

AGWELE



NAGALAND



Agwele and her husband **John Liegise Zeliang** lives with their four children. Her husband runs a small business. Before moving to their new pucca house, they lived in a one-room kutchra space made of mud and thatch. The house was too small for the family of six. Her four children who are pursuing higher education did not have enough space to study which affected their education. Further, since the house was made with thatch and mud, winters and rain became specifically difficult. Being the sole bread-winner of the family, it was very difficult for him to either extend the existing house or build a new one from his meagre earnings.

In 2016-17, with the help of a local leader, Agwele became a beneficiary under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)]. Being a beneficiary under the Mission, Agwele and her family were provided financial assistance to add more rooms to their house. The rooms significantly improved the family's quality of life and provided the growing children their own space to study.

"My children's education is what will change their lives for better. The house will help them achieve their goals. Unlike me, who managed to make a pucca house, I want them to live comfortable and happy lives which has less day-to-day struggles," he says. Agwele and his family are thankful to the Mission for providing them with assistance to build their own house.