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Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP)



UPDATES OF THE WEEK

MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY



Five day transformative program on PLUP and micro-planning in SGH

In a bid to empower communities in Radigre village, South Garo Hills, Saili Marak, Block Project Manager (BPM) from Chokpot block, conducted a transformative 5-day program from January 3rd to 8th, 2024. The program, strategically designed for Group 2 villages under the MegLIFE Project, focusing on PLUP and micro-plan initiatives.

Participants were encouraged to actively contribute to the planning process, fostering a sense of ownership and unity within the community. The program also included hands-on field exercises, providing community members with practical insights into PLUP and micro-plan implementation. These field exercises not only enhanced the participants' understanding but also strengthened the bonds within the community.



The final day of the program featured intensive micro-plan exercises, where community members actively participated in shaping the future of their villages under the MegLIFE Project. The day concluded with a reflective wrap-up meeting, allowing participants to share insights, discuss challenges, and celebrate achievements.

Expressing gratitude for the community's active participation, Saili Marak highlighted the positive impact of the program on fostering community empowerment. The enthusiasm and dedication exhibited by the residents of Radigre village bode well for the success of ongoing initiatives aimed at sustainable development and improved quality of life.



MBMA Organizes Two-Day Training Program for Foresters in Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo Regions



Under the MegLIFE project, the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) recently organized a comprehensive two-day training program aimed at enhancing the skills of foresters in the Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo regions. The focus of the training was on Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) activities within the plantation areas identified under the MegLIFE project villages.

The inaugural session, conducted by Mr. G.S. Yadav, SWC Expert PMC, delved into the strategic aspects of soil and water conservation, specifically addressing interventions needed in plantation areas. Mr. Yadav provided valuable insights into the physical and financial dimensions of the SWC plan, offering a detailed understanding of its implementation.

The training sessions were interactive and engaged participants in discussions about the role of foresters in executing SWC activities. The program emphasized the importance of the MegLIFE project in promoting sustainable practices in the forestry sector and highlighted the crucial role of foresters in ensuring the success of SWC initiatives.

The sessions concluded with a practical component, where participants actively participated in the execution of SWC activities. Additionally, the role of Project Associates in their respective blocks was outlined, underscoring the collaborative efforts required to achieve the goals set forth by the MegLIFE project.



Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



"GFAs' Involvement in Plantation Assessment Across Project Villages"



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).

The survey of plantation sites conducted by Green Field Associates (GFAs) from different Blocks stands as a crucial step towards advancing sustainable development, fostering community engagement, and strengthening environmental resilience. This thorough assessment not only aims to improve the efficient allocation of resources but also ensures the sustained success and impact of plantation initiatives across a diverse range of project villages.

The active participation of GFAs in surveying plantation sites represents a strategic commitment to holistic and responsible development practices. By involving various Blocks, this survey not only sets the stage for sustainable growth but also guarantees that the benefits reach a wide array of communities. The detailed evaluation undertaken by these agents goes beyond optimizing resources; it is a strategic effort aimed at creating a lasting positive impact on both the environment and the communities involved.

Essentially, this survey becomes a linchpin, connecting the dots between sustainable development objectives, active community participation, and the fortification of ecological well-being. The enduring success of plantation initiatives hinges on this comprehensive approach, solidifying its role as a cornerstone for fostering positive change across diverse project villages.



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Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



PLUP and Microplanning Exercises

Completed and On-going PLUP & Microplanning Exercise in Group-2 Villages



A five-day program was conducted on January 3rd-8th 2024, in Radigre village under South Garo Hills District, by Saili Marak BPM of Chokpot which focused on PLUP and micro plan initiatives for Group 2 villages under MegLIFE Project. The schedule included an introductory meeting on day one, followed by three days of PLUP field exercises aimed at community engagement. The fifth day featured micro plan exercises, concluding with a wrap-up meeting to reflect on the program's impact and gather feedback for future initiatives.



DPM Van Shanborlang Buhphang conducted a comprehensive review meeting in Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District on January 8, 2024. The purpose was to assess the progress of various activities on a block-wise basis, enabling a detailed understanding of their current status. The meeting served as a platform to strategize and plan forthcoming initiatives while fostering discussions on effective ways to attain the district's targets. By engaging with the staff, the session aimed to enhance coordination and alignment towards shared objectives. Overall, the meeting played a pivotal role in evaluating and charting the course for future endeavors within the district.



Community nurseries have been set up in different Blocks across various villages, managed by VPICs, to grow plants for the upcoming year in specified plantation areas

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.



Institute of Natural Resources

(INR)





Commencing the year with a workshop on crafting fragrance handmade soap and scented cone making, conducted by the Bioresource team on 3rd January 2024 at the MINR office. The training witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 25 women from diverse Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of WJH and Ri Bhoi district. The training not only equips them with marketable crafting skills but also opens avenues for entrepreneurial ventures in handmade products, enhancing financial independence and household income.



Field visit and monitoring of Vetiver plantation conducted by the Bio-Resource team with the Project Associate of CSIR -CIMAP, Lucknow at Pyrdiwah, Pynursla Block, EWKH.

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