

Success story on pig breeding unit at Khulazu Basa Village of Nagaland

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Khulazu basa (25°39'19"N and 94°16'47"E) is a small village situated in Chetheba Tehsil and located in Phek district of Nagaland. It is one of 9 villages in Chetheba Block along with villages like Chetheba Hq and Phuyoba. Mr Thepuzo Keyho, an educated unemployed of the village was selected as a beneficiary under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)-*jhum* improvement for a pig breeding unit. As a tradition, every household rears one or two pigs for the purpose of fattening and are sold at the time of distress and delight. Piglets are brought into the village from nearest towns like Pfutsero (40 Km) or Chozuba (35 Km) from local piglet trader. The traders fetch the piglets from Senapati District of Manipur. These piglets harbor contagious diseases like swine fever in subclinical form and thereby put the entire pig population of the village at stake. In view of the deficit of pig breeding unit at the village level, ICAR Research Complex for NEHR, Nagaland centre with the assistance of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Phek establish a pig breeding unit in the village. Mr Keyho attended training conducted by KVK Phek on Scientific Breeding and Management of Pig. He constructed a concrete sty of four pens with the support of TSP. Construction materials were provided under the fund and structure was build at his own cost in a partnership mode. The specification of the sty was provided by the concern Subject Matter Specialist of the KVK. On successful completion of the house, Mr Keyho received five piglets of Largeblack (1 male & 4 female) from the Pig farm of ICAR RCNEH, Nagaland Centre under the project. On arrival to the village, the piglets were dewormed and immunized against swine fever (a dreaded disease of pig endemic to the region) by the SMS (Animal Science) of KVK-Phek. Mr Keyho feed the pigs with abundant available green feeds from the forest with frequent supplementation of concentrate and minerals during lean season. After 3 months, his pigs weigh 30 kg average indicating optimum growth with traditional method of feeding and management. In high spirits, Mr Keyho rears the pigs with scientific practices and is optimistic of further

expanding his venture and caters the need of piglet of the village at least. Apart from pig, he also rears rabbit, poultry and duck to supplement his household meat requirement and generate income. He is assisted by his wife and children to ensure his success in the livestock enterprise



Photo 1: Mr Thipuzo Keyho with Dr Debojyoti Borkotoky SMS(A.Sc), KVK-Phek at the Pig breeding unit.



Photo 2: Large Black Piglets at the unit



Photo 3: Large Black Piglets at the Unit



Photo 4: Inspection by KVK Phek team



Photo 5: Swine Fever Vaccination of the Pigs
