

Monthly Activities Report for December

Date: 5th Jan 2020

Village: Yu Li Khu village

Township: Puroso Township

Country: Myanmar

We had organized 2 days' conferences related with the customary land use system and forest management in Puroso township at Yu Li Khu village with the help 26 villages participated, KNPP township officers and KNPP district officers are also attended. From this conference had been shared about the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2018), Forest Law and KEAN, KEG, KNPP leaders had shared Salween peace garden that organized by KNU. Kayah Earthright Action Network (KEAN) has be share about the information that our currently customary lands belong to the vacant, fallow and virgin lands according to the land policy. Due to that land policy, our indigenous people are just having the right to use not for own.

According to the map of forest department, behind of the Puroso township all the lands are belong to the forestry areas. Even the community people are does not know about that and have much of worries on that issues. Moreover, the villagers are using for those lands from generation to generations and they are seeking the suggestion that what kind of land management system they should use and get for clear ownership. Recently, they believed on the draft Karenni Land use Policy much useful and big help for the indigenous people. According to the KNPP leader's suggestion, "if we build one of the peace garden surrounding areas of 17 villages border areas can help customary land protection for the indigenous people".

KEG office staffs also sharing and suggested about to get better livelihood and how should they can maintain the forest and water management for the indigenous people. The community's people are planning to get the community forest areas and holy mountain areas from a long time but till now they have not achieved yet due to the virous reasons. Currently, we are giving course by courses training for the community people those who are active and also, we had formed a committee as a group and as a village that can help manage in building of forestry and also in doing peace gardens.

