

13th 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 6th, 2023, DC of EKH, Smt. Rosetta Mary Kurbah, inaugurated the training hall in Phudmyrdong-B village, Maphlang Block. DPM EKH and other DPMU staff also participated in the program. They conducted a post-PRA exercise, comparing the Land Use and Land Cover maps of 2017 and 2023, revealing significant shifts in forest cover and agricultural land. This versatile hall symbolizes progress, inclusivity, and our commitment to reshaping the landscape and improving local lives. It focuses on skill enhancement, education, and community engagement, nurturing athletes, learners, and strengthening our environmental conservation efforts.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**West Garo Hills**



CLLMP DPMU recently convened a team meeting to address several critical agenda items. These topics included reviewing the pending work of CNRMP and the status of completion reports, assessing the utilization certificate (UC) status, discussing Forest Management Plans (FMP), evaluating progress on the PES-Green Meghalaya initiative, addressing social safeguard measures, strategizing for future planning, reviewing progress on the PES-Ganol Catchment project, conducting a bamboo assessment, and discussing honorarium for the Village Conservation Fund (VCF).

As an outcome of this meeting, the team has been instructed to prioritize and complete all pending work, including the completion report, by December 2023.



**West Jaintia Hills**

A GB meeting and awareness program were conducted in Mustem village to educate the community about the various schemes implemented. During the event, the villagers were encouraged to provide their feedback and suggestions on how to sustain these schemes in the near future.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



GB meeting and FMP working schemes review took place at Muthlongrim village, with the presence of the DPMU teams, Headman, VRNMC and general committee members. During the meeting, the headman emphasized the importance of cooperation among committee members for the successful completion of work activities in the village. He urged all committee members to actively participate in the protection and preservation of all completed work activities within the village. The primary objectives of the meeting were to conduct a thorough review of CNRMP activities, assess progress on the Forest Management Plan (FMP), discuss the status of balance funds, and review the ongoing working schemes.



GB meeting and Working Schemes review took place at S. Khliehmuchut. The meeting was attended by the DPMU teams, and general committee members. The meeting's main objectives were to assess CNRMP activities, discuss the status of balance funds, review the Forest Management Plan (FMP), and go over the progress of the working schemes.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On September 8, 2023, GFA Ibaphershisha Shiji Lyngdoh conducted a meeting with the Tynring village committee members who are part of Phase 1 beneficiaries. The purpose of the meeting was to deliberate on the particulars concerning the submission of UC (Utilization Certificate) and the Phase 1 activities.



On September 11, 2023, GFA Kid Alfred M Sangma organized an awareness program in Josipara village, West Garo Hill District, Dalu Block.

## 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).



Samanda Block.



Mawkynew Block.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



Mawkynrew Block.



Gasuapara Block.



Khliehriat Block.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Verification and Boundary Mapping



PES verification at Patharlyndan village.



Bollongre village Batch 1: Reserve Forest



PES verification at Umkhang village.



PES verification at Syniasya village.



PES verification completed by Dadengre Block applicant.



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Lairyngew village.



PES verification completed in Nongthymmai Kyndiar village.



PES verification at Jamge A village.

PES verification at Patalgre village.



PES verification at Dijingre village.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Old Jongria village.



PES verification at Lamin village.



PES verification at Mustem village.



PES verification completed in Mikotongjeng village.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Mawtharap village.

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PES verification at Songsak Agalgre village.

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MEGHALAYA  
LIVELIHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH  
FOREST  
ENHANCEMENT  
(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 is currently underway.

 **North Garo Hills**



Ajasiram village.

 **East Garo Hills**



Mejolgri Nokat village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**

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



**West Garo Hills**



Latitude: 25.610942  
Longitude: 90.06316  
Elevation: 152.05±49 m

Goeragre village.



Chandigre village.



On September 12, 2023, BPM Malika R Marak, along with students from Martin Luther University, Meghalaya who were engaged in MSW fieldwork, conducted a visit to Goeragre village. Their primary purpose was to examine the community nursery, where they encountered robust saplings that had been meticulously cared for and were free from pests.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

 **West Jaintia Hills**



Langkar village.



Demthring village.



Pdeintaloo village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**East Garo Hills**

On September 8, 2023, the concerns raised by VPIC and the Danal Megapgre village community were addressed by Sir Gautam Chakraborty, Sir DP Marak, and the megLIFE team. The meeting concluded positively, successfully resolving the raised issues to everyone's satisfaction.





**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

On September 12, 2023, BPM Raisabao A Momin held a meeting for the 2024 plantation in the Simseng cluster, involving Nokma, Sardar, and VPICs. They agreed to allocate village reserves for planting, mainly consisting of bamboo-covered areas. They were instructed to provide a written NOC and demarcate boundaries for the project, which covers 8 villages.



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**East Jaintia Hills**

On September 11, 2023, BPM from Saipung Block visited nursery extensions in Daistong, Tlangpui, and Mookhaiñ villages.



Nursery extension at Daistong village.



Nursery extension at Tlangpui village.



Mookhaiñ village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

 South Garo Hills



Rongkandi Songgital village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**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.



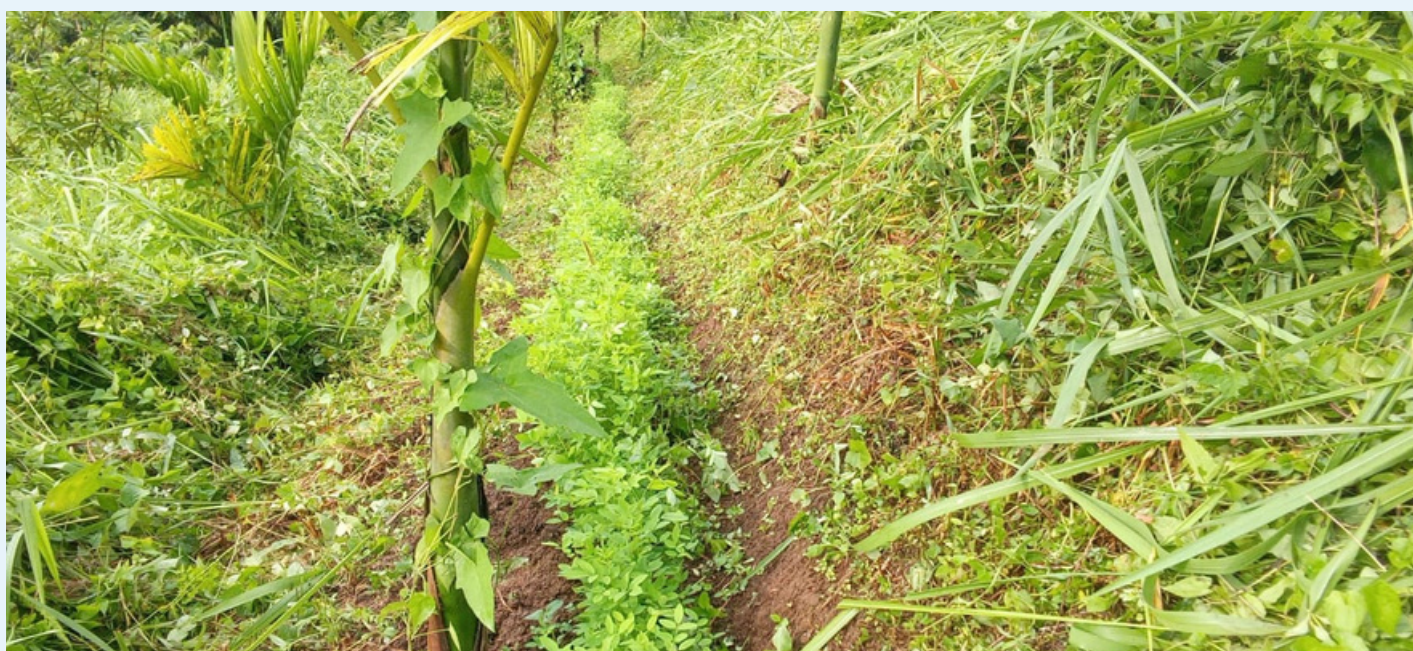
**West Garo Hills**



SALT farm at Chandigre village.



**East Garo Hills**



Mejolgri Nokat village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**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**



Gindil village.



Kalak Songital village.



Rongribo Amalgre village.



On September 12, 2023, the BPM team led by Samanda Block visited the villages of Merrongre, Dorakgre, and Jingamgre to evaluate the progress of the community hall's development.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

 **South Garo Hills**



Darang Chiga village.

 **North Garo Hills**



Rajasimla Songgital village.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

 West Garo Hills

On September 12, 2023, BPM Malika R Marak visited Goeragre village with MSW field work students Martin Luther University, Meghalaya to check on the community hall's progress.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

 East Jaintia Hills



08  
community hall

Power

Myntriang village.



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLiFE)**

**PLUP And Microplanning Exercises**

On the 6th of September 2023, in the Jeldupara village within Group 2 village of the Selsella block, students from Martin Luther University, Meghalaya, participated in microplanning activities as part of their involvement in the MegLiFE project under MBDA.



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**MIS and Procurement Training**

A 4-day VCF training on accounting, register maintenance, and community procurement, organized by MBDA MegLIFE, concluded on September 9, 2023, in South West Garo Hills and for the VCFS at Umsning and Umling C&RD Block (RiBhoi).



South west Garo Hills

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Umsning and Umling C&RD Block (RiBhoi).

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**Soil and water activities**



Plastic tanks at Pynthorlangtein village, under Thadlaskein Block.



Institute of  
Natural Resources  
(INR)

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

**Site Verification and Electrification at different sites under the Decentralised Green Energy Development Project.**

 **Ri Bhoi District**



The Green Energy Team carried out a site inspection and electrification work along with the Village Energy Committee (VECs) of Umshru village, under Jirang block.

Site Verification and completion of the electrification work at the community hall, street lighting, of Umsohpanan and Centre village under Jirang block.



 East Khasi Hills District



Installation of street lighting and completion of electrification work under DGED project carried out by the Green Energy team along with the Village Energy Committee (VEC) of Kunongrim village under Shella-Bholaganj Block.

**CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)**



Mawkyrdang village of the Mairang Block of the EWKH District has favorable temporal conditions, road connectivity and zealous community members of 20 persons to initiate the cultivation of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (MAPs) in their village, the Bioresource, INR Team in their site inspection & sensitization programme have demonstrated on the sustainable cultivation of MAPs with the identification of wastelands, formation of a group of nodal farmers for the cultivation of citronella, mentha piperita, geranium. The programme also highlighted the scope of the mission with the aim in the formative years for area expansion followed by the installation of FDU with subsequent progress. This would lead to upliftment of income of the farmers community in Mawkyrdang.



A field visit to Nonglang village in Mairang Block, EWKH involved a demonstration to farmers of Iaitreiminot Self Help Group (SHG) on lemongrass cultivation. The visit aims not only to encourage the growth of medicinal and aromatic plants but also to promote sustainable agriculture practices.

### Training on Aromatic grasses cultivation for soil and water conservation In Partnership with MegLIFE



A one-day training programme on cultivation of Patchouli plantation took place at Silsotchigre village, Rongram Block, West Garo Hills district. Organized by the Bio-Resource team of INR in partnership with MegLIFE, the training focused on the promotion of Aromatic grasses cultivation for soil and water conservation. Sixty interested farmers from Silsotchigre, Donsimagre, Chiwatgre, Rombadinggre, Chokagre and Timbogre village attended the training programme along with BPM, (Megh-Life) of Rongram Block, West Garo Hills and Technical assistant of Bio-Resource. The training provided practical guidance and plantation methods on Patchouli, which is known to improve soil structure, retains soil moisture, reduces runoff, and promotes biodiversity. This initiative plays a vital role in preserving soil quality and safeguarding water resources, promoting sustainable agriculture. The session fostered interaction among farmers, allowing them to share concerns and engage in fruitful and insightful discussions.



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Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED



On September 10, 2023, Dr. D. Vijay Kumar, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary of the Planning Department, and Project Director of MLAMP, MBMA, led a field visit to the Farmers Market at PRIME HUB, accompanied by the members of Jatah IVCS and DPMU team East Khasi Hills. During this visit, Dr. Kumar also explored the tourism activities at Wah Rashi. Discussions were also held regarding the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the existing Jatah Market and for Syntung Market, which had suffered damage due to a natural disaster.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED



From the 4th to the 6th of September 2023, a comprehensive three-day training session for Nursery Service Providers took place at the Model Farm in Terracegittim, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills. A total of 28 dedicated service providers actively participated in this enriching program. The training was expertly facilitated by Smt. Mebadashisha Kurbah, Benjilla G. Sangma, and Pringsal Jabirong D. Sangma.

The training curriculum covered an array of essential topics including soil macro and micro nutrients, as well as water testing for parameters such as pH, phosphate, nitrite, ammonia, hydrogen sulphide, carbon dioxide, and dissolved oxygen. The program concluded with a feedback session where participants were provided with forms to share their valuable suggestions and key takeaways from the training.

On September 12, 2023, a comprehensive site inspection and a brief discussion were carried out at the Nursery Farmer's Field School located in Diengkynthong IVCS, of Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block. This event was attended by consultants and officials from the SPMU and DPMU teams.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED

#### *CIP: International Potato Centre*



*On September 8, 2023, Shri Anubhav Bhardwaj, the Technical Assistant of CPRS, Upper Shillong, conducted the distribution of ARCs and inputs for winter planting to Kong Jantimery Rani and Kong Metralin Pdahsiej in Pyndenglitha village, which falls under the purview of the Mawphlang C & RD Block.*



*Follow-up on the Farmer Field School for Service Providers, focused on ensuring the quality seed production of potatoes through the innovative ARC technology in collaboration with CPRS.*

#### *FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System*



*On September 9th, 2023, a training session on bookkeeping was conducted for 21 Producer Groups at Liewlong Village within the Myllichem C&RD Block.*

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



Several Special General Meetings (SGMs) were held recently in different locations. On September 6, 2023, Nonglatem IVCS in Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills conducted an SGM to discuss amending new by-laws. Another SGM took place on September 9, 2023, at Mawbeh, with all IVCS members in attendance. On September 11, 2023, Mawlumrum Nangkyntiew IVCS Ltd. held an SGM in Mawlumrum village, focusing on by-law amendments and attended by IVCS members, the Managing Committee, and EFC staff, East Khasi Hills. Lastly, an SGM for comprehensive by-law amendment, following PACS guidelines, was conducted on September 12, 2023, in Jatah, Mawkyntiew C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills.



**8th September 2023:** Preparation of Audit Statements of Mawthwan IVCS Ltd.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



Multiple meetings were conducted as follows: On September 6, 2023, meetings were held concerning Know Your Household (KYHH), Know Your Member (KYM), and matters related to Collective Marketing Centres with Group Facilitators (GF) and Service Providers (SPs) at Sohrarim IVCS Ltd. and Mawmihthied IVCS Ltd. On September 8, 2023, similar meetings took place in Mawplang Block, Kyrdemkhla, Ladmawphlang, and Mawlyndiar IVCS Ltd. Additionally, a meeting focusing on KYHH and KYM was also held at Umdiengpoh on September 8, 2023. Lastly, on September 9, 2023, a meeting involving SPs, GFs, IVCS members, and CMC addressed KYHH and KYM at Pyndenglitha IVCS.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### RURAL FINANCE



An Annual General Meeting was convened on September 9, 2023, at Diengkynthong IVCS. An inquiry and another Annual General Meeting were conducted on September 11, 2023, in Nongsohphan Village for Nongsohphan IVCS.



On September 11, 2023, MLAMP, DPMU-South West Garo Hills, organized a District Level Workshop at BADO Multi Facility Centre in Ampati. The workshop focused on understanding the new PACS Byelaws and revisiting the IVCS Sub-Committees and their roles. Dr. Aba Liptos K Marak, AH & Veterinary Officer cum Nodal Officer of Piggery Mission (Veterinary), who also serves as the BDO i/c of the newly established Purakashia C&RD Block, graced the event as the Guest. Dr. Marak highlighted the Piggery Mission, extending an invitation to newly registered IVCS to join and encouraging old IVCS to meet their loan repayment obligations promptly.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## INRM



Several silage preparation training sessions were conducted in different locations: On September 8, 2023, INRM MLAMP organized a training on making silage for pig feed in Umtham, Ri Bhoi. On September 9, 2023, a silage making training was held in Laitkynsew, East Khasi Hills. Additionally, on September 11, 2023, a training session on silage preparation took place in Dambo Bima village, East Garo Hills.



**6th September 2023:** Site inspections were conducted for the extension of existing INRM interventions at Laitdithuh village and for site identification of new interventions at Laitdiker village under the Mawphlang C&Rd Block, East Khasi Hills District.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## INRM



Training session for Village Facilitators on INRM data collection was conducted on September 8, 2023, in Ranikor, South West Khasi Hills.

## KNOWLEDGE MANGEMENT



**6th September 2023:** A visit by various government line departments to the Village Information Centre in Lamin village, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills.

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