

SUCCESS STORY ON IMPROVED JHUM

Name of Farmer : *H Rokunga*
Father's Name : *Thanga (L)*
Address : *Bilkhawthlir*
Contact No. : *857525817*
Name of Intervention : *Improved Jhum*



A. *Before the Project* (Brief write-up of his economic and production/ farming status including photograph).

Mr. H Rokunga, a resident of Bilkhawthlir village practiced an old aged method of paddy cultivation (Jhuming) for the past several years. He was not aware on the use of improved seeds, seed treatment, chemical fertilizers and plant protection measures. Thus, he harvested only a few quantity of paddy from his field in spite of his labourous work incurred. No soil conservation measures were taken up and his harvest barely met the needs of his family.

B. *After the Project* (Brief write-up on impact of the intervention on his farming/ cultivation practice, production and his economy)

On intervention of RKVY scheme through Department of Agriculture, he practiced paddy cultivation through Improved Jhum Technique. This technique involved log wood bunding across the slope, seed treatment, fertilizer application etc. Through this technique, he learnt the importance of soil and water conservation which gave him better harvest prior to the implementation of Improved Jhum Technique.



As a result of implementation of Improved Jhum Technique, his paddy production increased from 10 qtls to 15 qtls. Besides paddy, he harvested a large fraction of other crops like vegetables from his field. This practice and a good rapport between Agriculture Department and Mr H Rokunga uplift his economic condition to a great extent. He became a source of inspiration for fellow farmers of the area. They became aware on the importance of soil and water conservation in crop production. Owing to his result, other farmers began to adopt Improved Jhum Technique on slope.