



## GOOD PRACTICES FROM THE STATE

### **‘Developing 100 Vegetable Village for 10,000 households: Replication of Longkhum and Zhavame Village Model’ of Horticulture Department**

**The Before:** Earlier in the State, there had been a scant number of vegetable villages growing vegetables on large scale, inadequate availability of good quality vegetable seeds or vegetable kit where mostly vegetable cultivation was carried out for home consumption. And also it was found that the most sought food items during the Covid-19 pandemic were vegetables other than cereals and pulses realizing the importance of vegetable cultivation.

**The Interventions:** Considering the requirement of the production of more food and for self sufficiency, the Department of Horticulture initiated this project for vegetable cultivation covering 10000 households in the villages across the State. Both summer and winter vegetable seeds were distributed during March 2021 and September 2021 respectively to the 100 vegetable villages. Economic package in the form of vegetable seed Mini kits consisting of various vegetable seeds such as Potato, French bean, Okra, Carrot, Cabbage, Broccoli, Tomato, Brinjal, Pumpkin, Chilli, Cucumber, Bottle gourd, Soybean, Sesame, Peas, Naga Dal, Onion, Garlic, Ginger, Colocasia were distributed to the farming households to enhance production and for generating income to the farmers.

**The After:** Through this project during 2021, the total vegetable production in the State has been enhanced by about 20-30% and has benefitted the farming communities in various ways such as 1) Improvement of rural livelihood for small landholding farmers 2) Nutritional food security for households through vegetable consumption. 3) Establishment of Community based vegetable cultivation 4) Sustainable climate-resilient vegetable farming technology and practices 5) Farmers’ access to markets 6) Achieving self-sufficiency, employment, and income generation

**Key Success Factors:** Timely distribution of the vegetable seeds to the villages covering all the districts and conducting technical awareness training programme on sustainable vegetable farming were some of the key success factors. This initiative is primarily aligned with ‘SDG 2: Zero Hunger’.

**Infographics:** 100 villages were benefitted and 10,000 households were covered under this project.

