

Monthly Activities Report for July

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Township: Pruso

Village: Do Maw So Village

Country: Myanmar

In the months of June and July, KEG's staffs went to the villages and planting the trees, helping in doing customary and communities forest areas and also in doing in measuring the watershed forests and putted the land mark or signboard for the community's people. In July, we went to the Do Maw So village group that is located in the Pruso Township and mostly Kayaw ethnic are staying there. The road transportation is very bad in those areas especially in the raining season and they faced the landslide due to the heavy rain. The village head said, it will take long times even to have macadam road in their areas.

The villagers have to walk almost 1 hour to get the Tee Lo Bu villages because of the hachures. Those areas are getting peaceful after KNPPs ceasefires agreement with the government even though they have many Armed group are there. At the Tee Lo Bu villages have only till primary school and running with only 5 teachers. The children had to go to Phu So for meddle school and high school of the education. For the health care service, they went to till Ho Yar or Purso city for get the treatment. For the emergency case the villagers have to go till Purso city because Do Maw So village group does not have the clinic or health worker. But the karenni health care workers regularly used to come once in a month.

For the villagers from Do Maw So, mainly they do hillside cultivation and planting cardamom for their livelihood. They could not able to cultivated others vegetables or farming because of very hilly environment. However, the Kayah State Government had been trying to do testing coffee plantation and also, they are giving training on doing organic fertilizer for the villagers.

Moreover, KEG and with the cooperation of KNPP township officer are doing the planting the trees, measuring the watershed forest and doing community forest areas. The villagers are facing the water and livelihood problem because those areas are very hilly. In the past years they have many water resources areas however they had been losing those sources because of the extending the cultivation areas for their livelihoods and deforestation. On the

other hand, due to climate change problem every villages are having problem on the drinking water too. That's why, we need to maintain the forest with the cooperation from the villagers to get back the water resources. Traditionally, for the maintaining the forest, they have been devotion with pig or cow for the holy sprite, once in a year.

On July 29-30, we planted 200 seedlings at the Do Mo Saw villager group areas with the cooperation from the villagers.



