

# NEWSLETTER

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25th July 2024



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# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

Enhancing Cooperative Governance: Insights from PACS Training



From July 24th to July 26th, PACS officials underwent training at the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, Mawdiangdiang, Shillong, as part of the CSPCP program. This training, coordinated by the Cooperation Department, featured resource persons from MCAB and the System Integrator at NABARD. The opening address was delivered by Shri. R. Rymbai, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

Rural empowerment initiatives: Cross-district knowledge exchange and gender-inclusive learning opportunities.



On 23rd July, 2024, women members from South West Garo Hills (SWG) visited Dabram IVCS in the MLAMP Block of South Garo Hills District to exchange knowledge and learn about activities in other districts. During the visit, the women engaged in interactive sessions and Dabram IVCS presented their activities using chart papers. They discussed the formation of the IVCS, their ongoing initiatives, the challenges they encountered, and how they successfully addressed them.

The women from SWGH were particularly impressed by Dabram IVCS's dragon fruit cultivation and the manufacturing of sanitary napkins. They expressed their intention to apply these learnings in their own IVCS activities, noting that the initiatives in SGH are unique and different from those in SWGH.

Before this visit, members of SWGH had low self-esteem and were hesitant to express their views. However, inspired by the articulate and confident presentations from Dabram IVCS, they gained confidence. During the programme, four women from different IVCS under SWGH shared their own activities and perspectives.

Facilitators of the program included Werish A Sangma, Deputy Manager (SGH); Lisha R Marak, Assistant Manager (SGH); Grikme Ch Marak, Programme Associate (SGH); Silchira Dongkame Momin, Programme Associate (SGH); Cheman Ch Sangma, Programme Associate (SGH); and Rikje Marak, Assistant Manager (SWG).

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Rural empowerment initiatives: Cross-district knowledge exchange and gender-inclusive learning opportunities.



Gender cross-over learning cum exposure visit by DPMU-EKH along with DPMU-Ribhoi to Umkon IVCS, Ri Bhoi, was conducted on 22nd July, 2024. Participants included members from IVCS under MLAMP Block, East Khasi Hills, as well as members from Umkon IVCS. Key attendees were Smt. Naphi Kharkongor, TS-Gender, Shri. Marlam Kharmudai, DPM-Ribhoi, Smt. Badashisha Marbaniang, Manager-EKH, Smt. Sasana Kharkongor, Dy. Manager-EKH, Smt. Ester Kharnaior, PA-Ribhoi. The purpose of the exposure was to enable IVCS to learn, share, and connect with IVCS outside their own block/district, exploring whether activities undertaken can be implemented in either district. The visit allowed IVCS from both districts to learn about various income-generating activities (IGAs). Umkon IVCS shared their successful initiatives, including Eri yarn supply, CMC, CHC, ARV, etc. Smt. Suklin Dohling, a Gender Champion from East Khasi Hills District, also shared her journey and the challenges she faced in scaling up her food processing business.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

Rural empowerment initiatives: Insights from meetings, trainings and awareness programmes



An IVCS mobilization programme was held on 23rd July, 2024, at Tyllilang, EJH. The programme focused on the importance and benefits of IVCS, emphasizing the need to raise funds through increased membership, savings, and lending. Additionally, the Branch Manager of MCAB Khliehriat attended and highlighted available schemes and benefits for the IVCS and its members.



A 5-day orientation and bookkeeping training for the chairmen and secretaries of Phase 3 IVCS of Garo Hills was conducted at SMELC, Tura, starting from 15th July, 2024, to 19th July, 2024.



A 4-day village-level training programme for PGs cum farmers on pineapple and ginger value chains was held from 15th July to 19th July, 2024, at Purangang, Mawphrow, Sarikushi, and Umkaduh villages in Ri Bhoi District, Umling C&RD Block.



A meeting between the RF SPMU and DPMU teams, EGH and NGH, was on 18th July, 2024, at Noah Resort, Williamnagar, EGH, to discuss the issues being faced at the ground level, including credit linkages, audit issues, and computerization.

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On July 17th, 2024, a regional-level review meeting was held at Hotel Polo Orchid, Tura, for Megha-LAMP staffs in the Garo Hills region. The meeting included RF, SPMU, and District Teams from WGH, SGH, and SWGH.



Block awareness session on VDV for the Headman/Secretary of 24 villages under Mawlai C&R&D Block was conducted on July 11, 2024, at Mawlai C&R&D Block Hall. The session was attended by the APO on behalf of the BDO, headmen, and officials from the Block office. The Headman actively participated and provided suggestions for enhancing the smooth functioning of the VDV across different villages.



A 3-day training program on Credit Linkage was conducted in two batches for IVCS in Ri Bhoi. The first batch, consisting of 14 new and adopted IVCS, was held at Umdihar Prime Hub from July 8th to 10th, 2024. The second batch, comprising 22 old IVCS, took place at Mawroh Hall, Nongpoh, from July 11th to 13th, 2024.

Key topics covered during the training included:

1. Formation and proper implementation of Finance Committee.
2. Role of Finance Committee
3. Amendments of Deposit and Credit Policy at the earliest.
4. Target of Membership, Shares, Savers and Loan from IVCS.
5. Target for KCC and Bulb loan.
6. Selection, Roles and responsibilities of Service Provider- Credit Linkage
7. Conduct of Financial Literacy Programme.
8. Discussion about Audit report and conduct of AGM.
9. Maintenance of Books and Registers on a daily basis.





# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)





## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

### "Tree Planting at Thapa Dangre and Saipung



Tree planting efforts are ongoing at the Thapa Dangre Community Reserve. Additionally, plantation activities are continuing at Saipung.

### IVCS-Field Enquiry



On July 4, 2024, an IVCS-Field Enquiry was conducted at Lumtrep village, Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills District, by JCO and ARCS, marking a notable collaboration between officers and community members. The Senior Cooperative Officer's inquiry for IVCS formation, along with BPM and PA for all clusters, concluded on July 5th, 2024. Among Rongram group 1 and group 2 27 villages, only Manggakgre is eligible to form an IVCS, while 5 villages lack the population and households required, and 23 villages are under various Multipurpose Societies (MPS). Additionally, Malchapara IVCS Ltd underwent inquiry by JCO, completed its registration, and received its certificate under Betasing Block SWGH.



Artocarpus heterophyllus saplings from one-week-old plantation sites in Balupara and Gambaregre

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENCHANCEMENT PROJECT

### Gap filling activities in plantation sites



Gap filling in plantation sites at Khaldang Tunaturam Community Reserve and Balikingre Village.

### Lifting of saplings



Lifting of saplings in the Rongara block and in the Kerupara village of the Gambegre block.

### New Community Nurseries in Sampalgre and Jawakgre



New community nurseries are being established in the villages of Sampalgre and Jawakgre.

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Training on IGA



Training on Basics of Book keeping for IGA nodal persons and IVCS members

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENCHANCEMENT PROJECT

### Gap filling activity



Gap filling for plantations at Kurung VPIC in 2023

### Weeding and gap filling for Community Nursery



As the plantation activities for the year 2024 under the MegLIFE project near completion, villages, located in Gambergre and Tikrikilla Block, have commenced the first weeding for plantation and gap filling for the community nursery. The community members are showing remarkable dedication, working tirelessly and ahead of schedule despite the recent completion of plantation activities. This demonstrates their strong commitment to improving the future for the next generation.



# Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA



The Block Awareness Program, held on July 4, 2024, at 5th Mile, Upper Shillong under the Myllem Block and 11th July 2024, at Khatarshong Laitkroh Block with an aim to raise awareness about the MegArise Project. This initiative focuses on the protection and sustainable management of the Umiew Catchment and the villages within this region. The program saw the participation of representatives from several villages in the catchment area, key block officials, and teams from CMU.



Facilitation of opening of Bank Accounts for Self Help Group (SHG) on the 25th and 26th of June 2024 for Ganol Catchment Villages whereas 2nd and 5th July 2024 for Umiew Catchment Villages respectively .

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**Highlights of the project awareness programme held by the Umiew Catchment Management Units (CMUs)**

1. Tiewlieh Village, Khatar shnong - Laitkroh Block on the 27th June 2024
2. Umthlong under Mawphlang Block on the 26th June 2024
3. Laitpynter Lumpata under Mawphlang block on the 29th June 2024
4. Lyngkienshie under Khadarshnong Laitkroh Block on the 28th June 2024
5. Pomkaniew under Myllem Block on the 28th June 2024
6. Mawkhriah East under Mawphlang Block on the 26th June 2024
7. Lynkienshyiap under Myllem Block on the 5th July 2024
8. Mawsing Myllem on the 5th July 2024
9. Steplakrai village on the 5th July 2024
10. Mawreng Mihngi under Mawphlang Block on the 8th July 2024
11. Mawkhanpasir under Myllem block on the 10th July 2024
12. Mawkohmon under Mawphlang C&RD Block on the 10th July 2024
13. Kynton Syrwa under Khatarshnong-Laitkroh on the 11th July 2024

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**Highlights of the project awareness programme held by the Ganol Catchment Management Units (CMU)**

1. Jendragre under Rongram block on the 26th June 2024
  2. Chibrage under Rerapara block 26th June 2024
  3. Ganol songma under Rongram block on 27th June 2024
  4. Baghmara under Rerapara block on 28th June 2024
  5. Nokatgre under Rerapara block on 28th June 2024
  6. Lowet Damalgre under Rerapara block on the 28th June 2024
  7. Agilanggre under Rongram block on the 29th June 2024
  8. Allagre under Rongram block on the 29th June 2024
  9. Masumatagre under Rongram block 29th June 2024
  10. Sonanpara under Rongram block on 29th June 2024
  11. Mandal Nokat under Samanda block, East Garo Hills on the 29th June 2024
  12. Mrigre, Rongram block on the 2nd July 2024
  13. Chismokgre, Rerapara block on the 5th July 2024
  14. Rongregkiri, Rerapara block on the 5th July 2024
  15. Ghatgre, Rerapara block on the 5th July 2024
  16. Balalgre, Rerapara block on the 5th July 2024
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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA



The Block Awareness Program was successfully conducted on 12th July 2024, at Nongkrem. The event aimed to raise awareness about the MegArise Project, focusing on the protection and sustainable management of the Umiew Catchment and villages within this region.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



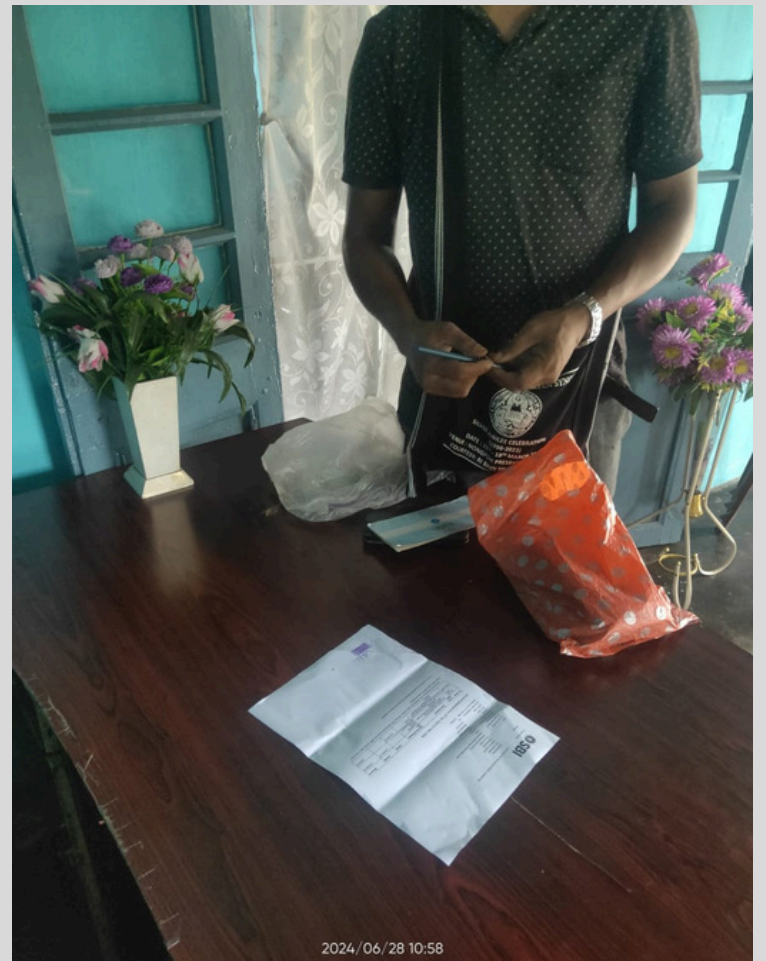
## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### "Site Inspection Visits and Meetings by GFA"



2nd year PES activities carried out by Dubagre community

### SNIPPETS



Green Field Associates (GFAs) are presently in the process of collecting application forms and utilization certificates, demonstrating their active involvement in gathering comprehensive information from applicants.

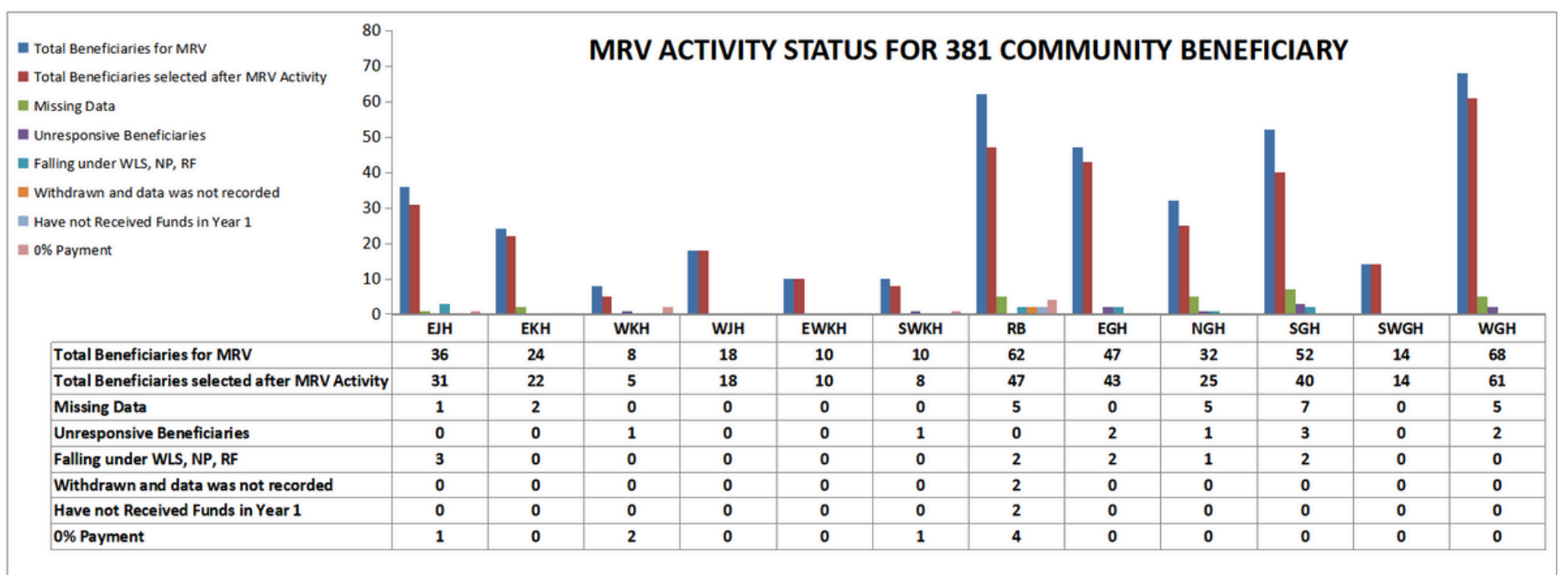


Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

MRV ACTIVITY FOR TOTAL 381 COMMUNITY BENEFICIARIES

District	Total Beneficiaries for MRV	Total Beneficiaries selected after MRV Activity	Missing Data	Unresponsive Beneficiaries	Falling under WLS, NP, RF	Withdrawn and data was not recorded	Have not Received Funds in Year 1	0% Payment
EJH	36	31	1	0	3	0	0	1
EKH	24	22	2	0	0	0	0	0
WKH	8	5	0	1	0	0	0	2
WJH	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
EWKH	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWKH	10	8	0	1	0	0	0	1
RB	62	47	5	0	2	2	2	4
EGH	47	43	0	2	2	0	0	0
NGH	32	25	5	1	1	0	0	0
SGH	52	40	7	3	2	0	0	0
SWG	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
WGH	68	61	5	2	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL	381	324	25	10	10	2	2	8



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