

Month Activities Report for November

Date: 4th Nov 2019

Village: Daw Ta Nor village

Township: Pruso Township

Country: Myanmar

Daw Ta Nor village is located in the Purso township and living with around 500 populations. They are doing cultivation for their main livelihood. Due to the population growth each years, the shifting cultivation also increase year by years. The villagers are majoring doing in cultivation because in that village have very less lands for doing big agriculture and water sources. Due to the population growing, the villagers are working in the forestry areas that had been maintaining from the traditionally through past generations.

According to the head of the monk from the Daw Ta Nor village, “When I arrived first in this community, they had lot of trees, bamboos and wild animals. However, later on the forest are getting lost due to the villagers are cutting trees and bamboo for the building house and also doing the shifting cultivation. Therefore, the community people are trying to remark back to the forest areas as their own. Even though, some villagers are still entering illegally for cutting trees and bamboo. During that time, our weakness was we don’t have the forest committee and rule and regulation for that. After that we met with the KEG while doing their project in our neighbors’ village. Due to the help of KEG members we are able to do our community forest areas, marking the water resources areas, came out the forestry mapping and doing land mark of the community. Moreover, the KEG coordinated the training for the forest management, awareness program and grouping for the forest committee for their village.

Recently, we do have the community forest rule and regulation with the cooperation of forest committee and village leaders from this village. In 2018, we got seedlings from KEG to plants in the community forest areas and celebrate the traditional spirit festival.

In additional, the villagers got awareness about how to maintaining the community forest areas and Karen Land policy from the KEG and Karen Earth- Right Action Network too. We also gave the awareness about the customary land law systems that we have been practicing from our past generations and till now and also what are the right for the indigenous people when it came to say the customary land law.

