involving more researchers or writers from other NGOs too in CHT. We hope that the publication of the *Bulletin* will continue to contribute to the social development arena in the this region.

Feasibility Study Visit by LAO of Rangamati Hill District

A feasibility study visit was conducted at Betbunia Chairy Bazaar –Bar Awalia santirhat Road sub project under Kawkhali Upazila on the 15 February 2018. The visit team was led by Md. Sayed Mahabubul Haque LAO of Rangamati Hill District. Mr. Mragya Marma Kanungo and 2 surveyors from Rangamati DC Office also join with him. The team quarry about the land acquisition status and talks with the affected persons during the visit. The visit is an important step to land acquisition process but it was arranged late due to address some grievance in the LA process.

However, according to Project Manager Mr. Reetesh Roy- “a total amount of



LAO Md. Sayed Mahabubul Haque walks along the road under construction

Sub-projects Site Visit By Taungya Senior Management Team

Team monitoring visit of the sub-projects sites has been conducted by senior staff CHTRDP-II, Taungya and Taungya senior management representative. The visits from 31/1/2018 to 1/2/2018, were led by Executive Director, Taungya, Mr. Biplob Chakma accompanied by TL, PM, MDO, concerned districts DPOs and DFFs. The first visit took place at Lama Rupashi Para and Choyokkhong Tripura Para under Lama & Alikodom upazila. During the visit the team members interact with the APs, SAPs & IPs in formal meetings and walks or drive along the under constructed roads to observe work progress and present status.



Mr. Biplob Chakma talks with the beneficiaries at Lama Rupashi Para road



The team talks with the affected community at Dulusori Para



Site visit at Purba Lungi para



Meeting at Choyokkhong Tripura Para under Alikodom upazila of Bandarban hill district



Meeting at Rupashi Para under Lama upazila of Bandarban hill district

737.41 dcml. land was acquired to construct 8680 meters long road which directly affected 58 HHs and 8 HHs structures were loss in this regard. But the road will contribute 15 villages directly in terms of communication, transportation & emergency needs besides improvement of socio- economic condition of the rural folks.” The visit was facilitated by CHTRDP-II project team of Taungya. After the visit the team safely returns to Rangamati in the evening of the day. “It is assumed that pending work of the sub-project will be geared up after the visit report submission by the LAO to DC, Rangamati” said Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy.



The under constructed road

Before the team visit another visit was conducted by project team at Raikhali Part-1 sub-project on 20/2/2018 in the manner of activities follow up of the affected communities. PM, Mr. Reetesh Roy; Team Leader, Mr. Pranajit Dewan; MDO, Mr. Palash Khisa and DFF, Mr. Khanos Chakma. During the visit they talks with the communities and address pending compensation payments to the IPs, APs & SAPs.



Informal meeting with the communicates



Under constructed Raikhali sub-project sites

~ Publication News~

A project end publication of “Livelihood Security & Watershed Management Project” has been published by Taungya. The project was implemented from August 2016 to October 2017 & funded by USAID & CHTDF-UNDP. Location of the project site was 17 Para of Dhupshil-Lota Pahar area in Reingkhong Reserved Forest under Bileisori Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. To look into online please follow the link given below-

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CASE STUDY

Prosperous Rural Life with Compensation Support from CHTRDP-II Project

“Many of us who became affected for the road construction wasted their money for buying ornaments, eating rich foods or doing other things without invest it or use it for improvement of their socio-economical life. But didn't waste my money and before I get it I made a good plan to utilize its each and every poisa properly.” Says- 39 years old Uching Thowai Marma



son of Jhosai Marma & Savorui Marma. He is a father of six daughters. His wife Mapai Marma is also a good and hard working village woman who looks after her family and run a shop on their own land. Uching Marma dwells at Balukhali Para in Betbunia Mauza under Kawkhali upazila of Rangamati district. He is a daily labour of the govt. rubber garden near their village & earns only 4200/- taka per month which is undoubtedly not sufficient to look after his family and pay expenses for his six school going daughters. So, he uses his spare time after his service to the rubber garden in business that is their main income source the grocery shop besides gardening and farming.

Uching has been dwelling at their village since he was born there. He could not study much so he desires to educate his daughters as far they can carry on. At present his daughters are studying at HSC, SSC, class-VII, VI, II and the youngest one is only four years old and about to start school. Although he is a daily labour he has some very good qualities that few peoples has that is his positive thinking towards life and positive attention towards prosperity for his financial security of life.

Uching lost 95 decimals of his homestead land and received 8,69,304.15/- taka as compensation from the project and 182952 tk. for affected house structure, 64680/- tk. As additional compensation that is total 1116936.15/- tk. *“At first I bought a CNG taxi and gave it to my younger brother as rent and I earn daily 400/- tk. That is per month 12,000/- tk. From it. I reconstructed our shop and invested some money and now I earn 18,000/- tk. to 21,000/- tk. per month from the shop. I also invested some money to buy eight cows which increased into 15 now and those market price is about 4 to 5 lacs taka now”* says- Uching Thowai with happy smile. He also improved his house with cement plaster and colouring and a little extension in the backyard. Set ups a tube well to get safe drinking water. He did not only use it to improve his life but also helped his two brothers 1 lac each to construct their houses.



Ching's CNG taxi cab



Mapai Marma at their shop



Husband & wife before their house

ILRP Base Trainings Impact Monitoring Visit Conducted By Taungya project Team

There are resettlement plans and execution for the affected persons of the CHTRDP-II sub-projects which are being implemented on individual schedules of the steps of the process. Taungya as a partner of ADB has developed individual Income Livelihood Restoration plans for each of the sub-projects since its implementation stages. As per ILRP, Taungya project team verified and conducted data collection of the effect of the ILRPs of the *Betbunia Chairy Bazar-Laxmichari Road via Barmachari* sub-project on 18/1/2018, *Panchari – Bhaibonchara via Shantipur Arunyakutir Road* sub-project on 5/2/2018 & *Sindukhari Union HQ-Dullahtali GC Road* sub-project on 6/02/2018. The visits were lead by Team Leader Mr. Pranajit Dewan and Project Manager Mr. Reetesh Roy. A format has been developed to collect necessary information for ILRP completion reports of the sub-projects. *“It was not easy task because its been a while since they target communities were trained and when we ask them about their training they can hardly remember training names but good*



Training impact verification at Dokkhin Shantipur Para



Verification at Balukhali Para



Verification at Headman Para

On the other hand he and his two brothers have a five acres of Teak, Mahogany & Aca-cia tree which market price is worth 50-60 lacs taka. There cannot be any doubt that Balukhali village folk Uching Thowai stands as one of the role models of rural indigenous affected communities of the CHTRDP-II Project who changed his economical life track with the compensation money he received from the project.



His healthy cows he bought from the compensation money

“I don't know about others but I believe that it is I who became well benefited from the compensation money for I could use it properly. I did not need training for this but my love for my six daughters my family and good will drove in such position.” says his wife Mapai Marma. *“But I think the road though affected many of us but going to returns it with many countless opportunities for example- carrying our agricultural goods or marketing, communication, for emergency treatment, for students and over all land price also increasing very quickly now.”* says honest village folk Uching Thowai Marma.



Uching's tube well at his house yard

Offering Flower Bucket to the martyrs of Language Movement of 1952

On the early morning of 8 Falgun in Bangla calendar year or 21 February 2018, Taungya senior management representatives respectfully offer flower bucket to the Rangamati Shahid Miner gratefully remembering the martyrs of the language movement of 1952. Taungya Executive Director, Mr. Biplob Chakma, Programme Manager, Mr. Pranajit Dewan, Admin Officer, Mr. Tejodipta Chakma, Project Manager, Mr. Reetesh Roy, Monitoring & Documentation Officer, Mr. Palash Khisa, District Project Officer, Mr. Tanak Chakma along with other colleagues were present in the formal event.



“Taungya has been participating all national events like Independence Day, Victory Day, International ML Day etc. since the establishment of the organization. We do it not for official duty but from true respect, honor and gratitude of our hearts towards the martyrs” says- Taungya Admin Officer Mr. Te-

news was they gave us authentic information that we needed. And we had to find out each and every trained persons at their homes visiting door to door.” Said Monitoring Officer, Mr. Palash Khisa.



Verification at Sindukhsori Para under Lokkhsori upazila of Khagratori district

“The selected affected communities were trained on two sectors- agriculture and livestock and most of the training was provided in due time and as per requirement and need analysis of the communities. On the other hand as these trainees were supposed to undertake IGA of their own even if they need to loan grants from the various service providing organizations but we found almost none to do it and the good news is they are doing fine in agriculture and livestock of their own without pursuing for loans.” Says TL Mr. Pranajit Dewan.



Verification at Dokkhin Shantipur Para

Scenario of the all surveyed villages are the same in terms of negative mentality for persuasion for loan to the service providers. But it is good that training quality was good as most of the trainees could remember important issues they were taught by GoB service departments.



Verification at Manikya Para