

5th April 2023

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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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES

 Ri-Bhoi



DPMU Ri-Bhoi organized a two-day training program for the third group of teachers in Nongpoh. The program aimed to educate them on how to effectively use community computers (KYAN/smart classroom) in schools.

District Project Management Unit Ri Bhoi, assisted the headman of Umsaw Nongkharai under Umling block to prepare utilization certificate (UC).



District team provided assistance to the VNRMC of Umdohbyrthih village in preparing the Utilisation certificates (UC), updating the books of accounts, calculating the missing amount, credit interest, and bank charges.



The External Expert for Knowledge Management along with a team from SPMU visited the innovator Hajew Klien to document the innovation, Low cost power tiller ,machine and thresher.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



In Nongpoh, the fourth group of teachers received a two-day training program from DPMU Ri-Bhoi, focusing on the use of community computers (KYAN/smart classroom) in schools. As a part of the training program, Smt. Nivedita Batthakur, the Zonal Head of Schoolnet India Ltd, visited the training session.



South West Garo Hills

The Planning Department of the Government of Meghalaya conducted a focus group discussion with youths aged 10 to 19 years at Ampati Government Higher Secondary School in Ampati village. The discussion was led by Training Specialist and EE Social Management.



The Field Engineer visited Sonabil village to take measurements for the installation of a safe gate for the spring chamber



The Field Engineer conducted a site inspection for a permanent nursery at Parengpara village

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South West Khasi Hills

The EE GIS and Environment Management, along with the VCF Social, visited various VNRMCs to collect data related to spring mapping, including both CLLMP and Non-CLLMP springs. The data collected pertained to water recharge and quality, such as pH, salinity, temperature, and electrical conductivity, which will benefit the community.



Nongsynrieh and Nonglynkien VNRMC



Pyndenmawthawiang and Mawthong VNRMC

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



DPMU team conducted a meeting and orientation for the members of VNRMC on NRM at Laitlawsnai Village, where there was an active participation and interaction during the session.

DPMU team held a consultative meeting with the President, Secretary, VCF, PC, and EC members of Rangblang A. During the meeting, they discussed and decided that all remaining construction work needs to be completed by the 2nd week of April 2023. After the meeting, the team also visited the afforestation site



DPMU team held a meeting with the VNRMC members of Mawbidong, where they reviewed the status of all the implemented activities. After the review, it was decided that :



1. The External Expert of Finance would assist the VNRMC in rectifying all the book of accounts.
2. The VNRMC would make the proper finishing touches on the activities required or the rectification.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



Dr. S Ashutosh, Director & Co-Chairman of CoE, led a training session at CLLMP, SPMU for Master Trainers on conducting Forest Management Plan (FMP) in PES villages. The training focused on the enumeration of forest data and introduced a new application to make data collection easier on the ground. This training was mandatory for Environment Heads, Training Specialists, GIS Personnel, and Field Engineers from each District Team who were required to attend as Master Trainers.



Sohiong C&RD Block organized a 3-day workshop program on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), which was attended by the DPMU EKH, BDO Sohiong, APO, and a faculty member from SIRD.

The workshop was aimed at VEC members under the Sohiong Block. During the workshop, the DPMU EKH conducted two sessions on Clean and Green Village and Water Sufficient Village.

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The DPMU EKH conducted a field inspection of ongoing and completed CNRM activities in Mawtawar Village, which falls under Mawlai C&RD Block. The completed activities include afforestation, staggered trenches, and Gabion Check Dam.



The Field Engineers conducted a site inspection in Mawngianglah, under Myllem block, for the construction of a permanent community nursery. The construction was implemented using the fund from CNRMP.



DPMU EKH conducted Seedballs Training at 11 locations falling under Mawsynram block. A total of 36 schools out of 40 schools attended the training, which was conducted by 21 different Master Trainers.

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North Garo Hills



The VNRMCs of Snalgre, Doba Apal, Dame Bibra, and Ronggopgre villages are currently engaged in activities related to Forest Management Plan (FMP), including forest fire control, in-situ and ex-situ enrichment of plantations at North Garo Hills and VNRMC villages. The community members of these villages are working together to carry out the FMP activities on community forest land.



At Bolpuma and Dilma Songgital, DPMU NGH conducted a site visit and distributed village maps, providing a briefing on the map and the site of intervention for installing it in the village. The purpose of the visit was to help the residents understand the map and its importance.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

On March 29th, 2023, an awareness program was held at Byrong village in the Shella Block. It was noted during the program that the land available to the villagers was insufficient, as a significant portion of it had already been utilized for farming and mining limestone.



Darang Songma Resubelpara Block



Doba Apal Resubelpara Block



Mawrang village, Mairang Block



Umsongma village, Umling Block



On April 3rd, 2023, an awareness program was conducted in Umsohbar village, located in the Jirang block. Ten individuals expressed interest in the program. Additionally, there are two community forests in the area.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



An awareness program was conducted at Khwad, and it was noted that the community members expressed interest in the program.



Headman of Mawionsung

Sordar of Puriang ,Kruin and Niur



On April 4th, 2023, GFA, Augustar Budon had a meeting with the owner of a forest located in Makajem Village. During the meeting, the forest owner expressed interest in applying for the payment for ecosystem services scheme. However, he also mentioned that he would need to consult with his family first before making a final decision.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

COLLECTION OF FORMS

22 : Mawsynram

22 : Khliehriat

11 : Umling

14 : Umblai

10 : Shella

09 : Umsning

07 : Mawthadraishan

05 : Amlarem

04 : Bhoirybong

02 : Laitkhroh

03 : Nongpyrdi

02 : Laitkhroh

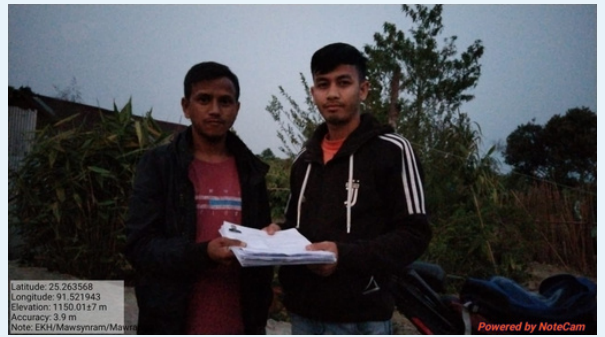
02 : Thadlaskein

01 : Resubelpara

01 : Mawryngkneng



Mawmuthoh village



Mawrapad village



Umrem village



Kairang village

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Forest Verification & Boundary Mapping



Nonglait Village



Jirang Block



Dabit bibra, community reserve



Mawkyrat Block



Nongsteng Village



Mawruhsyar Village



Josipara Community Forest Reserve



Laitmawroh Village

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IMPROVEMENT
THROUGH
FOREST
ENHANCEMENT
(MegLIFE)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

COMMUNITY NURSERY

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



Preparation for social fencing for community nursery Rongmatcha Village, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills.



Site inspection of nursery at Pashang Khliehasem & Mawsna, Mawkyntew, East Khasi Hills.



Dangkong Tasilgre under Songsak, East Garo Hills, reconstructing the nursery bed .

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South Garo Hills

Bed preparation for community nursery at Dobakol Awemong and Rongkandi Dengjama, Baghmara, SGH.



East Khasi Hills

Site visit of community nursery by Dr. Thupali, PMC, and NRM Manager, SPMU, to Kut, Iapshyndiet, Pomlahier and Pommura under Mawrykneng, EKH.

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Community nursery preparation at Gitokgre, Samanda, East Garo Hills.



Nursery bed preparation by SHGs at Mawlali, Mawkynrew, East Khasi Hills.



Galwangsa community nursery preparation, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills.

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Preparation of Community Nursery at Torangpara, Zikzak Block, SWGH.



Longsniehtakhniang community nursery, Thadlaskein, WJH.



Sohphohwaiong community nursery Thadlaskein, WJH.



Madan Synrang community nursery Thadlaskein, WJH.

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Dotdrongre community nursery,
Tikrikilla, WGH.



Kotchugre community nursery,
Tikrikilla, WGH



Bawagre community nursery, Tikrikilla, WGH.

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Lower Rembregre
community nursery,
Tikrikilla West Garo
Hills.

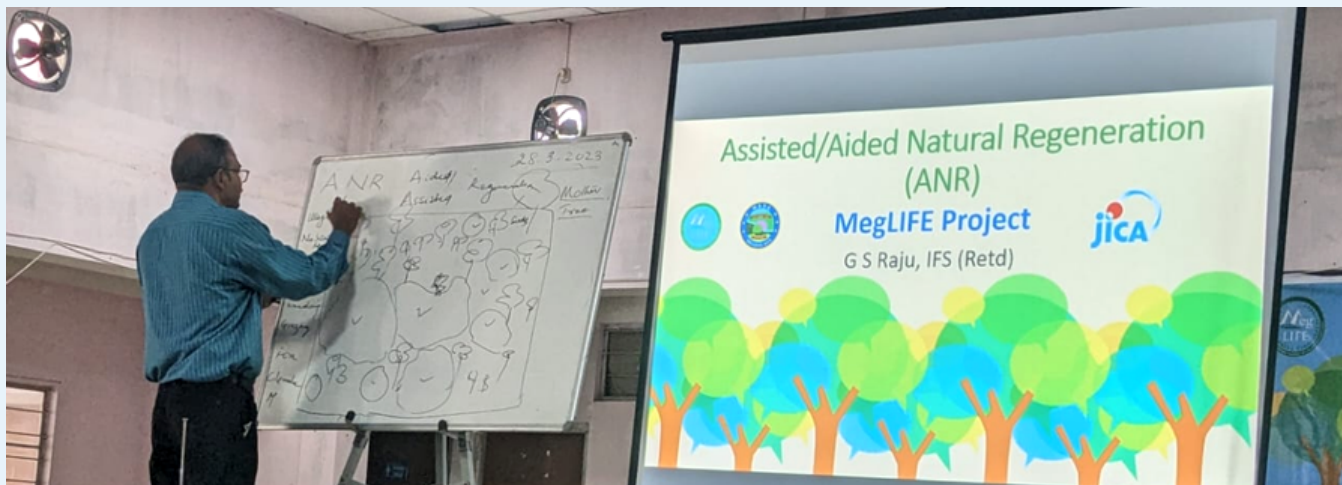


Visit to Gitokgre, Kalak
Songgital, and Kalak
Songgitcham under
Samanda Block, EGH,
for site inspection of
community nursery and
plantation areas.

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PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Site selection and preparation activities are currently underway.



A three-day Training of Trainers for Raising Plantations for BPMs, NGOs and Retired Forest Officers was held at the Extension Training Centre, Dakopgre, Tura from 27 to 29 March 2023. The training covered theoretical and practical sessions on topics such as forestry terminology, regeneration of forest, methods of regeneration, different types of plantation models, records maintenance by VPIC. This culminated in a field visit to a Permanent Nursery in Dakopgre and a Plantation in the Catchment Area at Rengsangre by Social Forestry Division, Tura



Site preparation for plantation at Rongmatcha Village, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills.

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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.



Dorenggre village under Gambegre Block, WGH, has completed earthwork at the Community Hall site which will be registered as community contribution.



All 17 villages of Dambo-Rongjeng, East Garo Hills, under the project were visited by the Field Engineer for site inspection.



Introductory meeting of Project Associate and Field Engineer with VPICs of Mawkyrwat Block, SWKH, from the 23rd - 31st March, 2023. Inspection of community hall site and community nursery was also completed.

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Community Hall site inspection at Megonggre, Dildegre, Kurung, and Bolsamdangre, Tikrikilla Block, West Garo Hills.

ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION



Site inspection for feasibility of construction of RCC water tank and Spring Chamber at Mawjatap, Siangkhnai, Mawdulop and Mawsirwas under Mawkyntrew Block, East Khasi Hills has been completed.

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Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT)



Orientation Programme on SALT for 9 batches under three blocks of East Garo Hills has been completed.



Farmers of Silsekgre under Rongram block, WGH, have started preparing for SALT farming by creating their contour lines before the rains.

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Preparation of land and contour line has begun in Gitokgre Village, Samanda, East Garo Hills.



Gitokgre VCF, Samanda, East Garo Hills, Shri Ditharson T Sangma has made a permanent A-frame to ease the work for the women's SALT farmers to prepare the contour lines.



Institute of
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CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION
(GREEN ENERGY)
NAME OF THE PROJECT: DECENTRALIZED GREEN ENERGY
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

 **East Khasi Hills District**

Installation at Khatarshnong Villages



The Green Energy team had set out on a mission to bring sustainable energy to the distant communities of Mawsohmad and Mawmang, located in the Khatarshnong block of the East Khasi Hills District. These villages are nestled deep within the forest, and due to the lack of proper roads or transportation facilities, the team had to trek through the dense forest while carrying all the essential equipment, including the hydro generator machine.

Equipped with backpacks and other necessary gear, the team set out early in the morning, hoping to reach the village before nightfall. The journey was fraught with challenges, as they had to navigate steep hills, ford streams, and make their way through thick underbrush.

Thanks to the support and assistance of the Mawsohmad and Mawmang Village Executive Committee (VEC), the Green Energy team successfully completed their challenging yet rewarding journey. After trekking for five hours and spending two nights in Khatarshnong, they were able to bring sustainable energy to a remote community by generating 5 KW of electricity.

For many years, the villagers had been living without access to electricity. With the help of the Hydro generator machine, which harnesses the power of flowing water to generate electricity, the villagers now have a reliable and cost-effective source of electricity that is also environmentally friendly and sustainable.



This achievement improved the quality of life for the villagers and also promoted environmental conservation. The team's dedication and hard work in the face of obstacles serves as an inspiration to others who are committed to making a positive impact on the world. Their efforts demonstrate the transformative power of sustainable energy and highlight the importance of providing access to reliable, eco-friendly sources of power in remote and underserved communities.

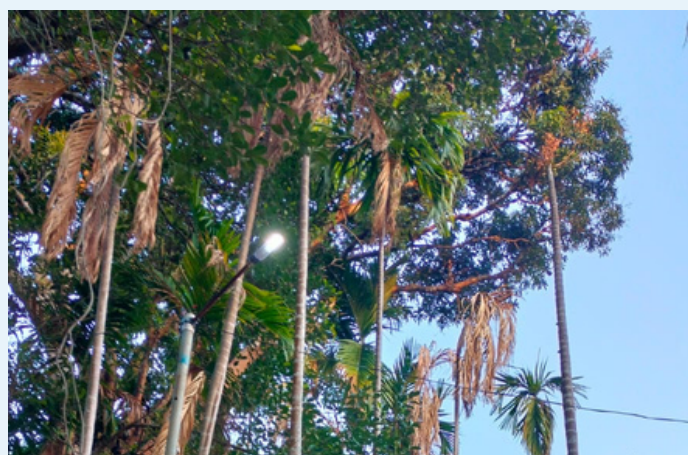


 **Eastern West Khasi Hills District**



Installation at Pyrda village, Mairang Block EWKH District

 **South Garo Hills District**



Installation at Siju Dajong village, Rongara Block & Watregre, Chokpot Block

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES

West Jaintia Hills District

Monitoring of Laying of limestone for Open Limstone Channel at Umsalang village, Amlarem block, West Jaintia Hills District



East Khasi Hills District



Instruction for construction of Chamber and demonstration on Water Tracer for OLC under MLAMP at Laitduh village, Shella Bholaganj Block, East Khasi Hills District.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

Ri Bhoi District

Follow up and monitoring on cultivation of Citronella



Sohlyia Village , Bhoirymbong Block

Khliehumstem, Bhoirymbong Block



Monitoring of Patchouli Nursery & further expansion of the Plantation at Mawrong village, Umsning Block, Ri bhoi district.



Meghalaya Livelihoods And Access To Markets Project

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IFAD in collaboration with the Government of Meghalaya, undertook an Implementation Support Mission (ISM) of the Megha-LAMP Project From 27 to 31 March 2023.

Activities included a review of the physical and financial progress, the implementation status of the 2022 supervision mission (SM) actions agreed upon, the action plan for the implementation of activities under the additional financing period, setting key milestones for the next six months which can be reviewed for any course correction at SM in October, and preparing a report detailing the key issues, actions agreed upon, and the next steps. Meetings were also held with the Project Director, Dr. Vijay Kumar D. (IAS) and personnel of the project, and field visits were made to Diengkynthong, Kyrdemkhla, BRDC and Madan Mawkhar to inspect and monitor project-related interventions.



The IFAD team included Shri. N Srinivasan (Rural Finance Specialist), Shri. Piyush Kanal (Project Anchor), Shri. Sriram Sankarasubramaniam (Procurement Specialist) Shri. Rajshekar Sambasivarao (INRM Specialist), Shri. Saib Ahmad (SECAP Specialist), Shri Pratul Dube (Finance Specialist) and Shri. Koji Arisawa (Junior Professional Officer)

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ISC & ED

On March 28th and 29th, 2023, a two-day training on pig breeding for producer groups was held at Lower Koltapara village under the Koraigora Cluster.



A Site inspection was carried out by East Khasi Hills District team on the 28th March 2023 at Nongduh village, under Shella Bholaganj Block for setting up of Multipurpose Nursery.



5000 Potato ARC saplings were distributed to PG members and transplanted in net houses at Nongur Village Sohiong C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills.

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The ISC & ED component organized a 5-day workshop on Food and Fruit processing at Songsak village from March 20 to March 24, 2023. Additionally, a 6-day program on the same topic was conducted in Umthlu, West Khasi Hills District from March 23 to March 28, 2023. The programs collectively had 24 male and 47 female participants.



A four day village level training programme on ginger, pineapple, blackpepper & piggery value chain product was conducted from the 20th to 24th March 2023 at Mawiong, Pahambirthem, Belkuri & Jowe respectively for Producer Groups.



Khonjoy IVCS from South West Khasi Hills District has aggregated 7065 kg of ginger. The organization plans to allocate 50% of the ginger for processing and the remaining 50% for selling as raw product.

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INRM

On March 28, 2023, the INRM component of South West Khasi Hills held a meeting with Village Facilitators (VFs) from INRM villages, Ranikor block to discuss the completion of various activities related to INRM



Irrigation canal constructed under challenged fund at Tuberkmai shnong village, EastJaintia Hills

Various training program conducted on the use of farm machinery in collaboration with the Office of the Assistant Agricultural Engineering Wings Nongstoin at Nongshram, Tynghor, Langumshing A, Photkroh and Koraigora CHCs respectively.



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Rural Finance

On March 27th – 28th, 2023, farmers from Khonjoy IVCS, SWKHD participated in a Two Days Exposure visit to the Life Spice Processing Unit in Laskein, WJHD. The visit aimed to facilitate cross-learning on spice processing activities, allowing participants to implement similar strategies in Khonjoy IVCS, The program was organized by the ISC & ED team, South West Khasi Hills.



A 2 Days Training program was conducted on the 28th and 29th March, 2023 for Business Facilitators of IVCS on Financial Literacy Programme at Sports and Social Cultural Club, Mawroh Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi .



A training on Final Accounting for the secretaries and finance committees of 18 IVCS was held from March 20th to 24th, 2023, at East Jaintia Hills.

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March 2023: Assessment on Performance of Koraigora IVCS-CHC, Ranikor Block



District Review Meeting at North Garo Hills District conducted on the 23rd March 2023

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Megha-LAMP Retreat at Dooars, West Bengal

Three-day Megha-LAMP Retreat was conducted in Dooars, West Bengal. The purpose of the Retreat is to inform and strengthen the staff such that targets can be met on a daily basis eliminating the old strategy of working merely as a component.



On the first day, an internal meeting of the Senior Managers (SM) and District Project Managers (DPM) along with the Deputy Project Director (DPD) was held to brief the DPMs on the detailed AWP Budget for the next one year.



On the second day, each district team prepared their budgets on training based on the value chain and presented the same on the third day. This is the first time that the Megha-LAMP retreat is being held outside of the state. It may be noted that Megha-LAMP was recently approved extension till December 2024.

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