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12th June 2024



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INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES (INR)



FARMERS' COLLECTIVIZATION FOR UPSCALING OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SYSTEMS (FOCUS)



THE MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MBMA)



THE MEGHALAYA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MBDA)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Community Development Initiatives: Training, Awareness Programs, and Strategic Evaluation



On 5th June, 2024, an awareness program on dry ration was conducted at Bollonggre B IVCS Ltd. in SWGH District. At Bollonggre B IVCS Ltd., the secretary and chairman briefed members on the concept of dry ration and discussed a list of items tailored to their requirements. Similarly, on June 4th, 2024, an awareness program on dry ration was also held at Kuligre IVCS Ltd., where similar discussions and briefings took place, aiming to educate members about the importance and practicalities of dry ration.



On 5th June, 2024, the District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Khliehriat organized a training session on producer group bookkeeping for group facilitators, FOCUS volunteers, and NGOs. The event took place at the Tista Conference Hall in Khliehriat.



On 8th June, 2024, a meeting convened with the Kremmysiang IVCS Management Committee, subcommittee, and members to evaluate the top 100 IVCS. Shri H. Blah, Senior Manager of SPMU, conducted an assessment and engaged in discussions with the members, offering strategic insights aimed at fostering sustainability and self-sufficiency within the IVCS framework.

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On 10th June, 2024, a meeting was convened with the Nonglang IVCS Management Committee to evaluate the IVCS across various areas. This particular IVCS ranks among the top 100 performing IVCS. Shri Ivan Marbaniang, Senior Manager (Megha-LAMP), SPMU, Smt. Bronia Marak, Manager of Knowledge Management (Megha-LAMP), SPMU, and Smt. Dorette Gail Manners, Data Analyst (Megha-LAMP), SPMU, conducted the assessment and engaged in discussions with the members. Their insights were aimed at fostering sustainability and self-sufficiency within the IVCS framework.

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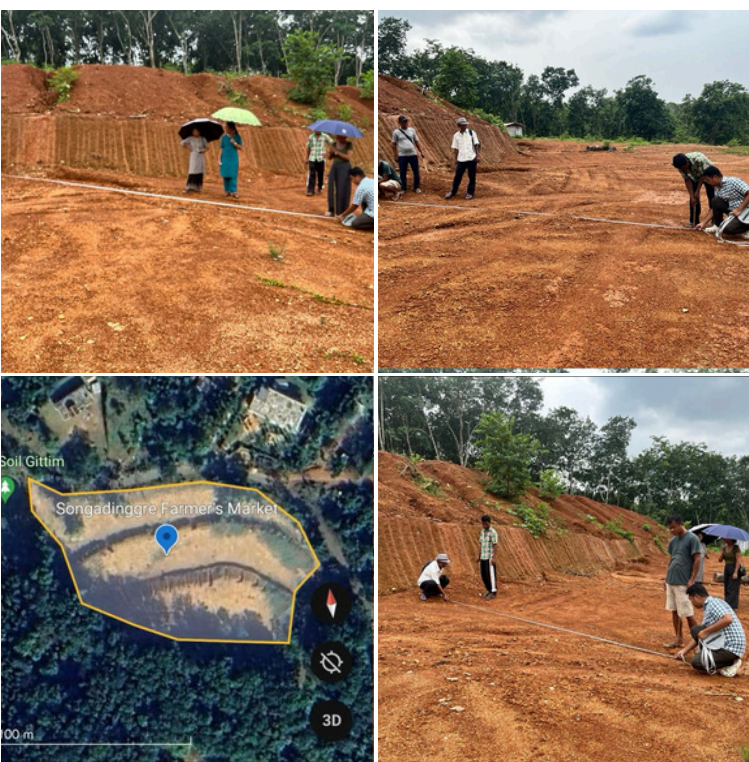
Infrastructure Development: Assessments, Site Identification, and Damage Inspection



On 6th June, 2024, a site identification was conducted in the presence of Smti. A. Khongjee, DPM, EKHD, and Smti. J. Rane, A.M, BDU, along with the Executive Committee and MLAMP Committee of Lenpdengshnong, for the construction of a Protection Wall at Pamseñiong, Lenpdengshnong village under Sohiong C & RD Block.



On 6th June, 2024, the DPMU team from Khliehriat conducted an inspection of the community nursery damaged due to the recent heavy rain at Tubershohshrieh village, EJHD.



Dated 10th June 2024

Place of Visit: Songadinggre Farmers Market, Dadenggre Block.

Purpose of Visit: Site Survey for additional work at Songadinggre Farmers Market. The site has been identified and measured for the following:

Office cum Crèche area - 330 sqft.

Toilet - 620 sqft.

Storage - 280 sqft.

Slaughterhouse - 350 sqft.

The land area measurement was conducted by the Field Engineer (incharge of Dadenggre) in the presence of the President of the IVCS, Market Committee, IVCS incharge, and Market Associate. The proposed market area covers approximately 3 bighas and has been developed into three levels. Additionally, the site is located opposite the new Dadenggre Court.

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An inspection of the Farmers Market and Prime Hub construction at Jongksha and Jatah Nonglyer:

The inspection was attended by Shri B. Syiem, CE, PWD, Shri S. Lyngdoh, Senior Manager, SPMU, Smti A. Khongjee, DPM, East Khasi Hills, Shri B. Singhania, Contractor, Shri W. Nongbri, and Shri A. Kharlukhi. The outcome of the inspection revealed that the construction of the prime hub foundation needs to be redone according to the plan to reinforce trust for better strength. Additionally, it was noted that sealing of all the walls is necessary to prevent water seepage for the installation of shutters. Further actions include raising the floor bed to prevent waterlogging, ensuring proper construction of toilets with brick walls and a septic tank, implementing a proper drainage system around the structures, and constructing a waste disposal site efficiently.

Plantation Drives: Fostering Environmental Conservation and Tourism Development



On 5th May, 2024, a plantation drive was conducted at the Matchok Auram catchment area in Sarang Apal, in collaboration with Dambo Rongjeng C&RD Block, East Garo Hills. Locally available saplings such as Aritak, Jambu, Techri, and Gup were planted during the event, which saw the participation of 200 individuals, including staff and villagers. Adjacent to the plantation site lies a small lake slated for development by the Tourism Department, where plans are underway to construct tree houses, small bridges, and boats for tourists.



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"Pit digging"



Pit digging is currently taking place in several locations, including the Thapa Dangre Community Reserve, and the villages of Sasatgre, Silsekgre, and Manggakgre within the Rongram block. Furthermore, pit digging activities have begun in Ravagre villages and Ading Nokat, also in Rongram. These efforts highlight extensive and ongoing pit digging activities across these regions.



The ongoing activities at Halfmoon Terrace include continued preparation at Ajasiram Community Reserve, along with the ongoing gap filling and preparation at Rongpetchi Community Reserve.

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The Sampalgre VPIC, supported by the BPMU from Gambegre Block, hosted an inaugural plantation event with the SSA UP School to raise environmental awareness among school children on July 6th, 2024. The event aimed to highlight the importance of afforestation and natural resource management in combating climate change. The BPM and Project Associate educated the children on environmental preservation, emphasizing both individual and collective responsibility. Interactive sessions inspired the children to adopt sustainable practices and advocate for conservation. The event demonstrated the effectiveness of community-driven initiatives in fostering environmental stewardship and cultivating future eco-conscious leaders.



Reports from Tikrikilla BPM, FE, GIS & AM, PA detail visits to all Tikrikilla VPIC villages for springshed management activities, where they assessed five springs to identify critical ones. Comprehensive springshed management has been completed in all villages. Additionally, FE Kharkutta conducted spring mapping for the Jambal Cluster and critical spring mapping for Rangsa Village under the Kharkutta Block.



Pond excavation completed in Simseng Balkol



Progress of Rainwater Harvesting Tank in Asil Songgital village Under Songsak Block.



Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



 PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA



On the 5th and 6th June 2004, Umiew Catchment Management Unit organized two-day training on Community Nursery Management for all the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) involved in nursery activities within their respective villages. This training was held at the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) of the Veterinary Office in Upper Shillong. On the second day, participants visited the nursery at Sangmein in Upper Shillong to gain practical insights and hands-on experience.

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The Umiew Catchment Management Unit visited Demthring Village in the Myllem block on 6th June 2024 to raise awareness about their project. Demthring is one of the five pilot villages under the Umiew catchment area. During the visit, the Catchment Project Manager (CPM) and his team introduced the project, emphasizing its objectives and outlining the initial activities. These activities include forming the Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC), conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises, and organizing Forest Protection Awareness (FPA) contests.



On June 11, 2024, the MegArise project, MGNREGA, IORA (Carbon credit), and PES -Ganol Catchment collaboratively organized a meeting cum awareness program on convergence at Bibagre village in the Rongram block. Following that, on June 12, 2024, a similar meeting cum awareness on convergence with line departments took place at Wadagre village, also under the Rongram Block. The purpose of this meeting was to enhance the quality of life for the community living in the catchment areas by introducing various schemes through these projects. Additionally, it aimed to offer them the opportunity to transition from Jhum cultivation to alternative sources of income. The program was attended by a diverse group, including the project team, officials from MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) including the Additional Programme Officer (APO) and technical assistants from the Rongram block, West Garo Hills District .

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Field visit insights: Boundary mapping exercises and trainings



On 12th June 2024, the DoH team made a visit to Sohpool FPC in Ri Bhoi District for boundary mapping exercises and interactions with the farmer beneficiaries. Over 80% of the community members were present including the headman and chairman. 95% of boundaries were mapped on this day.



Trainings conducted in various farmers field schools across the NF project villages.



Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



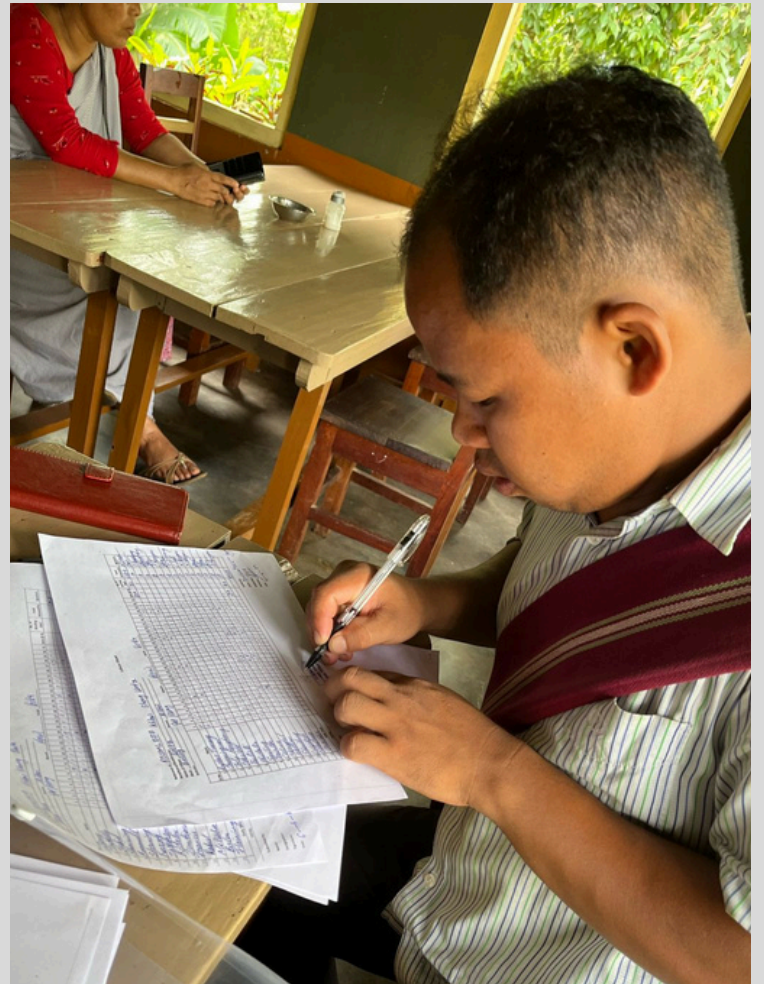
PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

"Site Inspection Visits and Meetings by GFA"



Visit Raid Mawlam village.

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.

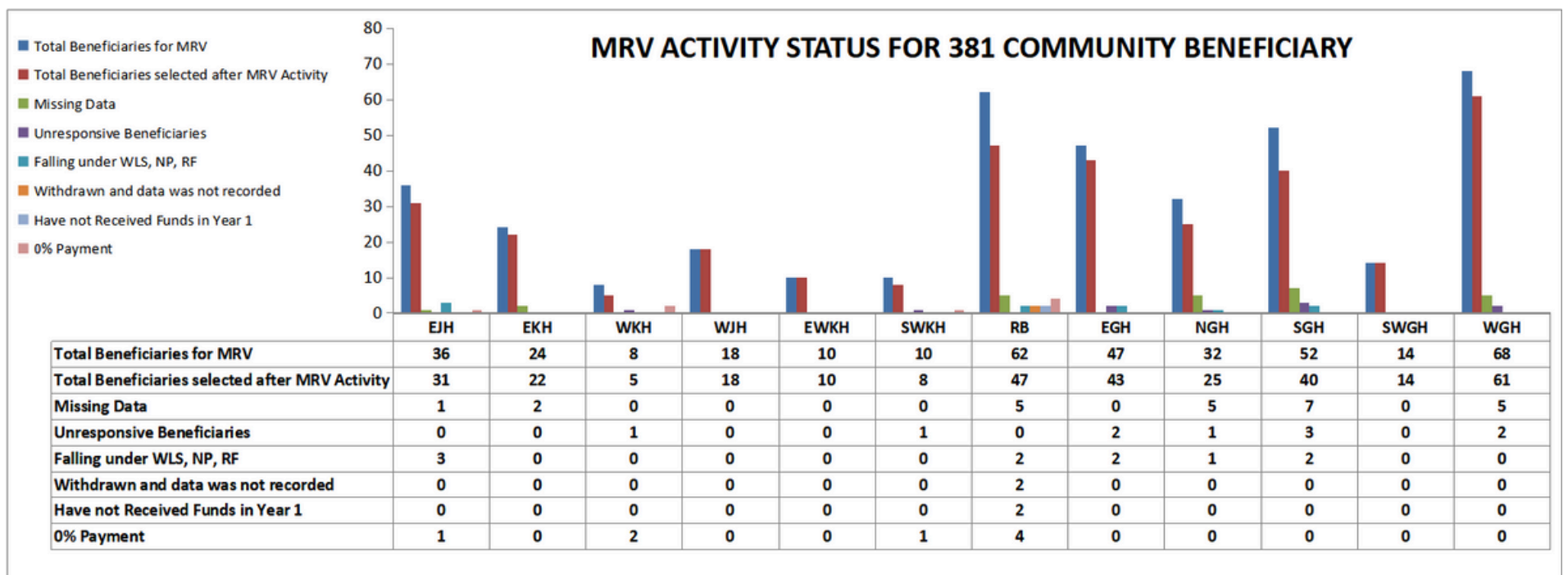


Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).

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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Glimpses into the ongoing documentation of the Green Energy Decentralized Development Energy Project, currently being documented by Roots ki Thied tynrai, accompanied by the Green Energy Team at Rimai village, Pynursla Block, East Khasi Hills District.



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