

Farmer story | Mawsiatkhnām Village, Meghalaya

From Farm Waste to Farm Wealth

How Donlad Nongkhlaw turned farm waste into organic manure, healthier soil and extra income.



Donlad's vermicomposting bed, Mawsiatkhnām Village



Donlad Nongkhlaw at his vermicomposting unit

Meet Donlad

Donlad Nongkhlaw took part in vermicomposting training under the Small Grants Programme. With guidance from the project, he set up a vermicomposting bed and began turning farm waste into high-quality organic manure.

The challenge

Donlad struggled to get enough manure and relied heavily on chemical fertilizers, making it hard to keep his soil fertile and his crops productive.

Before	After
Not enough manure	Own vermicomposting bed
Heavy reliance on chemical fertilizers	Better soil fertility and crop productivity
Difficulty keeping soil fertile	Surplus compost sold for extra income

The result

Donlad has seen better soil fertility and crop productivity. He has harvested vermicompost four to five times, using it on his own farm and selling the surplus for additional income.

By turning farm waste into a valuable resource, Donlad has strengthened his livelihood, improved his farming practices and contributed to environmentally sustainable agriculture.