

SUCCESS STORY ON MASS AFFORESTATION AT MALCHAPARA:

For generations, shifting cultivation (Jhum) had been the primary livelihood in Malchapara village under Betasing C&RD block of South West Garo Hills, District. However, due to **shortened Jhum cycles**, increased population, and continuous burning, the land gradually lost its fertility. Recognizing the urgent need for ecological recovery and livelihood stability, the village and the Soil and Water Conservation Division, Ampati launched an afforestation project during the year 2022-2023 under the State Scheme to restore **Jhum fallow land covering an area of 10 Ha.**



FIGURE 4.3: BEFORE AND DURING PLANTATION.



FIGURE 4.4: AFTER 4 YEARS OF PLANTATION.