

8th February 2023

# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

## Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



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**



**South West Garo Hills**

DPMU SWGH conducted field visits to different CLLMP villages for the implementation of forest fire control lines and for inspection of the construction of ongoing RCC check dam under the SRES catalytic fund.



**North Garo Hills**

DPMU NGH visited the Aruakgre Turtle Sanctuary to check on the progress of the construction of a protective wall and the access road. Besides this, the team also conducted a field visit to Doba Apal, one of the CLLMP villages, to document the CNRMP and examine the location of the village's permanent community nursery and water tank.



**East Garo Hills**



On the 3rd of February, the Field Engineer, DPMU, EGH, inspected the Manda River RCC dam construction. This was followed by the DPMU team visiting Rongkugittim in Rongjeng to inspect the development of a permanent nursery.

In another activity in the EGH district the DPMU staff checked the accounts recorded by Songsak VNRMC and assisted them in the VNRMC's documentation work.

MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills

With an objective to understand and assess the issues related to NRM and to find out the best strategies for better communication to address this challenge, the IIMC team Delhi, along with DPMU EKH conducted a training on natural resource management (NRM) at Umsawmat village under Mawphlang Block.

*Methodology Used:* Audio Visual Content on NRM followed by an interaction with the community members.



Ri-Bhoi



The DPM, Ri Bhoi district, visited Narang Village to meet the VNRMC members with the purpose of checking and monitoring the ongoing activities as well as to verify potential locations for implementation of other activities.

He also visited the Sohkyrbam Rim Village to follow up on the project implementations at Sohkyrbam Rim and Sohkyrbam Domphlang, to check the location suggested for the construction of the Retaining wall in order to prevent soil erosion by the river at Domphlang.

In another activity, the DPMU team assisted the VNRMC from Umlakro, Umjong, and Nonglum Jirang villages for the preparation of Utilization Certificates (UC), community contributions, financial reports, and updating of the books of accounts.

# MCLLMP

# DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

Inspection and Video Documentation of the innovation activities of Mr. Jorsing Syngkli the creator of Bio-pesticides was conducted by the KM SPMU team.



## West Garo Hills

DPMU WGH organized 5 days of Sector Wise Training for Selected VNRMC members of Arbella Chidekgre, Dorenggre, Rongdengre under Rongram Block & Dipogre under Dadenggre Block.

The training was conducted for the President, Secretary and 3 VCFs as a part of refresher training from environment management, books of accounts, knowledge management, social management, and monitoring and evaluation at MFC Rongram. Another similar training was also held for the selected VNRMC members of Damal Onthapara, Anangpara, Ganipara, Magupara, Moropgre under Dalu Block.



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# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & SPRING MAPPING

The Payment For Ecosystem Services scheme, being implemented under Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP), is aimed at providing financial support to the villages, communities, clans and individuals willing to conserve existing natural forests for a period of 30 years.

To ensure the successful implementation of this scheme, Green Field Associates (GFAs) spread across all the districts are leaving no stone unturned in creating awareness and emphasizing on the importance of this scheme in conserving forests.



Village: Bongare chimitcheng  
Block: Resubelpara



Village: Kash Rangsi  
Block: Resubelpara



Village: Jasir  
Block: Shella



Village: Mawsiatkhnem  
Block: Mawlai

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & SPRING MAPPING



Village: Kyrдум village  
Block: Mawshynrut



Village: Bugakol  
Block: Kharkutta



Village: Umsaitsning Dorbar pyllun  
Block: umsning



Village: Dokamcheng Village  
Block: Resubelpara



Village: Babilgree  
Block: Demdema



Village: Rangmalgre  
Block: Demdema

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & SPRING MAPPING



Village: Rebodotgri  
Block: Chokpot



Village: Nongkohlew  
Block: Mawlai



Location: Rangsohkham Village  
Block: Mawsynram



Village: Lower Nogolpara  
Block: Resubelpara



Village: Mongalgre  
Block: Rongram

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES & SPRING MAPPING

## Meeting with Headman/ Nokma



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Village: Priang  
 Block: Laskien



Village: Pingwait  
 Block: Mawkynew

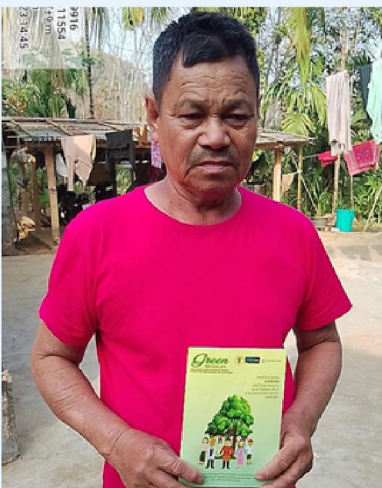


Village: Sohka Shnong  
 Block: Amlarem



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 Note: At Kudengthymmai village.

Village: Kudengthymmai  
 Block: Amlarem



Village: Hirapara  
 Block: Tikrikilla



Village: Cherangre  
 Block: Demdema



Village: Mawkohmit  
 Block: Mawthadraishan



## EXPOSURE VISIT

### EXPOSURE VISIT TO KISAN MELA 2023 ORGANIZED BY CSIR-CIMAP, LUCKNOW

Kisan Mela 2023 under CSIR's One Week-One Lab programme was organized by the Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow from 31st January to 4th February, 2023. A large number of farmers from different parts of the country were in attendance at the Kisan Mela.

Given below are a list of the various events organized at the Kisan Mela:

- Marketing Scenario of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs): Industry-Farmers interaction.
- Sale of quality planting material and publication.
- Demonstration of improved plant varieties and herbal products.
- Live demonstration of distillation units/processing.
- Training on rose water and Agarbatti making.
- Demonstration of Geranium production and Early Mint Technology in North Indian Plains.
- Introduction of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) in traditional cropping system.
- Display of farmer-centric technologies developed by CSIR Institutes.



The Institute of Natural Resources, Meghalaya being one of the major partners of CSIR-CIMAP under Aroma Mission also participated in the Mela with a total of 16 participants comprising of farmers and officials from INR, MegLife and MBMA.

## EXPOSURE VISIT

The exposure visit funded by World Bank, provided an opportunity to the team from Meghalaya to interact with scientists from different fields of crop sciences, industrialist, entrepreneurs, and farmers from all across the country.

### Key Highlights:



Farm Demonstration



Live Demonstration on Agarbatti Making



Demonstration on Rosewater Extraction



Vermi compost production area



Exchange of MoU between  
INR and CIMAP



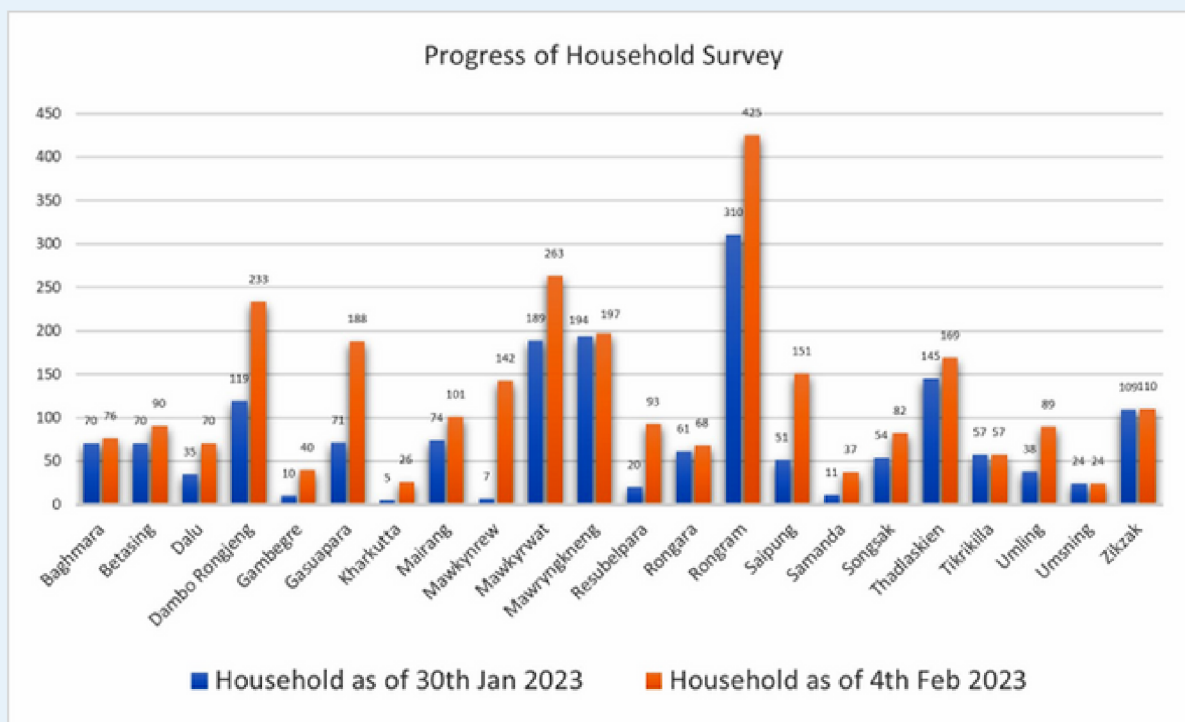
Crockery items  
made from lemongrass waste

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**Household Survey**

The Sangrah App is used for the collection of data for household survey. The activity parallelly continues with Microplanning activities and VCF are engaged for this purpose.



Dobakol Awemong Village, Baghamara, SGH, has started clearing of land for plantation for this year. The site was previously mined for coal which caused the local stream to turn acidic. The community has proposed for the treatment of the water body as well.

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

Training on Hydrological spring Mapping , GPS handling and House hold Survey using Sangrah 2.0 APP for VCFs of Mairang C&RD Block, Mawshynrut C&RD Block and Umling C&RD Block.



Facilitating the youths of Rajinpara Village under Gambegre C&RD Block in preparing Future Resource Map.



Continuation of Microplan activities at Chorepahar village under Resubelpara Block.

Sir David Gandhi visited Imsamal Village under Kharkutta C&RD Block and demonstrated Pratical SALT farming on how to make Contour line Layouting using A-FRAME to stabilize the Slope and improve the terrace or the contours to control soil erosion along the slopes to improve soil fertility. Total 7 potential farmers were willing to take up SALT farming for Agroforestry this year .



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



Continuation of Microplanning activities at Pyndenlyngdoh village, Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills district. The activities included Trend Change Analysis, Land Use Zonation, Causation Diagrams and Future Resource Mapping. The community was also briefed on the importance of selecting the plantation area for the year 2023-24

The community members of Mawsain village, Mawkyrwat, SWKH, met on the 31st of January, to discuss the selection of Plantation area under the Project.



The community members of Nokatgre village under Resubelpara, North Garo Hills district were given a presentation on Micro plan and PLUP exercise

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Shri Gautam Chakraborty, Consultant, MegLFE, visited Kalwe Village, Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills and conducted a site inspection of the community land proposed for the Community Nursery and Plantation for the village.



Introduction to Micro Plan and PLUP exercise at Chorepahar Village, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills.



In continuation of Microplanning at Rongkandi Dengjama of Baghamara Block, SGH, a transect walk to the community bamboo reserve was conducted. According to the community, the reserve covers a total area of approximately 40 to 45 ha.



# Meghalaya Livelihoods And Access To Markets Project





**Ri Bhoi-West Jaintia Hills-East Khasi Hills**

IFAD Consultants, Andrew Manpherson and Aditi Gupta were on a 3-day visit to IFAD supported MLAMP project to understand the capacities of the project and seek support for another endeavour of IFAD India.

Explaining the reason for the visit, Andrew stated that their Investments in Agro-ecology Value Chains Project (IAVCP) aims to



complement the marketing support provided under IFAD-financed projects by improving capacities for value addition and commercialisation linking small scale producers with markets, valuing sustainably produced foods from agroecological farming systems.

Apart from meeting the CEO of MLAMP, Andrew and Aditi took stock of various MLAMP initiatives around Ri Bhoi, West Jaintia Hills and East Khasi Hills regions, where they also got an opportunity to interact with the members of IVCS and CMCs.



**East Khasi Hills**



Site inspection to the ginger farm of ginger farmers at Jaroit village and Tynring village under Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills.

**MLAMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



A three-day Orientation Training for Business Facilitators of IVCS was conducted at Lamjingshai Youth Centre in Pohskeh, Shillong from 1 to 3 February 2023. A total of 68 participants from EKH, RB, EJH, WJH, and WKH attended. The training included sessions with resource persons from the Meghalaya Rural Bank and the Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd.



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