

## **: SUCCESS STORY ON RIDF XXIX (NARAGRE RIVER VALLEY PROJECT)**

RIDF XXIX- Naragre RVP funded by NABARD, Govt. of India was initiated in the year 2023-24 under Betasing C&RD Block of South West Garo Hills District and implemented by Soil and Water Conservation Division, South West Garo Hills, Ampati. The total project cost is Rs. 90 Lakhs covering 28 Ha of treatable area. This project benefits Naragre and Wakagre Village having 28 nos. of household/beneficiaries. This project has been handed over to the community in the year 2025 and is now being managed by Naragre Water User Group.

Under this project 2 Nos. of RCC Irrigation Dam, 2 Nos. of RCC Check Dam and under infrastructure development 2 Nos. of spring chamber was constructed.

The structures that have been created under this project has helped the beneficiaries to avail water for irrigation purpose, domestic purpose, check soil erosion, income generation (pisciculture), ground water recharge, etc.

The beneficiaries are very elated and contented as their agricultural production has been increased due to assured irrigation. Their source of income has also been increased due livelihood activities such as pisciculture. Women folks are also happy as ease in collection of water for drinking and other household uses has been achieved through construction of spring chambers and most importantly the involvement of the beneficiaries/water user association as a participatory approach has instilled in them the sense of ownership and responsibility towards the assets created.



**FIGURE 4.5: NARAGRE RIVER VALLEY PROJECT**