

26th April 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)



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



On April 18th, 2023, a joint inspection program was carried out by APO and Technical Assistant from Myllichem Block to monitor the progress of the implementation of Catalytic Funds by the VECs. During the inspection, the following VECs were visited: Ponkaniew, Liewlong, and Myllichem Mawiong. The VECs had implemented projects such as Water Harvesting, Irrigation Canal, Check Dam, and Spring Chamber, all of which were successfully completed. Furthermore, the VECs had submitted Utilization Certificates for all the activities as well.



On April 18th, 2023, the EKH GIS team conducted a survey and map-making exercise for the Land Use Zonation Map, Forest Condition Map, Ownership Map, Intervention Map, and Transect Walk as part of the Micro Plan and PLUP of the Meg LIFE project. The survey and map-making exercise took place in Mynsang Village, Mawkyntsew Block.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On April 19th, 2023, the field engineers of DPMU-EKH visited Laitsohphlang VNRMC in Mawphlang Block to inspect the progress of the protection wall being constructed using funds from CNRMP.



The EKH Environment Team and the Training Specialist, along with the VCFs, have kicked off the second phase of Seed Ball Training in Shella Bholaganj Block. They successfully trained 38 out of the 40 schools scheduled to participate on April 20th, 2023. The enthusiasm for dispersing seed balls was contagious, and we hope to see the positive impact this initiative will have on the environment.



On April 19th, 2023, the field engineers of DPMU-EKH went to Laitsohphlang VNRMC in the Mawphlang Block to conduct a follow-up inspection of the completed Fireline control project, which was implemented using funds from FMP.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On April 19th, 2023, the field engineers of DPMU-EKH visited Laitsohphlang VNRMC in the Mawphlang Block to inspect the completed protection wall, check dam, and Pitcher plant fencing, which had been implemented using funds from both CNRMP and FMP.



South West Khasi Hills

EE Environment and EE GIS visited Nongbrei Nongdom to conduct a follow-up on the Forest Management Plan for the implemented sites.



The DM-M&E visited Diwah Shadmoit and Jakrem villages to collect information on Community Procurement Reporting Format (CPRF) and assist in writing Minute Books and providing support to VCFs for data entry into the Web-based CLLMP-MIS system. The team successfully achieved their objectives for the day with the participation of the VCFs and the President.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



DPM, DM-M&E, and FE conducted a survey of the implemented plantation works and held a meeting with the EC members of Tynnai VNRMC. During the meeting, they discussed the urgent need to speed up the submission of UC to DPMU and set a timeline to start and complete the implementation of the Traditional Hall project.



Mr. David Gandhi, SALT Consultant, under the Meglife project, along with the FEs visited Nongbrei Nongdom village to discuss the importance of SALT farming techniques for improving productivity and soil fertility. During the visit, Mr. Gandhi also demonstrated techniques for training tree branches, pruning, and promoting hedge growth to the villagers.



A follow-up activity was conducted on the Traditional Meeting Hall and Spring Chamber projects at Photjaud and Hilland.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri-Bhoi



DPMU Environment team and field engineer conducted a field visit to Umsiang Maiong village to instruct and check on the Forest Management Plan and Excess Fund activities.



The Ri-Bhoi DPMU conducted a meeting with all the Village Community Facilitators at the DPMU office on April 20th, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to review the performance of each VCF to ensure that the work is being carried out as per the project requirements. The DPM also reminded the VCFs of their roles and responsibilities as the project approaches its end phase.

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West Garo Hills



On April 20th, 2022, District Project Management Unit organized training on the use of community computers (KYAN KIT) for teachers from selected schools at the Block Resource Center in Gambegre, Gambegre Block. On the same day, another batch of training for 12 school teachers and Block MIS coordinator was held at Rongram Deficit Secondary School.



South West Garo Hills



DPMU organized a two-day training on the use of community computers (KYAN KIT) for teachers from 23 schools in Ampati, Betasing block. Following the training, the projectors were distributed to the respective schools.

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The Field Engineer inspected the construction of a permanent nursery and spring chamber gate at Dalbotpara and Bankapara villages, respectively, under Betasing Block.



North Garo Hills

DPMU NGH conducted a field visit to Dame Bibra for a testimonial report and photo collection for photo database. The team also discussed the ongoing FMP activities and confirmed that the village has finished all FMP-related activities.



A field visit was conducted to the village of Rongjal for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the spring chamber. The engineer instructed the VNRMC members on how to build a gate to access the spring chamber box.

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West Jaintia Hills

Glimpses of second phase Seedball Trainings in West Jaintia Hills



Darrang UP School & Good Shepherd LP & UP School, Darrang



L L Kadew LP School, Shnongpdeng



Faith Academy School & All Saint Diocesan School, Jowai

The Antidote (Ka Ladew) - Sohkhylam VNRMC

Sohkhylam is a village in the South West Khasi Hills District that is part of the Mawkyrwat C&RD Block. It is home to 723 residents in 128 households and covers a geographical area of 194.97Ha. The village is approximately 3km away from the district headquarters in Mawkyrwat. Most of the people living in Sohkhylam are involved in agriculture, but there are also teachers, businessmen, and government workers among them. There are two primary schools and one secondary school in the village, and Mawkyrwat CHC, the district headquarters, is the nearest healthcare center. In addition to the VNRMC of CLLMP, Sohkhylam has its own village executive members.

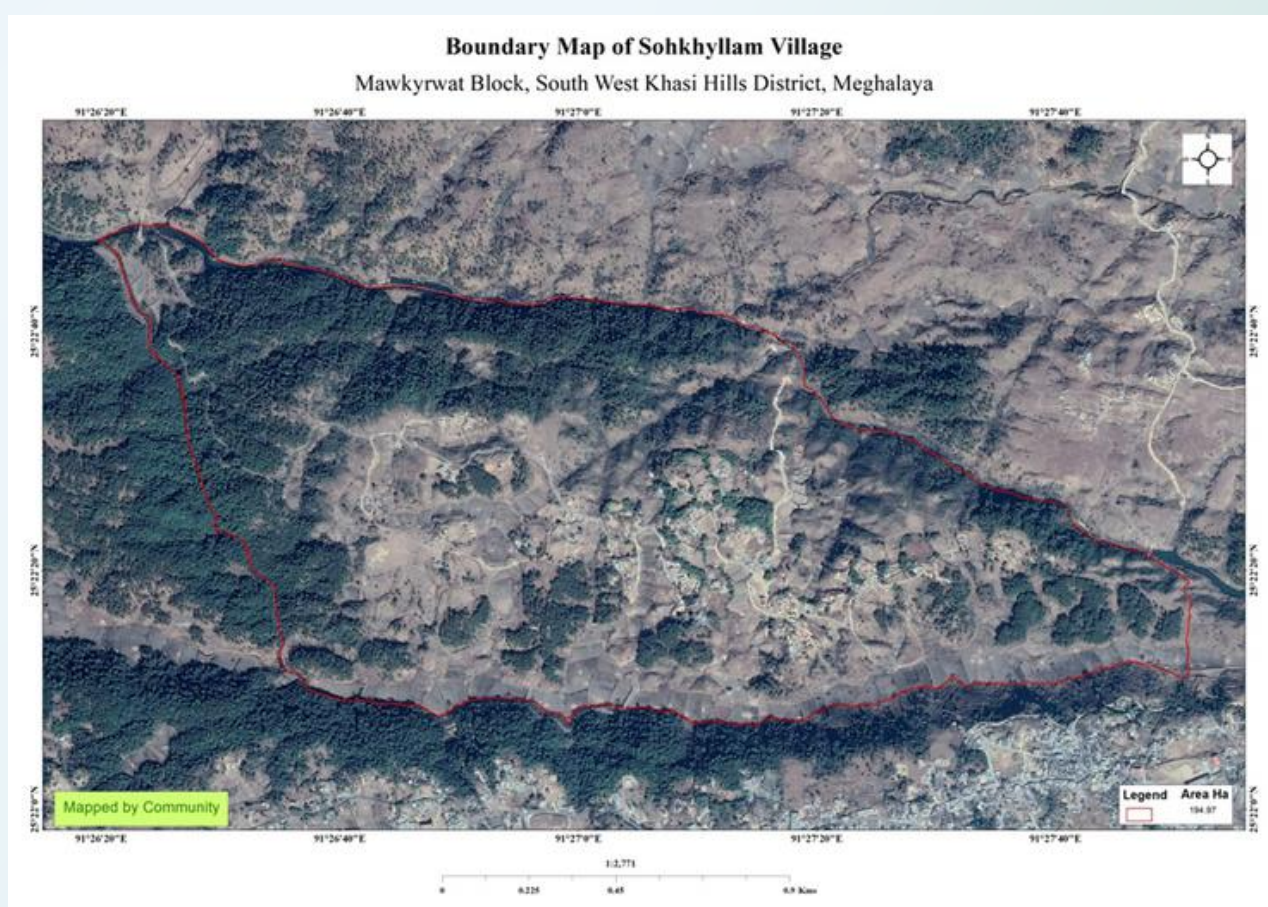


Fig: Boundary Map of Sohkhylam Village

The village of Sohkhylam has many streams as well as a big river named Wah Sala or Phot Sala that flows through the village's border. The community has always conserved and preserved this free-flowing river, which has been a wonderful blessing to them because it is home to many of the local fish species. During the fish breeding season, many children and adults, both men and women, would fish from it as a hobby.

However, the youth of Sohkhylam recently found out that some people from nearby villages frequently come during the night to poison the fish in the nearby waters with something called "tutiya," which is also known as bluestone or copper sulphate. This chemical is actually a fungicide that is used to kill several fungi. Nevertheless, due to their selfishness and greed, individuals began to abuse and misuse this substance, using a net to poison fish and only catching those that later floated to the surface of the river. Whenever this happens, the locals immediately start looking in their village or nearby villages for a banana tree trunk to place it on the poisoned river, as taught by their ancestors. This is because the banana stem has great water retention ability, which would neutralize the water.

To address this problem, the Seng samla shnong put together a group to volunteer to check for any outsiders who are attempting to poison the river, and those found doing so would be charged a heavy fine.



Fig: Banana plantation along Phodsala river at Sohkhylam.

One of the activities proposed by the youth members of the VNRMC is to plant banana trees along the banks of the Phot Sala River. Banana trees are known to have great water retention abilities, and in the future, this would make it easier for the youth members to find access to banana stems within the village. This property of the tree and its benefits prove the science behind the knowledge passed down from past generations. Starting from the last week of July 2022, six youth members of Sohkyllam planted 300 indigenous banana plants along a 1km stretch of the Phot Sala River. They cleared the area and dug pits measuring 0.30m x 0.30m, filled them with cow dung, and planted the saplings. The VNRMC employs youths from the village to care for the rivers and check for outsiders, as this would encourage them to safeguard the rivers and provide additional income. The VNRMC expresses their gratitude to the World Bank and CLLMP for their support and guidance throughout this intervention and hopes that this plantation will be a success.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



Nongdaju Village, Mawshynrut Block



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Note: Rongchongre

Rongchongre Village, Gasuapara Block



Laitiam village, Shella Block



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Note: Saitsama

Saitsama Village, Thadlaskien Block



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Elevation: 183.29±6 m
Accuracy: 7.1 m
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Note: Darit Wakholgre

Darit wakholgre village, Gambegre Block



Agindarengre Village, Gambegre Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The Sordar of Kut village plans to organize a meeting with the Dorbar to discuss PES and evaluate the possibility of applying for the scheme. Their decision will be reached after the meeting.



GFA, Ialamphrang Kharbteng visited the Sordar of Laitkseh village in the East Khasi Hills District. During the visit, the Sordar agreed to arrange a meeting with the forest owners to conduct an awareness program.



Following a visit to the headman of Mawmuthoh village, an awareness program has been arranged and is scheduled to take place next week in the village.

On April 20th, 2023, an awareness program for clan forest owners was conducted at Riangkchain Village under Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills District.



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COLLECTION OF FORMS



Photjaud Village
Mawkyrwat block



Bolmoram Dochokgre
Songsak Block



Rotonggre Village
Chokpot Block



Chokpot Block

East Garo Hills : 33

Ri Bhoi : 29

South West Khasi Hills : 21

East Jaintia Hills : 14

East Khasi Hills : 08

South Garo Hills : 07

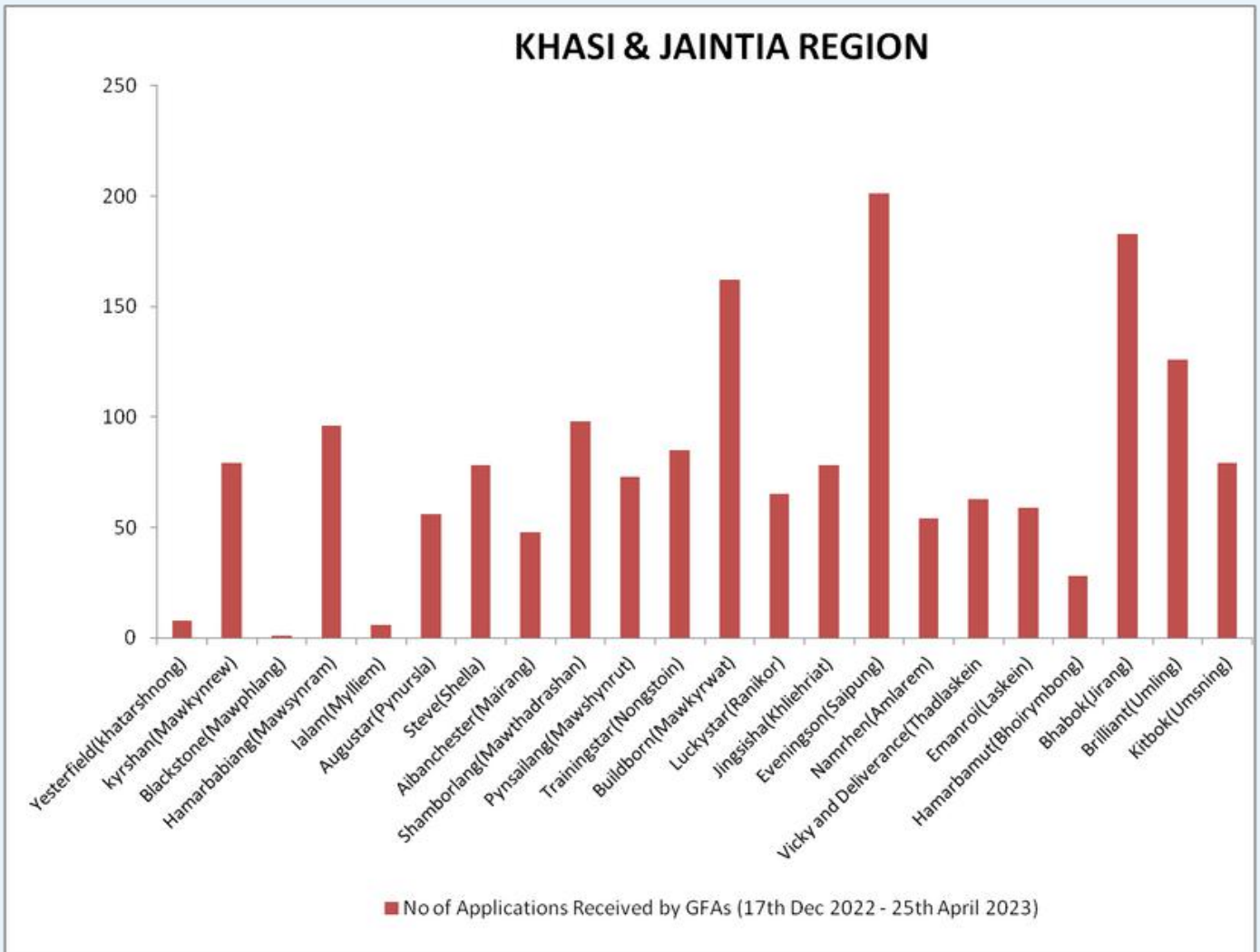
West Khasi Hills : 06

West Garo Hills : 03

Eastern West Khasi Hills : 01

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The below graph displays the number of applications (block-wise) submitted by the Villagers, Communities, Clans and Individuals for the PES Scheme from 17TH December 2022 to 25th April 2023



The total number of applications received from Khasi and Jaintia Region is 1726



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Mairang Block

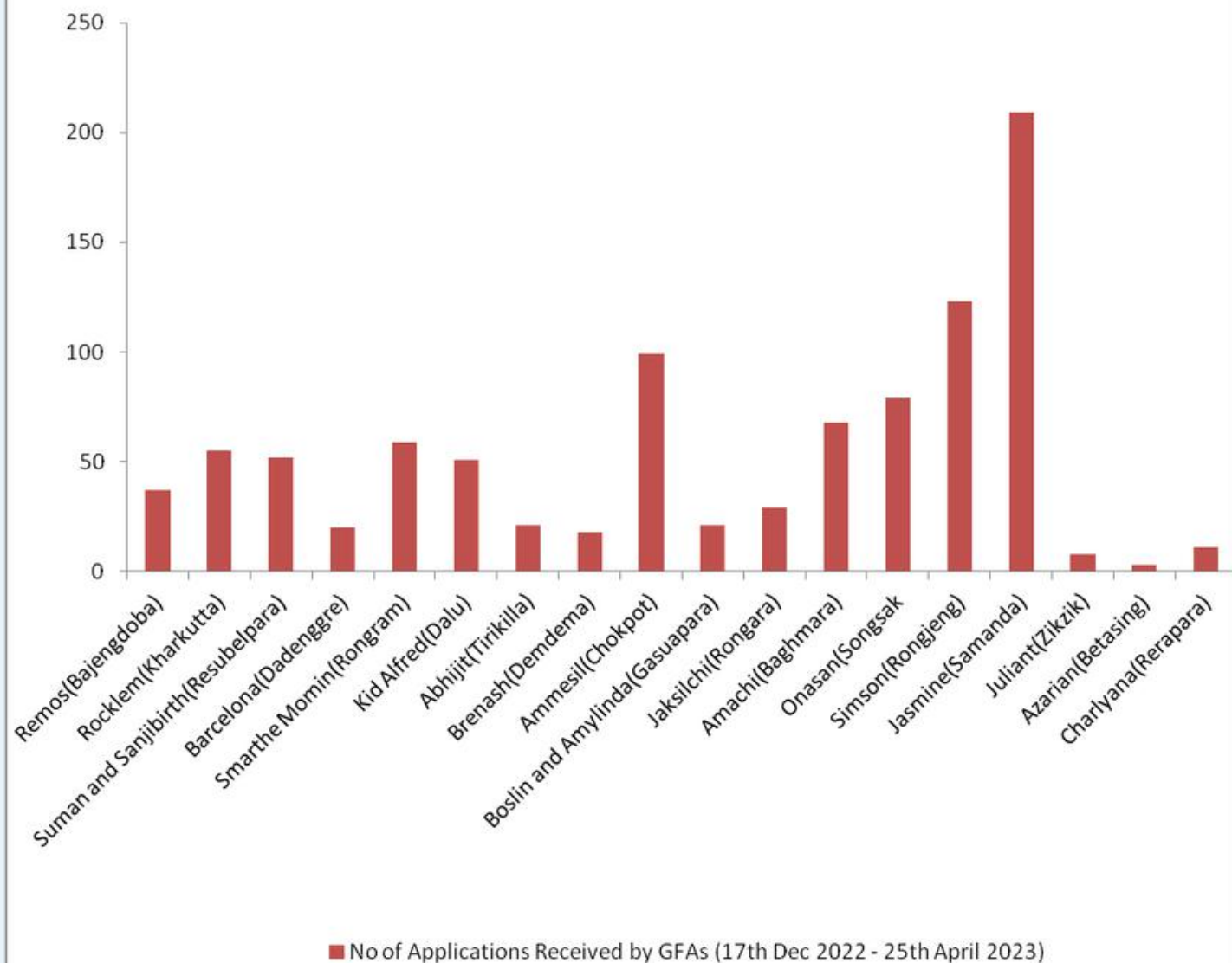


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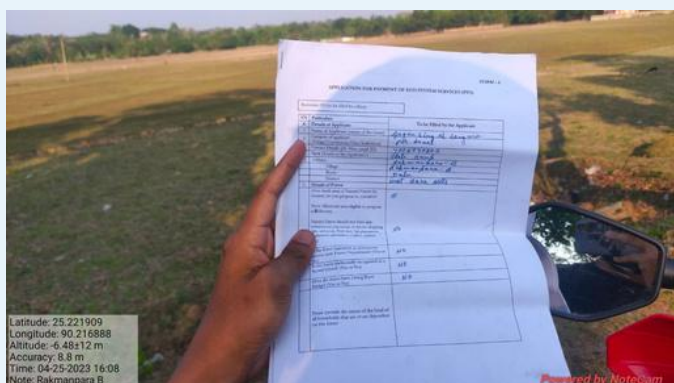
Khliehriat Block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

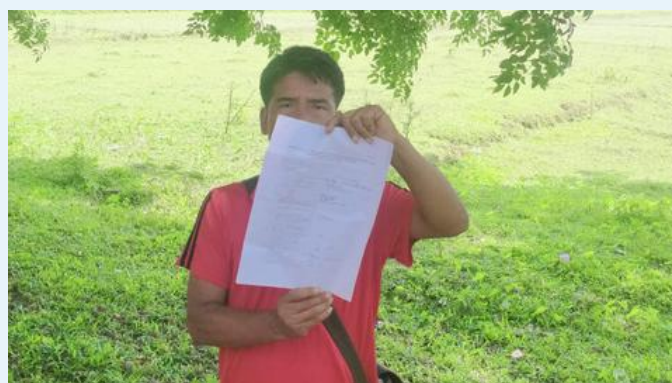
GARO REGION



The total number of applications received from Garo Region is 963



Rakmanpara B, Dalu Block



Asinanggre, Chokpot Block

MEGHALAYA
LIVELIHOOD
IMPROVEMENT
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FOREST
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(MegLIFE)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

Community Nursery
Laitdiengsai VPIC,
East Khasi Hills District



Rongara Block - farmers from Bolbokgre village have prepared contour line

Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT)



Bugakolgre farmers preparing for SALT farming

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

SALT Consultant, David Gandhi, visited Gitokgre village in the Samanda block of EGH on April 21, 2023, to meet with the SALT farmers and evaluate their preparations. Notably, all five farmers were women, and the VCF had assisted them by constructing the A-frame using wood.



During his visit, Mr Gandhi also engaged with the KM and Drone teams, who were present for video documentation purpose. It was delightful for him to witness how the village children were fascinated by the drones.



Land preparation for SALT at Rangsa village, Kharkutta block, NGH

Nine out of the ten villages in the Rongram block of WGH have finished marking the contour lines on their SALT farms. In Gindopara village, it was observed that the Tephrosia hedgerow, which was established on the SALT demo farm last year, is thriving. The five farmers who were chosen for this year's program are enthusiastic about trying out SALT.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

David Gandhi visited Chibilbang village under Dambo-Rongjeng BPMU on 19th April, 2023 for monitoring the SALT farmers



Gitokgre Women SALT farmers have started preparing their land for SALT farming

Mr. David Gandhi visited the SALT farm site at Mawksiar, Pydensohlang & Nongbri nongdom under SWKHD and had direct interaction with the farmers. It took 30-40 minutes trekking to reach the farmers' cultivation area. The farmers showed keen interest in starting off with the SALT technique. The type of land that was suitable for NFP and the other that could apply only for lemon grass were also identified.





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CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION
(GREEN ENERGY)
NAME OF THE PROJECT: DECENTRALIZED GREEN ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SITE INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY GREEN ENERGY TEAM

 **Ri Bhoi District**



Jair village, Umsning Block



Kdohhati village, Umsning Block

 **South West Khasi Hills District**



Mawten village, Mawkyrwat Block



 **South Garo Hills District**



Geritgrim village, Baghmara Block



East Khasi Hills District



Mawbri Village, Laitkroh Block

SITE INSTALLATION



East Jaintia Hills District



Mutong village, Khliehriat Block.



Lahalein Village, Khliehriat Block.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

Installation of Field Distillation Units (FDUs)



Installation of Field Processing Unit completed in Narwan village under Saipung block, East Jaintia Hills District, where 1.1% of oil was recovered from Citronella cultivated in coal mining abandon site.



Installation of 50 litre Capacity Field Distillation Unit for distilling of essential oils like Geranium, Citronella, Lavender etc. at Mawphanlur village, Mawthadraishan Block, West Khasi Hills District.



Monitoring of Geranium plantation at Khliehmawlieh village, Nongstoin Block, West Khasi Hills District.



Provision of Geranium saplings to Pyndenglitha Puin Self Help Group (SHG) and monitoring of Mentha and Lavender plantation at Pyndenglitha village, Mawphlang Block, East Khasi Hills District.



Tagetes & Basil seeds distribution to Ia-tyllilang SHG and Jingjaw Ibarit SHG and monitoring of Geranium plantation at Umdohbyrthih village, Bhoirybong Block, Ri Bhoi District.



The Bio-Resource team conducted field visit to Umrynjah, Mawlai Block, East Khasi Hills District for mapping and collection of soil sample for cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic plants.



The Bio-Resource team conducted field visit to Mawbeh, Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, East Khasi Hills Dsistrict for mapping and collection of soil sample for cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic plants.

Meghalaya
Livelihoods And
Access To Markets
Project
(MeghaLAMP)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

COLLABORATION IS KEY

ISC&ED, INRM and Rural Finance Collaborates to Achieve Project Goals



On April 19th, 2023, a site inspection was conducted in Jabar Lumtop Jaud, Sohiong Block, East Khasi Hills to assess its suitability for a potential multipurpose nursery and field demonstration plot. This inspection is part of an integrated approach of the INRM and ISC components



On April 18th, 2023, officials from NRM, ISC & ED, and the MC Member of Diengkynthong IVCS under Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, EKH, met to discuss the procurement process for machineries to be used in the Honey Processing Unit to be established in Diengkynthong Village. The meeting also covered other procurement processes to be undertaken under NRM and ISC & ED components.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



A one-day workshop was held on April 13th, 2023, at the DPMU Office in Mawkyrwat. The workshop featured resource persons from the Rural Finance Team, who were briefed and assigned to assist with the books of accounts for the CMC, CHC, and FPC under the Ranikor C&RD Block.



On April 20th, 2023, the MLAMP committee members conducted site inspections in Pyndenglitha and Kyiem villages, in Mawphlang Block. The purpose of the inspections was to select a suitable field demo plot for Open Pollinated Seeds (OPS), Farmers Field School (FFS), and a Multi-Purpose Nursery Unit under the INRM program with ISC and ED components

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



On April 20th, 2023, a community-level meeting was held at Gairong village, Kharkutta C&RD Block, under Nangrime IVCS. Traditional heads of 14 villages, elders, market committee members, IVCS management committees, and DPMU staff of North Garo Hills were present. Attendees were informed about various MBDA-MBMA interventions under the MLAMP project and FOCUS. The meeting concluded with a decision to encourage rural households to participate in IVCS and other programs, including marketing of produce. The newly constructed ginger processing unit, cold storage, and PRIME Rural Hub within the Gairong area were also introduced.



On April 12th, 2023, a joint survey was conducted during a consultative meeting with Upper Kharkutta IVCS Ltd and Kharkutta Market Committee, and Nangrime IVCS Ltd and Gairong Market Committee. The survey revealed incomplete construction of market sheds, causing delays in the allotment process and handover for marketing purposes.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

ISC & ED



MeghaLAMP, in collaboration with Trifed, India, expanded its outreach to West Jaintia district after successfully hosting the Tribal Artisan Mela in East Khasi Hills District. The event was held in Jowai on April 21st-22nd, 2023, where seven out of twelve artisans were empanelled, and 28 samples were purchased, amounting to Rs. 11,440. This expansion into the West Jaintia district is a significant development for the artisans of the region, providing them with access to a larger market and better prices for their products. In addition, the DPMU of West Khasi Hills collaborated with Trifed to organize a Tribal Artisan Mela on April 24th-25th, 2023, where 16 artisans were empanelled, 12 were identified for training, and 57 samples were purchased amounting to Rs. 18630, further boosting the outreach of the program and supporting the rural artisans of the region.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

ISC & ED



Training on potato seed production ARC (Apical Root Culture) was conducted at Umsawmat and Lawkhla Mawlong villages, Mawphlang C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills, as part of the Seed Secure Meghalaya initiative in collaboration with FOCUS Producer’s Group. The training included sensitization and hands-on sessions.



On April 19th, 2023, a sensitization programme on data collection was conducted for Group Facilitators and CMC Facilitators at EFC Ranikor C&RD.

ISC & ED



PG members from Mawphlang and Sohiong C&R Block visited the Bio Resource Development Centre for an ARC technology exposure on potato seed production

RURAL FINANCE



On April 18th and 19th, 2023, a hand-holding exercise was conducted for bookkeeping of Shangbangla IVCS in Umling Block and collection of KYM details of its members. Similar exercises were carried out for Sohlaitem IVCS Ltd and Mawphrow IVCS Ltd.



Umdiengpoh Laitthemlangah IVCS Ltd, under Khatarshnong Laitkroh C&RD Block held its Annual General Meeting on April 21st, 2023

RURAL FINANCE



From April 24th to 25th, 2023, a two-day hand-holding session was held to review the books of accounts for Santipur IVCS and to collect KYM details.



Awareness Programme on Formation of New IVCs under phase-III Block Level held at Mairang C&RD Block on the 24th April 2023.

INRM



On April 19th, 2023, a meeting was held with VEC Munai to discuss the INRM Plan, assess the performance of VEC, discuss record maintenance, and other related activities. The meeting also covered the plan for conducting a program with the Soil and Water Conservation Department



On April 18th and 19th, 2023, meetings were held with VEC representatives regarding Community Contribution follow-up on NRM activity, submission of profile VF/WV with VECs and FE. The first meeting was held with VEC representatives, and the second meeting was held at Mawhati village in Ranikor Block.



A briefing was held for the INRM sub-committee to plan training on INRM thematic areas in convergence with the Soil and Water Conservation Department. The briefing covered the areas of Mukhaialong, Cham Cham, and Mutong.



At the Sustainable Development Goal training program held on April 18th, 2023 at the State Institute for Rural Development, two VCF members from SWKHD were selected to participate. The training was organized by the Planning Department and Centre for Policy Research Project.

GENDER



A digital literacy training program was held from 17th to 21st April 2023, for women from Ri Bhoi District (Umling C&RD Block) at MATI Shillong. The program aimed to empower the participants by providing them with basic computer knowledge, covering topics such as computer operations, word processing, spreadsheet usage, presentation making, internet introduction, electronic mail, Meghalaya e-district services, digital payments, and cyber safety. The program had 17 participants selected from IVCS & PG members class 10 onwards.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



On April 25th, 2023, District Level Review Meetings for all components of MLAMP and MegLIFE were held at DPMU Ampati and DPMU Mawkyrwat in SWKHD. The meetings involved the participation of IVCS Secretary, President, GF, BF, and INRM VECs, as well as staff from different components and DPM.

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