

KUMTLUANG SELF HELP GROUP (RAMHLUN VENGTHAR) SUCCESS STORY

Kumtluang SHG (Ramhlun Vengthar) belongs to Zone-7 of the Aizawl Municipal Area. With a total of 12 members, they have been an active group since the day they were formed. In the past, their main occupation was selling fruits and vegetables. Since they belong to the BPL section of the population, they have limited resources when it comes to financial assistance.

With the guidance of the local Resident Community Volunteers and Community Organizers, they formed themselves into a group under SJSRY in 2012. They started small but their active participation has helped them in saving approximately Rs 25,000 in their savings bank account. They have also made solid plans to strengthen their group status.

One of the significant initiatives they have taken was building a semi-pucca house for starting their group's micro-enterprise. They have completed building their groups' house and have also purchased two weaving machines which has been installed and put to useful work. But due to lack of financial assistance, they cannot continue weaving.

With the guidance of their Community Organizer, they applied for subsidized loan under SEP (NULM). They have also successfully undergone Entrepreneurship Development Programme and are anticipating the loan they applied for.

While waiting on the bank's decision, they utilize their free time selling vegetables and groceries in and around the community. With these activities, they saved a total of Rs 8000 in their savings' bank account.

Kumtluang SHG is a group of enthusiastic women who are open about their involvement in the community and they are eager to share their experience. Their honesty among themselves and peer-cooperation has brought them success and hopefully more success with NULM programme.



LEFT : Installing weaving machine in their semi-pucca house.

RIGHT: Successfully installed weaving machine