

Hands-on training on banana extraction and basics on handicraft making at Phek and Kiphire district

11th and 13th of March, 2021



A hands-on training programme on banana fibre extraction and basics on handicraft making was collaboratively organized by STINER-TFC, SASRD, NU, Medziphema, Nagaland spoke under the initiative of Prof. AkaliSema, Project Incharge STINER-TFC with Chakesang Women Welfare Society (CWWS) and Nagaland State Rural Livelihood Mission (NSRLM) in Phek and Kiphire district on 11th and 13th of March, 2021 respectively. The training was focused on creating awareness among the native people to realize the economic values of the banana plant, the various avenues that can be generated through it and how STINER as a technology intervention centre can help in bringing in and introducing relevant and need based technologies for the benefit of our people. Speaking on the concept of banana fibre extraction and craft making, Dr Sentirenla Changkiri, Project Assistant, STINER-TFC, emphasized on the importance of utilizing the rich resources of our region and develop them into economic generating activities. Specifically mentioning that the banana plantation in the entire State still lies a waste, while in other states of the Country this waste is being converted into various economic and employment generating avenues. This can also be achieved in our State with the right technology intervention and right commitment from our native people. Further, she stressed on mass production of the fibre while mentioning that the State was unable to meet its export

demandand how collectively through cluster formation in the region this project can be made into a self sustaining and employment generating enterprise. Thereafter, the participants were given a hands on training on fibre extraction and basics on handi craft making by trainers from STINER-TFC. In Pfutsero, the programme was chaired by Ms. Potsulu Theluo, AO, SDAO, Pfutsero and the opening remarks was delivered by Executive Director, CWWS, Pfutsero. While in Kiphire district the programme was chaired by Ms. T.Lemteshi, AC Livelihood, NSRLM, Pungro block and the opening remarks delivered by Mr. Ripise, BPM, Kiphire. A total of 31 participants in Phek district and 75 in Kiphire district comprising of SHGs, house wives and unemployed youths attended and participated in the training programme.