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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(JAN-MARCH, 2023)

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- 3. Signed statement from each of the following references (including name and phone number for verification) to attest your work:
- a. Reporting officer/DC/Senior official who were involved or are aware of your activities. b. Any beneficiary that benefitted from your actions.
- 4. Provide photograph of interventions.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri-Bhoi





The Assistant Manager for Knowledge Management (AM KM) along with the team from SPMU visited Umsarang Village under Bhoirymbong Block for video documentation on the success and the positive impact of the interventions implemented under CLLMP.







The Assistant Manager for Knowledge Management (AM KM) and the team from SPMU visited Umdohbyrthih Village in the Bhoirymbong C&RD Block to follow up and document the progress of the kitchen garden, after the school and Umdohbyrthih VNRMC signed the MoA.







A two-day training session on the use of community computers (KYAN/Smart Classroom) for schools was conducted for the first batch of school teachers in Nongpoh.

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



South West Khasi Hills

EE Environment Management and EE GIS, with assistance from VCF, visited various VNRMCs for the purpose of spring mapping, including both CLLMP and Non-CLLMP villages. During the visit, they collected data on water discharge, pH, salinity, total dissolved solids, temperature, and electrical conductivity to assess the water quality in the area. The name of the VNRMC and photos are given below:





Marshilong VNRMC





Photjaud Rangthong VNRMC

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES





Jakrem VNRMC





Rohbah VNRMC





Domsohkhai and Mawthawiang Nongtraw VNRMC

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES





A meeting was held at Nongtnger hall, Nongjri to discuss technical inputs on OLC as well as to meet the VECs members and community members from five non-CLLMP villages under Ranikor C&RD Block. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the land reclamation of mine spoilt areas. The participants re-visited the OLC site and witnessed field demonstrations on OLC in all five villages. The progress of land treatment activities was also discussed during the meeting.

EE-Social Management and M&E visited Domjyrti VNRMC to review records of minute book, training records, purchase register and M&E data related to procurement.







AM and EE Social Management attended two-day KYAN training program held at Nativity Higher Secondary School (Mawkyrwat).

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills





The monitoring and evaluation team conducted a visit to Rngi Mylliem on March 16, 2023, to evaluate both completed and ongoing activities. The VNRMC members were present during the assessment. Subsequently, the team had a meeting with the secretary and VCF at the VNRMC Level of Rngi Mylliem. It was observed that the seed bank established under the Mylliem Block has been successfully completed at Rngi Mylliem.



Seed ball preparation training was provided to 46 schools in the Mawryngkneng block by the training specialist and environmental team. The training received a positive response, with active participation from all attendees.



The monitoring and evaluation team, along with the VCF from the VNRMC, conducted a site inspection on the ongoing Community Nursery and Spring Chamber projects, as well as the ongoing FMP activities at Mawnainglah under Mylliem Block.

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES







The KM team visited Mawkynrew village to gather stories from the villagers and inform them about the upcoming video documentation that would focus on CLLMP interventions in the village.





On March 22, the KYAN community training for schools was conducted at MIIT Shillong, with the participation of school teachers from both Mylliem and Laitkroh blocks.







The Monitoring and Evaluation EKH team visited three VNRMCs located in Mawsynram Block, namely Nongdommawria, Pongkung, and Kpermasi to monitor the physical progress of all the implemented activities, including Spring Chamber, Loose Boulder, Afforestation, Check Dam, Erosion Protection Wall.

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES







The environment team and training specialists conducted seed ball training sessions in six locations falling under the Mawryngkneng block. Out of the 29 schools in the area, 26 showed up for the training, which was led by 10 different Master Trainers.







The EKH DPMU conducted a field visit to Mawkynrew Village to document and highlight the key achievements of the CLLMP interventions. The team focused on a site located in Mawkynrew Village called "Mawnongpluh" where most of the major activities were implemented, including Staggered Trenches (5000 nos), Gully Plug, Afforestation (15,000 nos planted), Peripheral Bunding, Contour Bunding, Fire-Line Control, Erosion Protection Wall, Bench Terracing, and Water Reservoir-Dam.

The DPMU EKH conducted monitoring evaluation and assessment in three locations, namely Iewrynghep, Umkhoi, and Mawlyngot, all of which fall under the Mawkynrew block on both ongoing and completed CNRMP activities. This followed by meeting with was a community members to focus on the deadline for completion of all pending activities. Additionally, the VNRMC from Mawkynrew Block visited for process monitoring and evaluation.





DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES





A visit was made to Ronggopgre and Rongjal VNRMC to collect data for the FMP and update the village report. Additionally, photos were taken at Ronggopgre and Rongjal VNRMC, and a site visit was conducted at Ronggopgre Fish Sanctuary.

During the visit, it was observed that the

youth club of the village was constructing a sitting shed using the funds received from the Best Natural Resource Management Award in 2022 through the CLLMP project, and the construction was still ongoing.







A visit cum inspection was conducted at Baralipara VNRMC to review the progress of the ongoing activities related to FMP, permanent community nursery, and maintenance work required at a specific site. Additionally, the utilization certificate of VNRMC was also verified during the visit.







Two-day training session was held for the VCFs (Village Community Facilitators) MegLIFE Villages at the Kharkutta Community Hall in Kharkutta C&RD Block. The training focused on Sloping Agriculture Land Technology and covered topics such as Soil and Water conservation, Vegetative diversity, Soil health and fertility management, and SALT Farm Management. In addition, the farmers were taken on an exposure visit to demonstrate farming techniques.



In an awareness program in the village of Mawlyndun under Pynursla block, participants showed keen interest in the Payment for Ecosystem Services scheme. It was observed that the forests in the area are primarily utilized for broomstick cultivation, and some forest lands are less than two hectares in size.

An awareness program was conducted in the village of Wahumlein, situated in the Pynursla block. Despite the fact that all the participants showed interest, it was observed that most of their forest lands were being utilized for betel nut cultivation.



GFA, Smarthe G. Momin visited the forest owners in Gambaregre village under Rongram Block, who have two forested areas and expressed their interest in applying for the scheme.





An awareness program was held at Laitnamlang village, under Mawthadraishan block by GFA, Shemborlang Ryntathing. The villagers showed interest in the scheme, and five of them have decided to apply. They will be submitting their application forms next week.

An awareness program was conducted at Shiliangjashar village, under Pynursla block. The village has its own forest, and the headman expressed his interest in applying for the scheme. However, before doing so, he plans to hold an EC (Executive Committee) meeting with all the members of the village to discuss and decide upon the matter.





An awareness program was conducted at Songjalgre, situated under the Demdema block by GFA, Brenash N Sangma. During the program, one form was distributed to the village headman of Songjalgre.



Liarkhla village, Bhoirymbong Block



Nongrum village, Shella Block



Upper Rongbu, Kharkutta Block



Lower Rongbu, Kharkutta Block



Godapara Village Resubelpara Block



Rikhen village, Mawphlang Block



The Headman of
Chongpotgre village in
SWGH expressed
interest in applying for
the Payment for
Ecosystem Services
(PES) scheme.



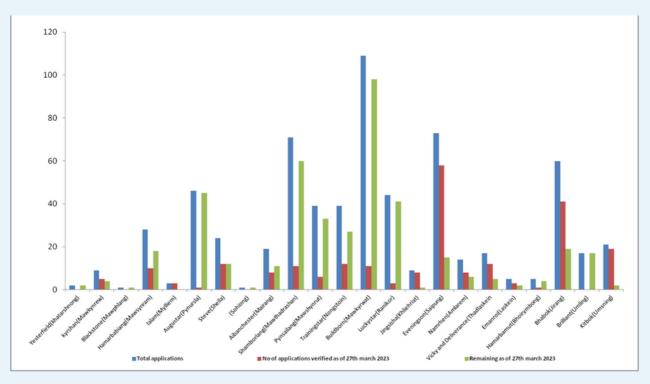
Meeting with the village executive and forest owner at Mawlat village,

East Khasi Hills district

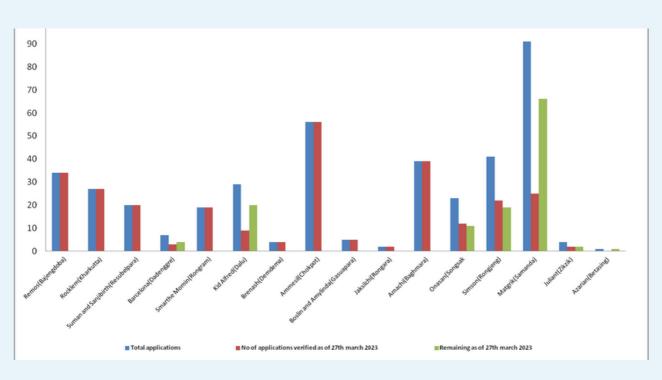


Awareness at Shnongkalong village, Ranikor Block, South West Khasi Hills District

The graph below represents the forest verification status.



For the **Khasi - Jaintia Region** the number of applications received in Phase (2 batch 1) is 656, of which total verification/boundary mapping completed by VCF's/GFA's is 245 and remaining applications to be verified is 411 (as of 27th March 2023).



For the **Garo Region** the number of applications received in Phase (2 batch 1) is 403, of which total verification/boundary mapping completed by VCF's/GFA's is 291 and remaining to be verified is 112 (as of 27th March 2023).



Forest Verification at Demdema Forest Reserve



Forest Verification at A.simgre (Dalu block)



Forest Verification at Ranikor Block with VCF- Ibanrisha K. Turnia



Dalbot Matrang verification by VCFs, G. Marak and C. Marak at Resubelpara Block



Verification of Dangra Songital Reserve under Resubelpara Block



Verification of Baksapara Community Forest Reserve, SWGH





GFA Suman Jakaria D Marak encountered challenging road conditions while traveling to Dangra and Bonggare villages, where the surface was extremely poor, slippery, and muddy.

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

GREEN Meghalaya



Click the link below or scan the QR code to watch the video

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

A total no of 433 villages under MegLIFE project have elected to set up Community Nurseries. Preparatory works are underway.



Gambaregre, Rongram, WGH



Chinapgre Songni, Rongram, WGH



Teksragre, Rongram, WGH



Chandigre, Rongram, WGH, bed preparation completed for Community Nursery.



Baladinggre, Rongram, WGH



Community Nursery bed preparation at Santogre Village, Gambegre, WGH



Community Nursery bed preparation Dopananggre village, Dalu WGH



Nursery bed preparation in Dangkong Tasilgre, Songsak Block, EGH



Preparation of Nursery Bed in Kalak Songgital, Samanda Block, EGH



Land preparation for community Nursery at Bashbari Village, Betasing, SWGH



Inspection of nursery site at Dangkong Tasekgre, Songsak block, East Garo Hills



Community Nursery bed preparation at Bugakolgre, Rongram Block, WGH,



Gindopara, Rongram Block, WGH, nursery bed preparation in process.



Balupara, Rongram, WGH, has completed their nursery bed preparation.

ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY- COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site identification and inspection by field engineers is underway.



Site proposed for Community Hall at Marpara Village, Betasing, SWGH.



Site inspection for Community Hall with Field Engineers at Balikimgre Village Gambegre Block, SWGH.



Site inspection for Community Hall with Field Engineers at Kopogre Village under Gambegre Block, SWGH.



Inspection of Community Hall construction site and Community Nursery at Dokasaram Village, Redubelpara, NGH.



Site Visit to Gitokgre Village under Samanda Block, EGH, for Construction of Community Hall.

Site inspection for construction of Community Hall at Nalnapara Village, batch 2, under Gambegre Block, WGH. Mr. Chenim J. Sangma, FE, explaining the EC members about the drawing and estimates for Community Hall.



Site verification for Community Hall at Dobakol Awemong and Rongkandi Songital, Baghmara, South Garo Hills.





Community Hall Site inspection at Posenggagre, Dalu, West Garo Hills.



Site inspection and measurement of plots for new Community Hall construction at Bibragre, Tosekgre, Chandigre and Sasatgre, Rongram Block, WGH.



Community Hall site inspection at. Akinpara, Dalu, WGH.



Jawakgre, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Galwanggre A, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Galwanggre B, Gambegre Block, WGH.

Site inspection and verification for construction of Community Hall at Kerupara (Bokmagre), Gambegre Block, WGH.







Site verification of Community Hall at Imsambal, Lower Jambal and Lower Sare Awe Village under Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills.



Site verification for Community Hall construction at Goeragre, Adugre, Gambaregre, Marakapara, Bugakolgre and Daljagre under Balupara cluster, Rongram Block, WGH.



Site inspection and briefing of the design and measurement for Community Hall at Rongari Ading, Gambegre Block, WGH

Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT)



SALT farm of Shri. Kraibi Sangma of Gindopara, Rongram, West Garo Hills.



Chinapgre, Rongram, WGH, farmers marking contour lines and preparing plots for SALT farming.



Demo on SALT with Shri D Gandhi at Miktongjeng, Rongjeng, East Garo Hills.



Interaction and Demonstration with new SALT farmers at Gitokgre Village under Samanda Block, EGH.



Demonstration on SALT Farming and interaction with the newly selected SALT farmers of Abendagre and Wakolnanggre, Gambegre Block, West Garo Hills.



"This would probably get the award for best A-Frame I've seen so far in our SALT initiative in Meghalaya. Growspel Marak. **VCF** of Wakolnanggre has made this sturdy and accurate A-frame post the SALT Orientation program at Gambegre block, WGH. I came across another good A-Frame at Miktongjeng village, Rongjeng block, EGH. It is an indication that the Block-level Orientation programs were successful in motivating the new farmers and training them to take up SALT. I would like to congratulate all the BPMUs of MegLIFE project in this regards.

I know that all have put in tremendous efforts and the results are seen in the interest demonstrated by the farmers selected. Let us continue to support them so that their SALT farms develop into ideal Demonstration farms at block level. " Shri David Gandhi, Consultant, SALT.

One day orientation program on SALT conducted at Asil Songgital under Songsak Block, EGH. The farmers from 7 villages namely Asil Songgital, Asil Chiringgre, Danal Dasik, Danal Apal, Danal Megapgre, Rongrang Nokat and Mandalang Akoksis attended the Program.





Visit to Madagre & Songmare, Dalu Block, WGH, with Shri D Gandhi to inspect their A-Frames and make corrections. Demonstration was given on marking of contour lines using the A- Frames and preparation of land for sowing N-fixing seeds.



SALT Committee Aben, Manipur, has aggregated NFP seeds from the farmers and are packing seed kits for MegLIFE.



MICROPLAN and EC MEETING





VPIC meeting at Ranggapara Village Dalu, WGH



Ongoing Microplan and PLUP exercise at Sandongpara, Dalu, WGH.



Microplanning field activities completed at Darit Wachalgre, Gasuapara, SGH.



Drone mapping at Karawengre Village, Gasuapara, SGH.



Ongoing PLUP and Microplan excercise at Imsambal Village, NGH



Microplanning at Andamarigre Village, Gasuapara, South Garo Hills.

Preparation of table for Seasonal Calendar and Trend Change.





Microplaning & PLUP exercise at Renchagre Village, Rongram Block, WGH.

Visit to Bangsi Bokda, Resubelpara, NGH, along with the FEs for Community Hall and nursery site Verification and facilitation of the VPIC EC meeting for safe custody of materials as well as to constitute the LPC





Microplanning activity at Megonggre Village, Tikrikilla Block, WGH.



Ongoing PLUP and Microplan exercise Ranggapara, Dalu, WGH



Ongoing PLUP and Microplan exercise Sandongpara, Dalu, WGH.



Continuation of PLUP & Microplan activities at Kopogre, Gambegre Block, SWGH



Meeting with VPIC members on plantation and site inspection for community hall at Rabukong, Tikrikilla Block, WGH.



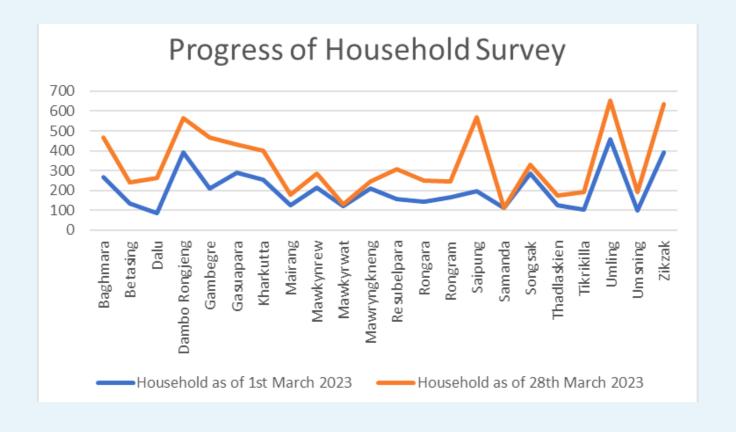
Ongoing Microplan activities at Dangkong Gilmatdam, Songsak



VPIC meeting regarding plantation at Ravagre Tikrikilla, Block, West Garo Hills.



A three days training of trainees on Raising Plantation culminating in field visit to plantations in Khatarshnong was conducted for the BPMs, PA, Forestry and NGO staff of Khasi and Jaintaa Hills DPMUs.



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)

<u>(MEGH AROMA MISSION)</u>



The Bio-Resource team faciltated the Provision of 2000 Geranium Saplings received from Kong Trimtimai of Mawphanlur village as well as demonstration of geranium cultivation to Step by Step SHG at Mawthawpdah village, South West Khasi Hills district.









Demonstration on Cultivation of Geranium at Khliehmawlieh, Nongstoin Block, West Khasi Hills District.

MONITORING OF GERANIUM



Mawkamoit Village, Mawthadraishan Block, West Khasi Hills district.



Mawthohbeh Village, Mawthadraishan Block, West Khasi Hills district.





Mass plantation of Geranium by Kyllumlang VO, Umdohbyrthih, Bhoirymbong Block, Ri Bhoi district under the supervision of Bioresource team, INR.

SUCCESS STORY



KONG TRIMTIMAI'S STORY

Kong Trimtimai Lyngkhoi resides in Mawphanlur village and relies entirely on agriculture for a living. She has a strong passion for cultivating medicinal plants, but due to a lack of resources and knowledge, she faced challenges in starting her venture.

The Megh Aroma Mission stepped in to help Kong Trimtimai Lyngkhoi achieve her goal. This organization is dedicated to encouraging the growth of medicinal and aromatic plants in Meghalaya. In 2019, Kong Trimtimai attended an informative session organized by the Megh Aroma Mission, which focused on the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs). During this event, Kong Trimtimai expressed her desire to cultivate these plants. Recognizing her potential, the team provided her with training and assistance to help her get started.

The cultivation of geraniums is widely regarded as a difficult task due to their susceptibility to pests and diseases, as well as their environmental requirements, which include well-draining soil, regular watering, and ample sunlight. Growing geraniums necessitates a significant investment of time and effort. Regular pruning, deadheading, and fertilization are critical for their proper growth, which can be labor-intensive, particularly on a large scale.



Kong Trimtimai Lyngkhoi's persistence and eagerness to learn during her training allowed her to overcome the challenges associated with growing geraniums. With the Megh Aroma team's guidance, she gained knowledge on caring for the plants, using organic fertilizers and pesticides, and harvesting them correctly. Initially, she received only 300 geranium saplings from the Mission, but her hard work and dedication paid off as she successfully cultivated over 5000 geranium saplings with excellence. Additionally, she expanded her pursuits by cultivating lavender, another profitable crop. In addition to growing medicinal and aromatic plants, she generates extra income by keeping bees and selling their honey.

Thanks to her success, Kong Trimtimai Lyngkhoi can now offer geranium saplings to other villagers and Self Help Groups who are interested in cultivating them. The Megh Aroma Mission has also taken steps to promote geranium cultivation in the region by providing training on its cultivation and facilitating the transfer of 2000 geranium saplings from Kong Trimtimai to two Self Help Groups in Mawthapdah village, South West Khasi Hills district.

To encourage entrepreneurship and maximize the potential of medicinal and aromatic plants, the Megh Aroma Mission provided Kong Trimtimai with 50 litres of Field Distillation Units. These units can extract essential oils, which can be utilized for marketing purposes. Geranium oil is mainly used in perfumery and cosmetic industries. It is also used as agrochemicals against insect pests, antimicrobial and antistress oil.

Kong Trimtimai Lyngkhoi's accomplishments in agriculture have made her a role model for other aspiring farmers in her community. Her success story serves as a testament to the transformative impact of hard work, dedication, and support.



CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

NAME OF THE PROJECT: DECENTRALIZED GREEN ENERGY <u>DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</u>

District wise Installation/ Site Supervision



Ri Bhoi District





Lamalong Village, Umsning Block

Nonglum Village, Bhoirymbong Block



Garo Hills District





Hydroger Installation of NePed machines at Dadeng Block,
West Garo Hills District.

Hydroger Installation at Chidaret Village, Resubelpara Block, North Garo Hills District.



East Khasi Hills District





Mawbri village Laitkroh Khadarshnong Block.



West Jaintia Hills District





Installation at Mookyniang Village, Thadlaskein Block

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



East Khasi Hills District

Collection of water sample for analysis at Laitryngew, Shella Bholaganj







Collecting water samples in order to analyze the water composition for the Open Lime Channel (OLC) under MLAMP at Laitkroh Block





Ensuring the successful execution of the JAC project in Khlieh Umtrew, Umsning block, Ri Bhoi district by monitoring the progress of ongoing construction work of the checkdam.

Meghalaya Livelihoods And Access To Markets Project

From March 22nd to March 25th, 2023, the Business Facilitator of Santipur IVCS organized a four-day training program to promote financial literacy among the members of IVCS.











The ISC&ED team conducted a followup of a piggery Service Provider, Shri. Stephanson Langstang at Sohkymphor village, East Jaintia Hills District on the 24th March, 2023.

He utilized the support fund by opening a shop for selling pig feeds and veterinary medicines. He is also into pig breeding business as well.



1 day workshop cum review meeting was for **IVCS** conducted the under Mawphlang & Sohiong Block at Mawphlang Enterprise Facilitation Centre (EFC) on 24th March 2023 with the presence of Shri Ivan Reynold Marbaniang, District Project Manager (DPM), East Khasi Hills District.

Training of farm machinery operators on handling of brush cutter and installation of two rows manual rice planter was conducted at Mutong Custom Hiring Centre (CHC), Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills District on 25th March 2023.







Financial Literacy Program (FLP) conducted by Old Moilam IVCS on 25th March 2023 at Umbir village, Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills District.



Awareness Programme on credit linkage was conducted on 24th March 2023 by the Business Facilitators of Kawahagra IVCS Ltd, under Zikzak Block, West Garo Hills District.







A field visit was conducted on 23rd March 2023 to follow-up regarding the loans & advances of Baksapara IVCS Ltd, Kawahagra IVCS Ltd and Dingampara IVCS Ltd.







Awareness Programme was conducted by Lower Rajapara IVCS on 25th March 2023 at Mulapat village, Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills District.



1 day workshop for Officers of Cooperation Department, GoM and Rural Finance Officials on the formation of IVCS under Phase - III was conducted on 24th March 2023 at Shillong Club Ltd. Shillong.



5 days bookeeping training was conducted at Mawkyrwat for Raibah IVCS, Mawpait Nongthymmai IVCS, Old Moilam IVCS, Koltapara IVCS, Lower Rajapara IVCS, Sudorkura Khasiadop IVCS, Mawpud IVCS, Mattilang IVCS, for the month of March 2023.





2 days training on apiculture was conducted for the Producer Group (PG) at Sarin village on 23rd & 24th March, 2023. The Resource Person are the Master Trainer i.e., Shri. Toland Nongrem and Shri. Yosstarwell Khardewsaw from Keniong IVCS.







2 days training on Pig Rearing was conducted at Kakorkora village under Koraigora Cluster on 23rd & 24th March 2023.





Site Inspection of Potato demonstration field at Kyrdemkhla on 27th March, 2023 under Khatarshnong-Laitkroh





Site Inspection at Nongduh for Multipurpose Nursery on 28th March, 2023 under Shella Bholaganj





23,500 saplings of potato distributed and transplanted at the net houses of PG members allocated under CPRS at Nongur village, Sohiong C&

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