

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING  
REPORT OF THE MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF LOWER  
MAWPREM**

**HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**1. How the meeting was initiated and a summary of the presentation.**

The CPPA team carried out an initial discussion with the Rangbah Shnong Mr W Pyrbot during the data collection survey through a questionnaire method for the NERCCDIP project. During the month of May 2012, the CPPA staff sat for a meeting and discussed about identifying a few localities to create as model villages. Having fixed an appointment with the Headman, the CPPA team visited, shared and discussed about identifying Lower Mawprem as a model Village with the Headman. Mr Pyrbot was eager to create his locality as a model village. Therefore, he called for a meeting with the Dorbar Shnong Executive Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 6:30 pm, at the Community Hall. The objective of the meeting was to clarify and share to all the Executive Members the project and the reason to create their locality into a model village. The Headman, on addressing the gathering informed that he alone cannot make or take a decision without the consent of the Executive Committee.

The CPPA team comprised of:

1. Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, CPPA
2. Ms Georgina Lamare, Community Development Specialist, CPPA
3. Mr Stebanshon Myllemngap, Community Organiser, CPPA and
4. Ms Palvy Dora Kharkongor, Community Organiser, CPPA.

A highlight on the two components of the NERCCDIP project, SWM and Sewerage System, was shared and explained by Mr Paul and translated to Khasi by Mr Stebanshon. Members from the Seng Kynthei and Seng Samla attended the meeting. After explanation, the house was open for discussion.

**2. PCM Summary Sheet.**

Covering city and State	Shillong, Meghalaya.
Locality covered	Lower Mawprem
Organizing place /venue	Community Hall, Pdeng Shnong, Lower Mawprem
Number of invitees (invitation extended to)	Nil
Stakeholder invitees(municipal)	Nil
Number of participants	24
Methods used for information dissemination	Project information handouts (English and Khasi) and sharing of details of the NERCCDIP project.
Name and Designation of the presenter	Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, Mr Stebanshon Myllemngap, Community Organiser and Ms Georgina Lamare, Community Development Specialist, DSMC
Methods adopted for discussion(PI tick)	Open House discussion
Methods adopted for documentation(PI tick)	Still Photography, minutes recording and reporting writing.
Time schedule for meeting(PI fill the time)	06:30 – 7:30 pm

## Profile of the Participants

### Distribution of Participants by Locality.

Sl.No	Name of the Locality	No of Participants	Percentage to total
1.	Lower Mawprem	20	83.3%

### Distribution of participants by social category.

Sl.No	Category	Number			Percentage to
		Male	Female	Total	
1	General	-	-	-	-
2	Other backward caste	-	-	-	-
3	Schedule caste	-	-	-	-
4	Schedule Tribes	21	03	24	100%
5	Not specified	-	-	-	--
	<b>Total</b>	21	03	24	100%

### Distribution of participants by occupation

Sl.No	Sectors	Number	Percentage
1	Agriculture	-	-
2	Daily wage	-	-
3	Government service	20	83.3%
4	Private Service	04	16.7%
5	Business	-	-
6	Self employed	-	-
7	Other (women, homemaker)	-	-
8	Do not work	-	-
9	Politician (MP/MLA/Municipal)	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	24	100%

## 2. Discussion Details of the Meeting

During the question/answer session, various queries made by the participants:

1. Name and locality of the participant: **Mr W Pyrbot (Rangbah Shnong)**

Question asked:

**Discuss how to go about the project?**

Response given (Pl give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

He explained about the assets that will be created under the NERCCDIP project such as Households bins and the practice of segregation at source in detail. He shared about the ADB policy for Female Headed Households and the special programmes for them and training on health and hygiene as well as for strengthening their livelihood. If the Executive Committee agrees to develop a plan, a micro plan will be developed in which a small budget will be presented to SIPMIU, Govt. of Meghalaya, including some training programmes, and basic services like repair of drains, and starting an intensive cleanliness drive in the locality with the help and understanding of the Officials and workers of SMB. Engineers from the DSMC will do a area mapping to identify the boundary of the area and bench marking will be done. But before all this a task force must be formed to develop locality new rules, and monitor and enforce better discipline and for improving governance of the locality.

2. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr S Lyngdoh, General Secretary, Lower Mawprem.**

Question asked:

**Mr S Lyngdoh queried about the financial constraints that the Dorbar Shnong will have to face after implementation of the project? He ask whether there is any liability to the Dorbar Shnong's side? Do we have to spend for the services?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

**He clarified that for training and repair works in the locality, the DSMC will propose to the Government to sanction the amount, and for collection and disposal, the community members will have to pay user charges for the improved services provided by the SMB.**

3. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr P Marbaniang (Secretary Sngithiang)**

Question asked:

**He queried about the time period for sanction of the Government fund for repair works? What are the processes in the sanction of budget, and whether even small budgets are to be put up to ADB.**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

**He explained about the process of financial sanctions where the SIPMIU project Director is the authority. But he also may have to put up to a committee. He also explained that the funds from the ADB, MoUD are made available to the Government of Meghalaya already.**

**If the community accepts the plan and the needs are identified through a survey, the CPPA, DSMC will make a budget and present it to the government, the government in turn will review and process which may take a few weeks or so. The time period will depend on how soon the Committee decides to accept the project.**

4. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr T S Toi, President of the Seng Samla, Lower Mawprem.**

Question asked:

**How does this project help in paying fees to the collectors and for maintenance?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, Ms Georgina Lamare, Community Development Specialist, DSMC.**

**He explained that a task force must be formed in order to see that the project is sustainable and voluntary work will have to be carried out.**

**Ms Georgina added that user charges will be fixed by the Dorbar Shnong for O&M charges, POL and paying a salary to the collectors, drivers and assistants. The Task Force will bring about new behaviour in the locality by setting up new rules, Laws and notices on sign boards.**

5. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr D Lamo, Assistant Secretary, Lower Mawprem**

Question asked:

**He queried about the training that will be given to the Female Headed Household. What are the ways and procedures that the training will be conducted?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC**

**He explained that a consultation has been carried out with the Science and Technology Department and NEHU with an understanding that Science and Technology will conduct a training on paper recycling in the NEHU campus and this cost will be from government sources.**

**In the second level for training on Health, Hygiene and Nutrition, the CPPA and DSMC will be responsible.**

**In the third level which will target women from Female Headed Household and weaker women there will be an exposure for business and enterprise development.**

6. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr S Lyngdoh, General Secretary, Lower Mawprem**

Question asked:

**He queried about the financial assistance by the ADB and whether this fund is for purchase of materials only and if it is not used for user charges and O&M, because the community people will not be able to pay for user charges?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

**He explained that the Land fill site at Marten Mawiong has a lifespan of only four years. Secondly, the SMB will take on the new system of SWM in which two different coloured bins will be given to each household and train FHH and weaker women for sale of safety equipments. When all this is implemented, a user charges will have to be paid by the household owners and there will be no burden on the people.**

7. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr W Pyrbot, Rangbah Shnong, Lower Mawprem**

Question asked:

**The user charges that will be collected will not cover the expenditure cost. What will we do then?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

8. Name and designation of the participant: **Mr S Lyngdoh, General Secretary, Lower Mawprem.**

Question asked:

**Can you give us a phase wise explanation? What do you mean Bench marking**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC**

**He gave out the project information handouts and informed that a letter will be sent to the Dorbar Shnong on better practices of SWM and the Dorbar Shnong response will be required. Bench marking is a process of identification of location for placing of MGB's.**

9. Name and designation of the participant: **Dr B Khongji, Member of the Executive Committee, Lower Mawprem**

Question asked:

**Is there a sanction for community dustbins?**

Response given (PI give name and designation of the respondent): **Mr Paul Lokho, Community Development Expert, DSMC.**

**The Executive Committee responded that there should not be any sanction for community dustbins.**

### Suggestions by the Participants:

Table 4.1 Classification of suggestions on the Social and Environment Issues:

Sl.No	Type of question asked by the participants	No. of persons a	Percentage
1	Raising of user charges will be a problem	1	4.16%
2	If the project fails mid way, the people will not commit to the project	1	4.16%
3			
4			
	<b>Total</b>	2	

Table4.2: Classification of suggestions on the other Issues

Sl.No	Type of Responses	No of	Percentage
1	Some Dorbar Shnong's are willing to meet the expenses of poor families.	1	14.16%
2	Only with People's corporation can the project be sustainable.	1	4.16%
	<b>Total</b>	2	

#### 1. List of participants (Registration Details):

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Sl.No	Name	Gender	Locality	occupation	Mobile No.
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

#### 2. Action points

1. To discuss with the Executive Committee again.
2. To discuss with the general public, if the Dorbar Shnong agrees to the project.

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