

20th September 2023

UPDATES OF THE WEEK

Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



On September 11th, DPMU team joined forces with Junior Chamber International (JCI), a non-profit organization, to address the clean drinking water needs of Nongwah Government Lower Primary School in Nongwah Village, Mawphlang Block. They installed a life-changing water purifier, ensuring a brighter, healthier future. They also organized a thoughtful discussion on noise pollution and contributed to a greener planet by planting saplings from the nursery. Together, they are creating a cleaner, quieter, and greener future!"



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On September 15th, DPMU team met with VNRMC members and Mawlyngbna communities to review CNRM, FMP, and NRM progress. They discussed exit strategies for long-term asset protection and celebrated with a cultural performance.

The team also visited implemented sites like footpaths, a community nursery, and a Pitcher Plant garden to assess real-world impacts. The visit aimed to comprehensively evaluate the sustainability and community benefits of these initiatives.



On September 12th, Knowledge Management team from DPMU and SPMU, went to Raid Saw Symper to capture video documentation of the diverse interventions and locations that hold the captivating history of Lum Symper. This effort aimed to preserve and convey the compelling narratives of Lum Symper through visual documentation.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

**West Garo Hills**

On September 21st, 2023, the Field Engineer and Knowledge Management team conducted visits to three locations: Genapara VNRMC (additional Fund- Spring Chamber, Salbina Chimk), Kongtokpara VNRMC (additional fund- Water Reservoir & Erosion Control Gabion Wall at Anamgija Chiring), and Upper Bamonpara (CDF-RCC Check dam with Storage Tank at Jankara Chiring). The purpose of these visits was to provide briefings to masons on constructing the specified activities in accordance with the provided estimates.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On September 21, 2023, GFA Juliant G Momin held a meeting with the residents of Dinapara, joined by the DPMU team, to discuss the PES scheme concerns.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



Mawsynram Block.



Umling Block.



Mawthadraishan Block.



Gasuapara Block.



Resubelpara and Kharkutta Blocks.

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Saipung Block.



Shella Block.



Amlarem Block.



Bhoirybong Block.

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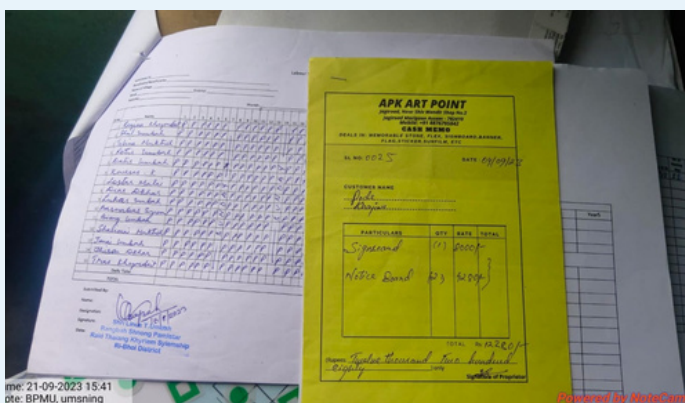
Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



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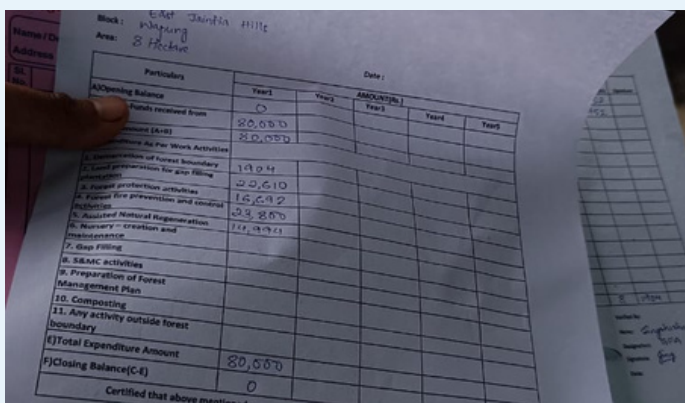
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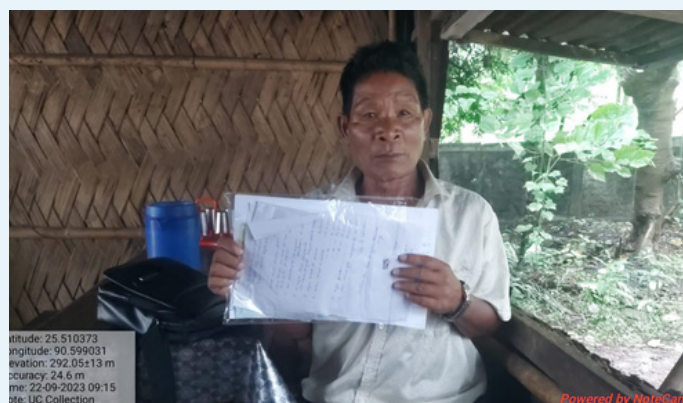
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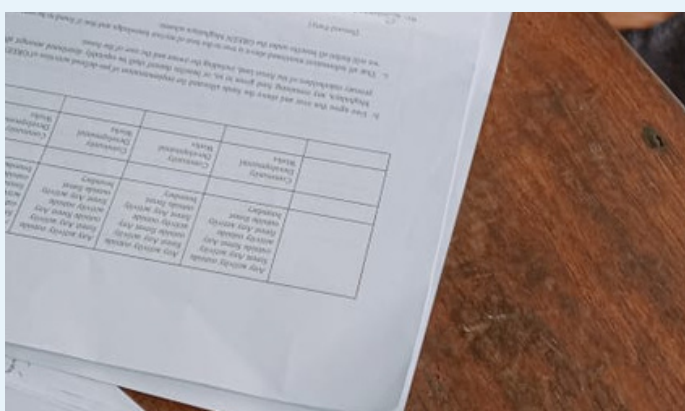
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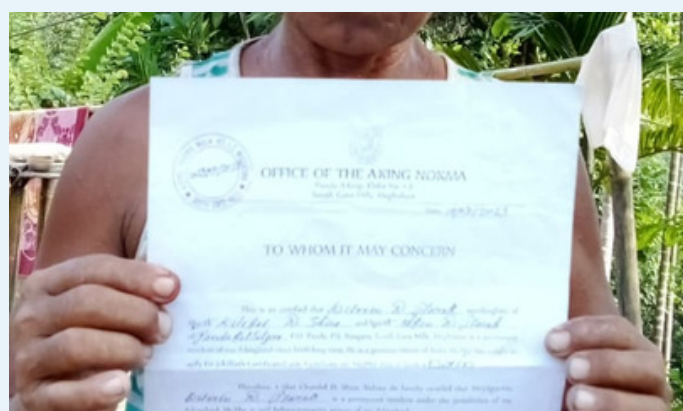
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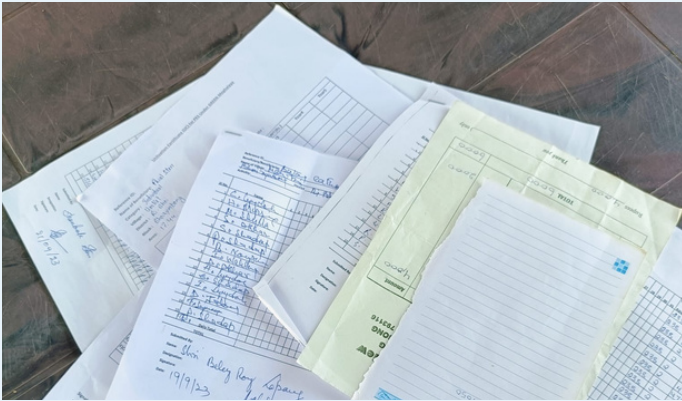
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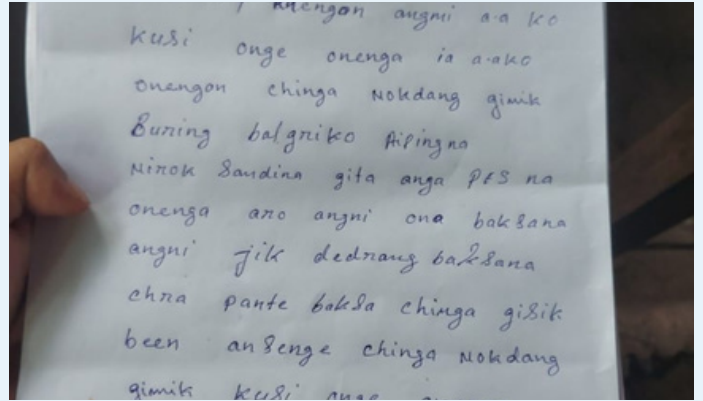
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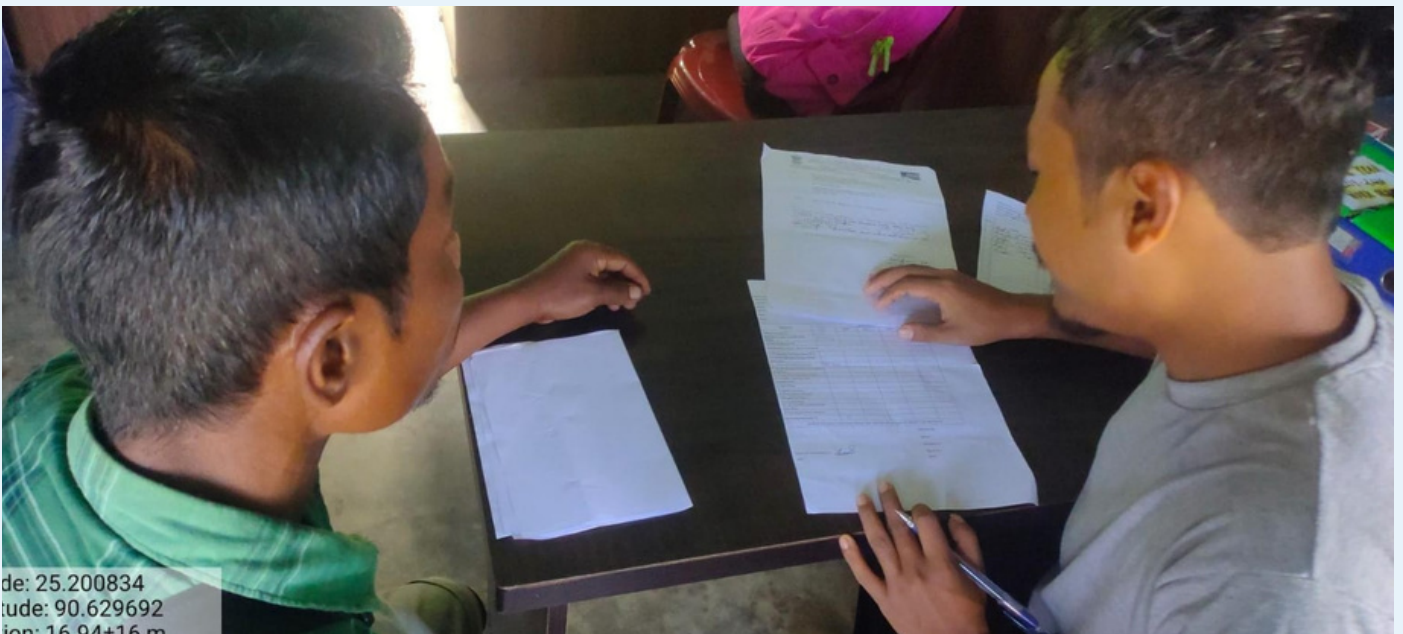
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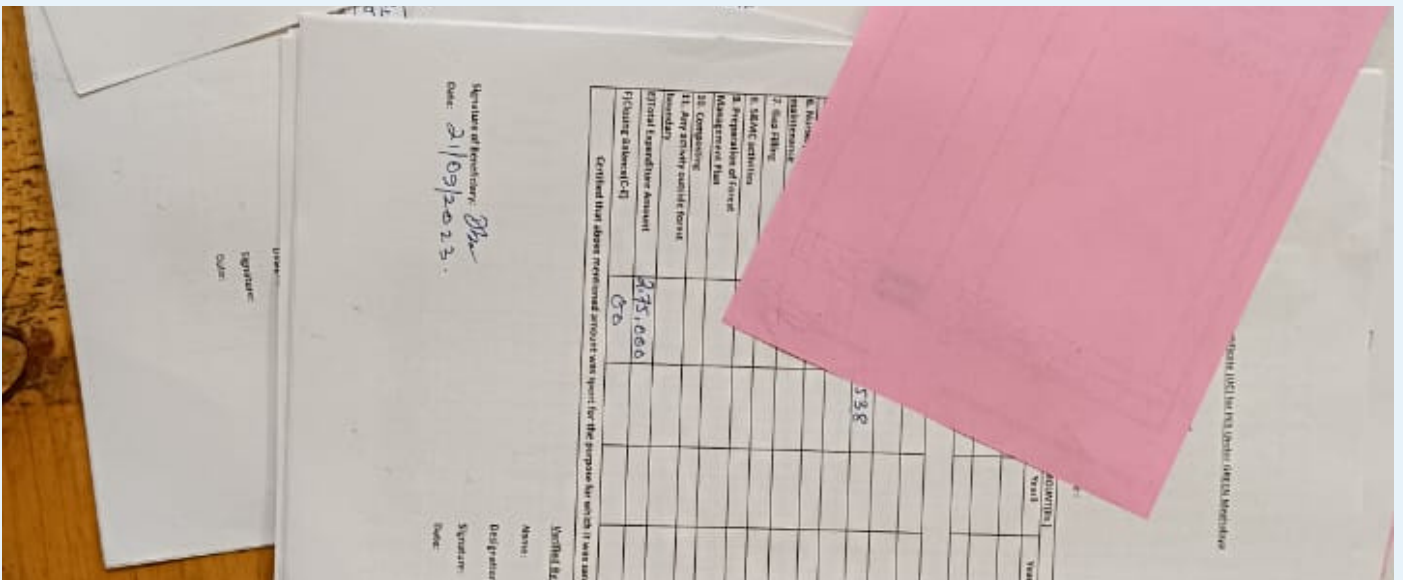
Umling Block.



Songsak Block.



Baghmara Block.



Khliehriat Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Verification and Boundary Mapping



PES verification at Nongrim village's sacred grove.



PES verification at Patharlyndan village.



Mapping boundaries at Mr. Sahal N Sangma's forest from Agronggre village.

PES verification at Chibragre village.

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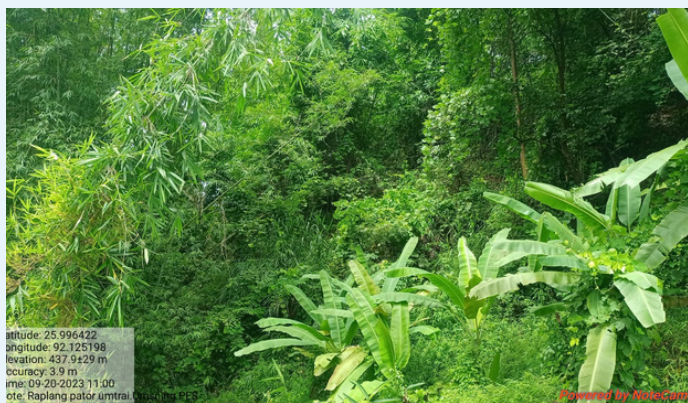
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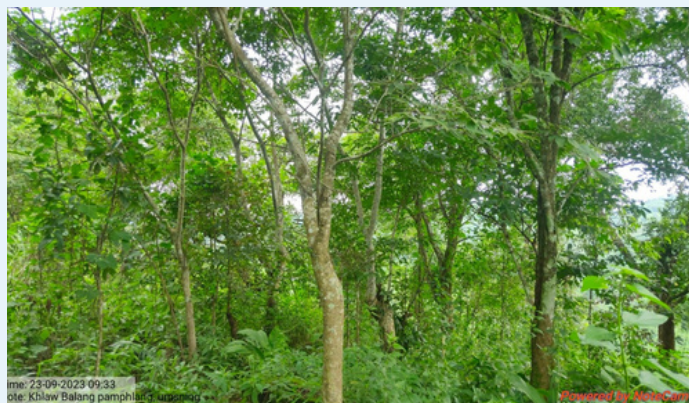
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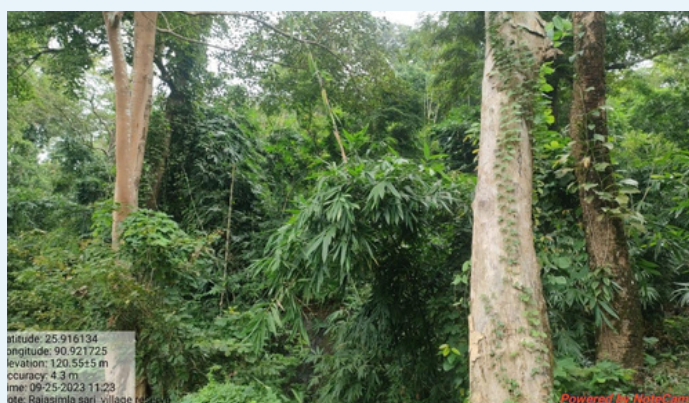
PES verification at Umtrai village.



PES verification at Pamphlang village.



PES verification at Nengkhra Awe village.



PES verification at Rajasimla wari village.

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PES verification at Mengkaggre village.



PES verification at Mawtari thaiang village.



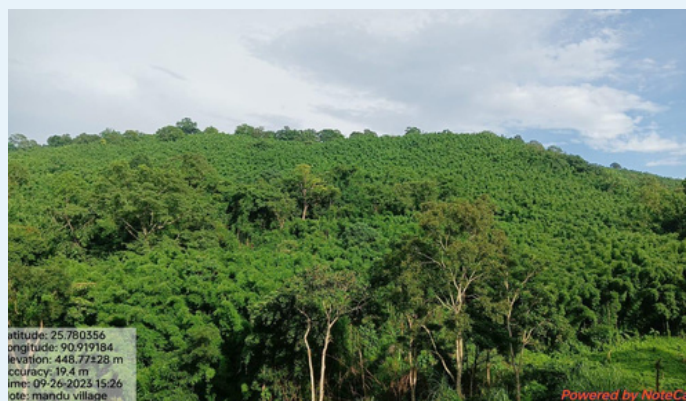
PES verification at Dobakol village.



PES verification at Grinang village.



PES verification at Pdengkseh village.



PES verification at Mandu village.



PES verification in Songkongre and Dalmagre village reserves.

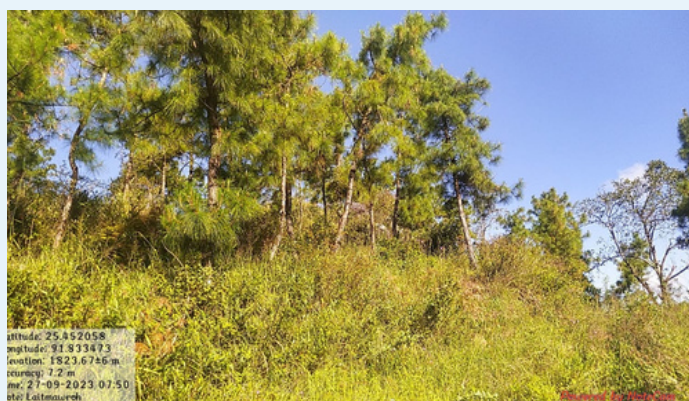


PES verification in Mawmluh Reserve Forest.

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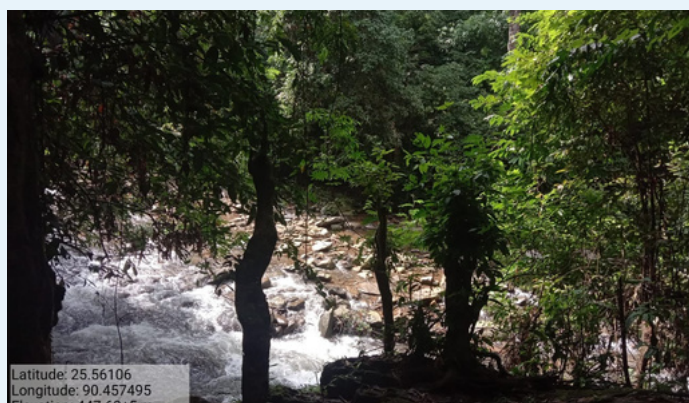
PES verification at Mr. Rocket B Marak's Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Laitmawroh village.



Akilson Momin, Aiban Sangma, and Hamit Marak from Kharkutta Block verified the PES of Teseng Areng, Grening Sangma, and Mettel Arengh forests.



PES verification at Thynroit village.

PES verification at Bansamgre village.

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THROUGH
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(MegLIFE)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project’s goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Plantation of saplings are currently underway.

 **West Jaintia Hills**



Fencing work at Umjalisiaw village.



Sanaro village.



Pdeintaloo village.

 **Ri Bhoi**



Fencing work at Lumdieng community forest.



Fencing work at Nongthneng village.

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North Garo Hills

On the 21st of September 2023, in Thapa Dajonggre village, a Mobilization program was led by BPM Parsist K Marak to prepare for the 2024 planting season. The local community received information about a variety of plantation models.



South West Khasi Hills



Project associates demonstrate second weeding and mulching in Mawrap village.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.

East Garo Hills



The Mangrake nursery's expansion in the Mejlgre Nokat village.



Mikdongjeng village.

Ri Bhoi



Rongbeta village.



Umden khasi village.

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Nongmawlong village.

 **South Garo Hills**



Andamari village.

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SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY

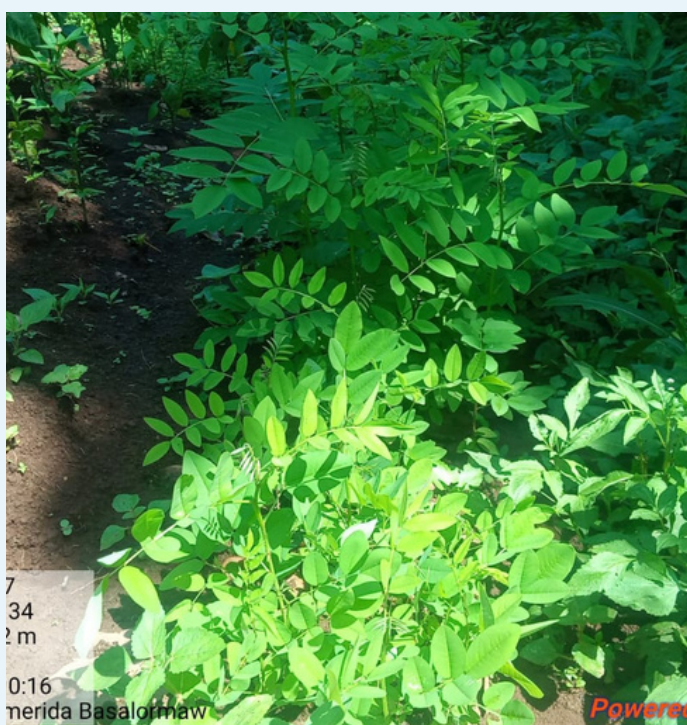
SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.

 **West Jaintia Hills**



SALT farm of Kong Diangbha Tang.

 **Eastern West Khasi Hills**



SALT farm at Sylleibah village.

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 **Ri Bhoi**



SALT farm at Bleishiah village.

 **East Garo Hills**



SALT farm at Jongmegre village.

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ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.

East Garo Hills



Dogegipuram village.



Mikdongjeng village.

North Garo Hills



Gambil Apal village.

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PLUP And Microplanning Exercises

On September 20, 2023, the inaugural PLUP and Microplanning exercise meeting was held in Rangsapara village, situated in the Mawshynrut Block of the West Khasi Hills District. Additionally, on September 21, 2023, the Microplanning was concluded with a wrap-up meeting and approval by the GB in Jeldupara village in the West Garo Hills District and Nongsangu village in the Ri Bhoi District.



Rangsapara village.



Jeldupara village

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Nongsangu village.

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MIS and Procurement Training

A 4-day residential training program for MegLIFE Village Community Facilitators in South Garo Hills, covering accounting, record-keeping, MIS, and community procurement, was successfully completed on September 22, 2023.



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Soil and water Conservation



Plastic tanks at Pynthorlangtein village.



Spring tapped at Pynthorlangtein village.



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(INR)

CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)

Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

East Khasi Hills District



The Bio Resource team conducted comprehensive field monitoring and soil sampling at Jatah Lakadong, aiming to evaluate the ecological and environmental conditions. Additionally, they monitored geranium nurseries at Mawkamoit and Mawthohbeh in the Mawthadraishan Block, focusing on the health and growth of geranium plants. Furthermore, the team supervised a vetiver plantation at Mawryngkang in Mawphlang Block, assessing vetiver plant growth and prospects for expansion.



East West Khasi Hills District

Follow up and Monitoring of Geranium plantation at Rikhen-Langniuh village, Mairang Block.

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

Site Verification and Electrification works conducted by the Green Energy team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project



West Jaintia Hills District

The Green Energy team carried out site verification and electrification works at Nongtalang Thymmai village and Darrang village in the Amlarem block under the WJH (West Jaintia Hills) district. Their initiatives included the successful installation of community lighting, street lighting, and household lighting systems within these villages. Through the implementation of the DGED project, access to electricity has been facilitated, community safety has been enhanced through well-lit streets, and the overall quality of life for residents has been improved by offering sufficient lighting solutions at both the community and household levels.

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Project
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On September 16, 2023, a site inspection and comprehensive discussion regarding Farmer Field Schools (FFS), Field Demonstrations, and the Multipurpose Nursery took place. This collaborative session involved key stakeholders, including SPs from Lower Rajapara IVCS, Koraigora IVCS, and Nongkdait-Nongwah IVCS, along with representatives from the District Project Management Unit (DPMU) team and State Project Management Unit (SPMU) Team.



September 20th 2023: East Khasi Hills District, represented by their team comprising staff and IVCS members, and East Jaintia Hills District, with their staff and entrepreneurs, participated in the Northeast Entrepreneurship Machinery and Innovation Exhibition (NEEMIE) at SRGT Polo Ground, Shillong.



Conduct of Drone Mapping survey for PRIME HUB under Mawsynram Block at Phlangwanbroi on September 20th, 2023.

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Training sessions on Piggery farming using the Bokashi method were conducted in two locations within South West Khasi Hills District. The first session took place at Mawpud village, Ranikor Block, on September 18th and 19th, 2023, followed by the second session at Lower Rajapara village, Ranikor Block, on September 20th and 21st, 2023.



A District Level workshop for Service Providers (SPs) that included Soil Testing Kit Orientation was organized in both West Khasi Hills and South West Khasi Hills Districts. In West Khasi Hills District, Arogyam Enterprise was present as a resource institute for delivering orientation on Soil Testing Kits, the program also included discussions on SP assessment, UC submission, training by the SP at the village level, and reporting. Simultaneously, an Orientation program on Soil Testing Kits for SPs of Multipurpose Nursery was held on September 22nd, 2023, at Lower Rajapara, South West Khasi Hills District.

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On September 22, 2023, a Multi Stakeholders Platform and Awareness Programs were conducted at Lower Rajapara IVCS, Ranikor Block, Upper Rajapara under Sodorkora Khasiadop IVCS and Nongkdait Nongthwah IVCS, South West Khasi Hills. These sessions focused on mobilizing members, shareholders, savings, loans, and PG formation.



20th September, 2023: The MLAMP team from South West Khasi Hills District organized a one-day exposure visit for ginger farmers from Khonjoy IVCS, Ranikor to Nongbri-Nongdom Village, Mawkyrwat Block.

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Farmer’s Field School training on Off- Season Vegetables on the 22th September 2023 at Sodorkora khasiadop IVCS, Ranikor, South West Khasi Hills District. Additionally, another Farmer’s Filed School training was conducted at Mawkawir village, East Khasi Hills district on the 25th September 2023.

FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System

On September 20, 2023, a training session and awareness program on Bookkeeping and Crop and Livestock Insurance were conducted under FOCUS, in convergence with AATMA and the Veterinary Department, at 5 Mile Community Hall in Myllem C&RD Block. The program witnessed participation from 21 Producer Groups (PGs) representing 7 different villages, and deworming medicines were also distributed to the PGs.



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20th September 2023, East Khasi Hills: Laitmawroh Ramkheng IVCS Ltd., held a Special General Meeting in Laitmawroh village, to discuss new By-Laws and other agenda items. Furthermore, on September 23, 2023, similar meetings took place at Krang Nonglum IVCS, Nongur IVCS, and Pyndenglitha IVCS to deliberate on new By-Law adoption, with the presence of officers from ARCS and EFC.



A series of IVCS review meetings and workshops were conducted across different locations. On September 19, 2023, a District Level IVCS Review & Workshop took place at DPMU, West Khasi Hills District. Subsequently, on September 20, 2023, a review meeting was held with IVCS at the Ranikor SDO office Hall, South West Khasi Hills District, followed by another review meeting with IVCS on September 21, 2023, at the Multi-purpose Hall, DC office Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills District.



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RURAL FINANCE



A meeting was convened on September 19, 2023, with the Managing Committee of Wahsohliat IVCS to discuss the Amendment of Bye-Laws and the selection of a Multi-purpose Nursery site.

A meeting was held on September 19, 2023, with the newly adopted Nonglwai IVCS, Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills.



The audit of Nongduh, Tyrna, and Umdiengpoh Laitthelangsah IVCS Ltd., at the SRCS office in Sohra on September 22, 2023.

Awareness program for mobilization of IVCS membership at Photkroh Village, West Khasi Hills.



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RURAL FINANCE



From September 19th to 23rd, 2023, a 5-day Orientation Program on Bookkeeping for newly formed IVCS under Phase-III IVCS took place in Khliehriat, in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, and the Junior Cooperative Officer of West Jaintia Hills District.

In addition, another 5-day Orientation Program on IVCS and Basic Bookkeeping Training for newly formed and registered IVCS under Phase-III was conducted from September 18th to 22nd, 2023, in South West Garo Hills, in the presence of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Society, West Garo Hills.

A similar training was also conducted from the 18th to 22nd September, 2023, at Model Farm, Terracegittim of East Garo Hills District for IVCS from East Garo Hills District and North Garo Hills District.



September 22, 2023: Visit to Mawthlong Mynsain IVCS to discuss on mobilization of IVCS membership, loans, share capital, the area of operations, Community Management Committee (CMC), and a meeting with the Piggery Service Provider for enhancing the activity through convergence.

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September 25, 2023. Darugre Chikama IVCS Ltd and Millawe Songma IVCS Ltd, both located in Dambo Rongjeng Block, received Agri-Response Vehicles from the Department of Agriculture.



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 Note: Follow up on Procurement of Material of Areca Nut Processing Unit (Lower Rajapara IVCS)

Following up on the procurement of materials for the Areca nut processing unit at Lower Rajapara IVCS, South West Khasi Hills.

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INRM



A meeting with IVCS members and hands-on training on biofertilizer and Berkeley compost was conducted at Pyndenglitha on September 19, 2023.



A meeting was convened on September 21, 2023, in Ranikor to discuss the submission of Utilization Certificates (UC) with the Village Employment Council.



A field visit was conducted at Lymba, a low-performing VEC in Amlarem Block, the visit was conducted by the DPM, Field Engineer, and Technical Assistant.

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GENDER



A one-day Gender Leadership and Mobilization Training, conducted on September 25th, was facilitated by Smt. Naphisha B. Kharkongor, Technical Specialist, Gender and hosted by the Mawphlang EFC Team at the Mawphlang Meeting Hall. The training was attended by community signatories from NRM, RF, and ISC&ED. A one-day Gender Leadership and Mobilization Training, conducted on September 25th, was facilitated by Smt. Narisha Kharkongor (SPMU) and hosted by the Mawphlang EFC Team at the Mawphlang Meeting Hall. The training was attended by community signatories from NRM, RF, and ISC&ED.

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