

17th May 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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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills

On May 11, 2023, the Finance Team from DPMU - EKH went for a follow-up inspection to Rngi Myllem for the survey conducted by the team under the Centre Research Policy.



On May 11, 2023, the Field Engineers from CLLMP - EKH made a visit to Mawpynthih VNRMC in the Myllem Block to monitor the progress and completion of various development projects, including Bio fencing, Earthen Bunds, Farm Pond, Community Nursery, Protection Walls, Filter Tank, Water Harvesting Structure, Hand Pump Water, Afforestation, RRC Checkdam, Spring Chambers, and Training Hall construction.



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On May 12, 2023, the EKH Environment Team went to Mawsynram Block to distribute seeds to the schools that had received training through the Seed Ball Initiative so that the preparation of the Seed Balls could begin.

Teachers from 22 different schools came to the Block Office to collect the seeds.



On May 11, 2023, the EKH GIS Team visited Umniuh Tmar Phlangtangor and Nongkhlieng villages in the Pynursla Block to address PES (GREEN) issues. During the visit, the team focused on two key objectives.

Firstly, they extracted the demarcated data collected by VCF, ensuring accurate and reliable information.

Secondly, they met with the headman of Phlangtangor village to verify any additional areas and resolve issues regarding land allocation among applicants within the village. The purpose of this visit was to streamline and clarify the PES (GREEN) procedures for the benefit of all parties involved.



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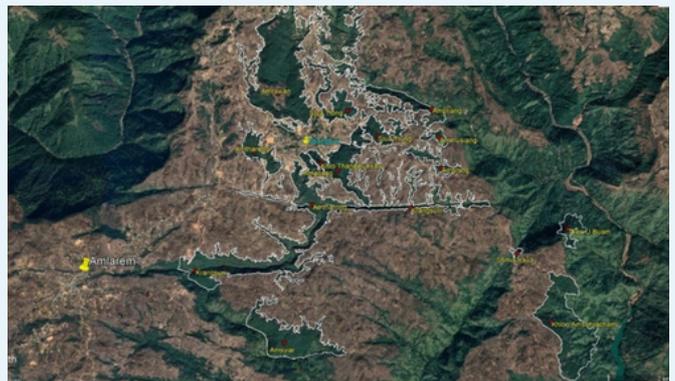
DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On May 13, 2023, the EKH Finance Team met with VNRMC members to discuss monitoring and book-keeping training at Thangsning VNRMC for Thynroit VNRMC, Thangsning VNRMC, Mawpyrshong VNRMC and Puriang VNRMC.



West Jaintia Hills



WJH DPMU successfully mapped 766 hectares for Khloo Raid Buam's payment for ecosystem services (PES) demarcation at Amlarem Block, WJH. This accomplishment was made possible through the collaboration of the district GFAs, GIS, and two VCFs of Amlarem Block



On May 11, 2023, WJH DPMU started the survey activity of the Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the PES villages with the aim of completing the assessment for nine PES villages under Phase 1. The survey activity is being guided by master trainers and VCFs.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



DPMU WJH installed a PA system for the dissemination of information on Natural Resource Management and other related activities.



South West Khasi Hills



EE Social Management, M&E, and Finance and Accounts staff visited Nongkdait VNRMC to follow up on the minute book, purchase register, training register, and collecting EC&GB meeting information, as well as to follow up on cheque issue and payment voucher.



EE M&E, EE Social from the DPMU team visited Mawkohphet village to gather information on community procurement and to follow up on minutes, purchases, and training registers with VCF M&E and VCF Social.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



EE Social Management, Accounts, and M&E visited Phlangkynshi VNRMC to follow up on the minute book, purchase register, training register, and collecting EC&GB meeting information, as well as to follow up on cheque issue and payment vouchers.



The external environmental expert visited Mawthawiang Nongtraw to deliver a training session on "vermi compost," combining theory and on-field demonstrations. The VNRMC members were present during the presentation. There was some brief discussion and interaction with the members, who already possessed a comprehensive understanding of vermicompost production.



DPMU SWKH visited Sakwang village to inspect the implementation of the FMP (fireline) and confirm the site for the excess fund. They also visited the community nursery and advised the president and VCF Environment on how to keep the nursery in good condition.

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During the recent visit to Photjaud village, DPMU team thoroughly assessed various aspects of the locality. The team also reviewed records, minute books, training, purchase committees, and community contributions, found them well-maintained.

The PA system, FMP, traditional meeting hall, checkdam, CC dam, and land development projects funded by additional funds were all in good working order. However, it was noticed that the natural footpath had been replaced with concrete, and the staff recommended restoring it to its natural state for environmental and aesthetic reasons. Additionally, an issue was observed about the minute book, a crucial record-keeping tool for the village council. The villagers have committed to updating it by the end of the month.



Ri-Bhoi



Ri Bhoi DPMU organised a Refresher Training on Vermi Composting Unit at Mawkyrdep for VNRMC VCF's and EC Members. Kong Saralin Lyngdoh, an expert in her field, conducted the training. Till date, Ri Bhoi VNRMC has produced a total of 30967 kg and sold out 16837 kg, amounting to Rs 505110 at a rate of Rs 30/kg.

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AM & EE (KM) visited five different schools to do video documentation on the teaching of NRM topics using the KYAN/SMART Classroom Device and to gather testimonials. As a part of the CLLMP MBMA, a World Bank-funded project which aims to improve digitalized teaching by emphasising NRM topics outside of the Hardcore Academics Syllabus in the belief that students and young people are the future generation and will have a greater impact on protecting our Mother Earth, the KYAN device is distributed to 61 different schools.



From May 8th to May 12th, 2023, the training specialist of Ri-Bhoi DPMU conducted Seedball Training in 14 different schools under Jirang C & RD Block.



DPM Ri-Bhoi District Project Management Unit observed and monitored the CPR survey that the planning Department team was tasked with carrying out in Mawlong Nongtluh, Umling Block.

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Ri-Bhoi DPM visited Pahamkroh under the Umling C&RD Block to follow up on the implementations, including the building of ponds, a loose boulder bund, bench terracing, and a side drain. The inspection revealed that 95% of the side drain installation had been completed.



Ri-Bhoi DPM, along with EE, followed up on the newly elected headman and EC member of Saiden Village in the presence of VNRMC Secretary. The meeting was convened to provide an update on the completed interventions as well as the pending interventions that must be completed by June 2023.



The AM (M&E) visited Saiden Village to assist the VCFs with data entry into the MIS web and to clear their doubts about the issues they were experiencing.

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The Ri Bhoi Environment Management Team distributed FMP equipment to the VCF in the presence of the DPM in order to gather data on the Forest Management Plan in the 10 PES Villages/applicants that were selected. The purpose of the shields distributed is to shield the Green Commandos fighting in the field to improve the planet.



DPM of Ri-Bhoi Unit inspected and monitored the sites as renovation work on the vermi composting unit at Pahamkroh Village began after the unit was destroyed by a storm.



The District Project Manager of Ri-Bhoi DPMU visited the villages listed below under Bhoiryymbong C & RD Block to conduct a site inspection:

- 1) The Check Dam for Irrigation at Umtung Village was inspected, wherein 95% completion of the project impressed the inspector.
- 2) Visited the Mawkyrdep Village sites where the NRM Library and the Community Information Board are being built.
- 3) Monitoring the newly planted tree saplings in Mawpun Village.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

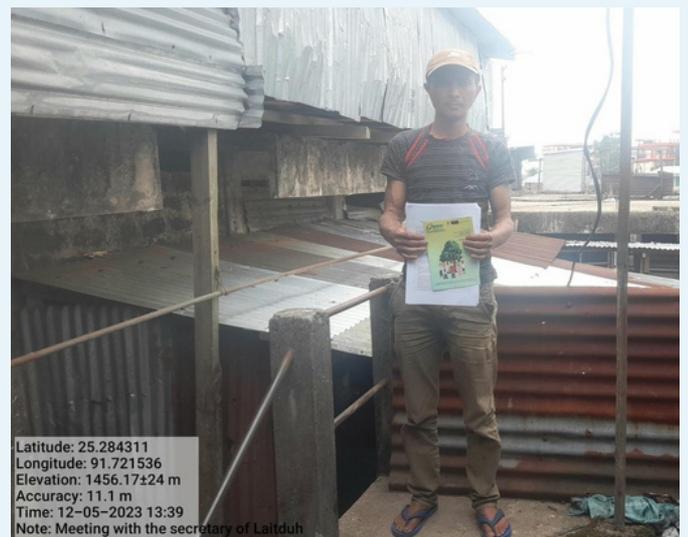


Rongdikgre village, SGH



Noksikgre village, Rerapara Block

During the meeting with the Secretary of Laitduh in the Shella Block on the 12th of May 2023, it was highlighted that the village has several reserved forests, including one surrounding Wei Sawdong Falls. The Secretary expressed their willingness to apply for the scheme, as it would enhance the protection and conservation of the forest. The Secretary also mentioned plans to discuss this opportunity with the village members. It is important to note that there are no individual forests within the village.



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Note: Meeting with the secretary of Laitduh



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Note: longkaluh

During the awareness program held at Longkaluh Village in the Khliehriat Block, it is worth noting that all participants expressed their keen interest in the program. As a result, four application forms have been distributed to those who are interested in participating further.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

During the visit and meeting with the Sordars of Nongkyndong Village and Rngikseh Village in the Mawryngkneng Block, it was discussed that an awareness program will be conducted in the village in the near future.



Nongkyndong village



Rngikseh village



In collaboration with the district GFA's, GIS experts, and two VCFs of Amlarem Block, demarcation of a total of 766 hectares of land at Khloo Raid Buam was completed. This remarkable achievement was accomplished within a span of four days, from 9th May 2023 to 12th May 2023.



Awareness at Tallangre village,
Rerapara Block, SWGH



Awareness at Mawmang village
5 forms distributed.

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An awareness program was conducted at Kongthong Village wherein it was noted that there is no community land available, only individual and clan-owned lands. Two individuals have expressed their interest in the program, and they will inform GFA, Yessterfield Kurkalangafter after consulting with their respective family members.



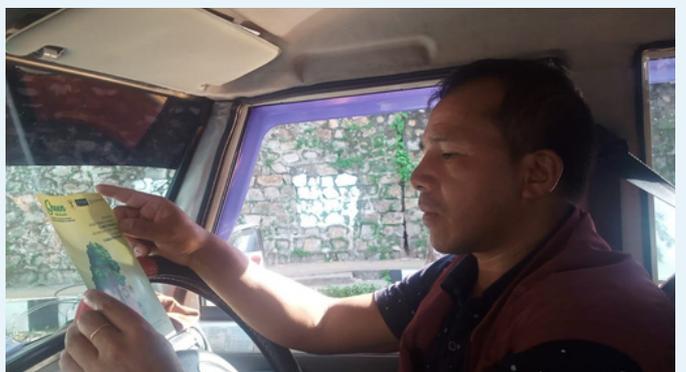
Headman of Sohkhhar Village



Headman of Burma Village



Sordar of Warmatlah Village,
Mawrykneng Block



Sordar of Mawpyrshong Village,
Mawrykneng Block



Executive Members, Gungre village,
South Garo Hills



Executive members, Tynghor village,
West Khasi Hills

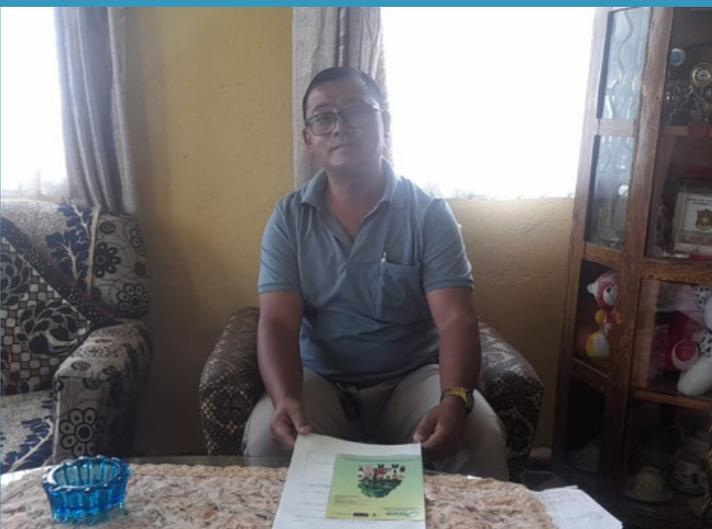
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During the meeting with the Sordar of Mawber Village in the GFA-Mawrykneng Block, it was revealed that the village does not have individual forests, but rather, the entire community collectively owns the forest. The Sordar informed that a durbar meeting will be conducted with the village members to gauge their interest and willingness to apply for the scheme.



Community members of Bugakol village under Kharkutta Block accepting forms to apply for the payment for ecosystem services scheme



During the meeting with the Headman of Pdengshnong Sohra in the Shella Block on the 10th of May 2023, it was noted that the community possesses a forest collectively, rather than individual forests. The Headman expressed his intention to discuss the scheme with the members of the community and explore the feasibility of its implementation in the area.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

COLLECTION OF FORMS

Ri Bhoi : 14

East Garo Hills : 02

East Khasi Hills : 04

East Jaintia Hills : 04

South Garo Hills : 02

North Garo Hills : 08



Umdohkha Village, Ri Bhoi



Ganingre Village, North Garo Hills



PES verification at Mawtneng village
 Total area: 63.105 ha
 VCF - Rangshanbor Kharbihkhiew



PES verification at Jaralood village
 Amlarem block
 Remarks: 2 sites verified

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Verification of Forest
 Category: Individual
 Area: 1.6 KM
 Name of Applicant: Aiborman Syiem
 Block: Jirang
 VCF: Lowbornstar Lapang



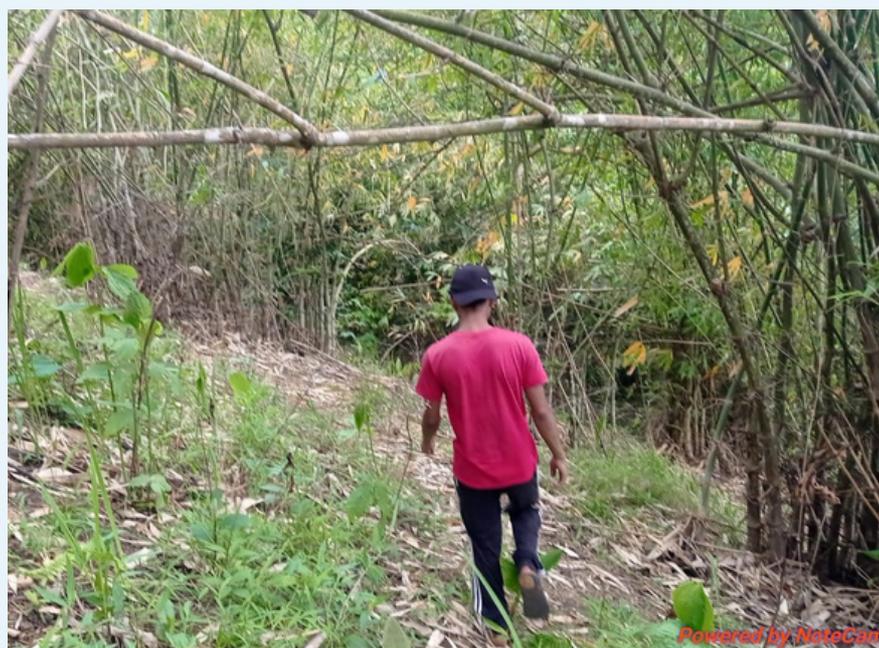
Verification of Forest
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 Block: Jirang
 VCF: Lowbornstar Lapang



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PES verification at Iongnoh village
 Thadlaskien block



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PES verification at Khweng village
 Bhoirybong Block

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LIVELIHOOD
IMPROVEMENT
THROUGH
FOREST
ENHANCEMENT
(MegLIFE)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

PLANTATION

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

RONGRAM BLOCK, WGH



Lining, stacking and pitting,
Silsekgre Village



PA demonstrating lining and staking at
Renchagre Village



Land preparation for plantation Anogre
Village



Advance work,
Manggakgre Village



Advance work,
Manggakgre Village



Advance work,
Gindopara Village

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Pit digging, Ritekpara Village
Zikzak, SWGH



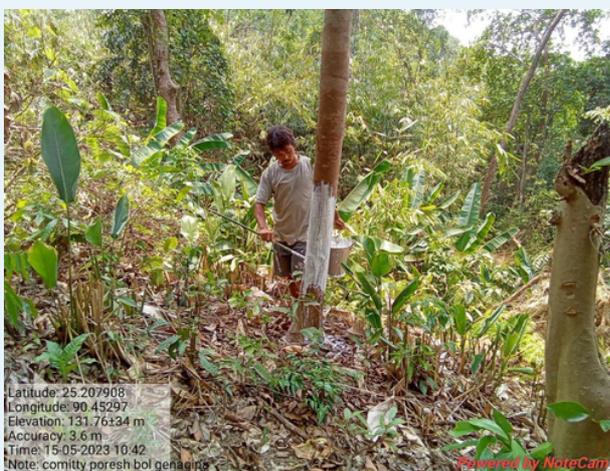
Advance work, Golmangre Village,
Betasing, SWGH



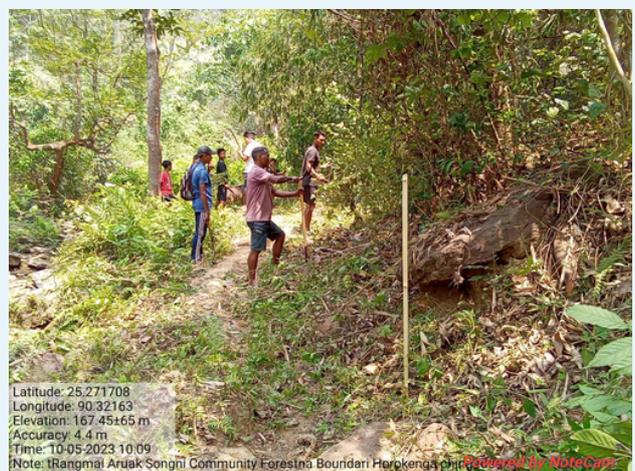
Plantation site, Daranggagre Village,
Dalu, WGH.



Advance work, Dorakgre Village,
Samanda, EGH



Marking the strategic points with
quicklime for plantation,
Andamari Village, Gasuapara, EGH



Marking of boundary at strategic points
with bamboo, Rangmai Aruak Village,
Gasuapara, EGH

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Jungle clearance completed,
Taidang Village, Rongara, SGH



Pit digging, Ajasiram Village,
Resubelpara, NGH



Artificial Regeneration (AR)
demonstration at Rongpetchi Cluster,
Resubelpara, NGH



Agroforestry Expert PMC, Dr Sapu's,
maiden visit to Mandadrop Village,
Kharkutta, NGH.



Agrengitim Village



Dobakol Awemong Village

During the visit to Bhagmara's abandoned coal mining villages, Shri RP Agarwalla, Forestry and Biodiversity expert, PMC; Shri G Chakraborty, Consultant MegLIFE, and the MINR team made significant observations:

- Dobakol Awemong Village: Good soil condition with natural tree growth. Suggested initiating Assisted Natural Regeneration model for plantation.
- Agrengitim Village: Topsoil loss makes immediate plantation unsuitable. Proposed citronella grass plantation 2-3 years before main plantation in the area for its insect-repellent properties and economic value.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries. Following the completion of preparation of nursery mother beds where seeds will be sown, communities are working on filling Polybags with potting material; a mix of soil, sand and compost (in prescribed proportion). Polybags are for transplanting the small seedlings from mother bed into a container for transportation to the planting site.



**Renchagre Community Nursery,
Rongram**



**Adugre Community Nursery,
Rongram**



**Polybag filling for raising tree saplings at
Tosekgre Village, Rongram, WGH**



**Community Nursery activities at
Anogre Village, Rongram, WGH**



**Polybag filling at Dagal Nokat Village,
Dambo Rongjeng, EGH**



**Community Nursery work in progress at
Santogre Village, Gambegre, WGH**

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Shri D P Marak, Project Associate, conducted a demonstration on seed sowing in mother beds for the Gitokgre VPIC members in Samanda, EGH.



Community Nursery, Chasinpara Village, Dalu, WGH



Community Nursery, Daranggagre Village, Dalu, WGH



Community Nursery, Rangdapara Village, Dalu WGH



Community Nursery, Sandongpara Village, Dalu, WGH

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Thapa Dangre Village,
Resubelpara, NGH



Rongpetchi Village,
Resubelpara, NGH



Thapa Darenchi Vilage,
Resubelpara, EGH



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Note: community nursery na net pineneo

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Chorepahar Village preparing
shedding net, Resubelpara, EGH



Bed preparation at Mawtharap Village ,
Mairang, WKH,



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Elevation: 1475.14±18 m
Accuracy: 2.1 m
Time: 11-05-2023 16:54
Note: Nursery plantation Demthring

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Work in progress at Demthring Nursery
Thadlaskein, WJH

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Community Nursery of Gnengkolsi
Songgitcham Village, Gasuapara, SGH



Community Nursery of Darit
Simragittim Village of Gasuapara, SGH



Preparation of community nursery at
Agrenggitim Village, Baghmara, SGH



Darit Asim community nursery,
Baghmara, SGH



Community nursery at Rongsa Awe Villsg, Baghmara, SGH

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

SEED COLLECTION - RONGRAM, WGH

Seed collected by Chibokgre VPIC



**Tebrong bitchil /
Artocarpus heterophyllus**



**Megong bitchil /
Bauhonia purpurea**



**Bolchim bitchil /
Duabanga grandiflora**



**Gamore /
Gmelina arborea**



**Snaru / Cassia
fistullia, Manggakgre**



**Azakari,
Marakapara**



**Bolkasin /
Pongamea pinata
Bugakolgre**



**Bolchu / Bombax ceiba,
Marakapara VPIC.**



**Cheeng bitchil / Tamarindus
indica, Renchagre VPIC**



**Amla / ambare / Emblica
officinalis Balupara VPIC**



**Gambal /gamore / Gmelina
arborea, Manggakgre VPIC**



**Ajakari / agajari / Bischofia
javanica, Manggakgre VPIC**



**Segun / Techona grandis,
Manggakgre VPIC**

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



SEED COLLECTION - SAMANDA, EGH

Collected from
Remagittim Village,
Kharkutta,
NGH



Udare seeds



Bolgipok seeds

Collected from
Kopogre Village,
GAMBEGRE, NGH



Gambare / Gmelina arborea



Bolkasin / Pongamia pinnata



Duabanga grandiflora seeds collected by
Project Associate from non project
villages, Dambo Rongjeng, EGH

President and secretary of
Tebisokgre Village, SGH,
sorting Gmelina arborea seeds

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.



Sowing of NFP seeds at Miktongjeng Village, Dambo Rongjeng, EGH



Distribution of NFP seeds to the SALT farmers of Gitokgre, Samnada, EGH



Land preparation for SALT at Laitdiengsai Village, Mawkyntrew, EKH



Distribution of NFP seeds, Mawkyntrew, EKH



Gilbat Sangma, farmer from Sudugre Village, sowing NFP seeds, Baghmara, SGH



Manggalgre, Rongram, WGH, land preparation for SALT cultivation.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

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.



Community contribution for community hall construction - Levelling of land, Lower Jambal Village, Kharkutta, NGH



Community contribution for community hall construction by Thaugittim VPIC, Dambo Rongjeng, EGH

EPA - SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION



Construction of Platform for water tank under SWC, Rangdapara Village, Dalu, WGH



Institute of
Natural Resources
(INR)

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

Site Inspection conducted by the Green energy Team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project funded by *NABARD* .

 **East Khasi Hills District**



Lawbah and Phlangwanbroi Village, Mawsynram Block

 **East Garo Hills District**



Rongrebo Kamagre, Samanda Block

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



The Bio-Resource team of INR successfully conducted the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Treilang SHG at Umkyrpong Village under Saipung Block and Iainehskhem SHG Mookympad village, Wapung Block, East Jaintia Hills district to facilitate the implementation of the CLLMP innovative project.



Provision of Rosemary saplings to Puin SHG, additionally monitoring of Mentha and Lavender Plantation was also conducted by the Bio-resource team at Pyndenglitha village, under Mawphlang Block, East Khasi Hills District.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

Distillation of Geranium Essential Oil



Distillation of geranium oil by the Shipara SHG assisted by the Bio-resource team (Megh Aroma Mission) at Mawphanlur village, Mawthadraishan Block, West Khasi Hills District. A total of 11 kgs of herbage was distilled, resulting in the recovery of 12 ml of geranium oil.



Another distillation process carried out by the Nongphud farmers of Umkrem village, in Mawthadraishan Block, West Khasi Hills District, which resulted in the successful extraction of 20 ml of pure geranium oil from 80 kilograms of herbage.



Demonstration for trimming of citronella plants and Mapping at Umnget, Umsning Block, Ribhoi District.

IAIMINOT SHG, MAWRENG

The Iaiminot SHG, with the support of the Megh Aroma Mission, has acquired their own mobile field distillation machine. In their initial trial, using a 50KG unit, the team successfully obtained 1ml of geranium oil from 30KG of geranium. This significant achievement marked the first utilization of the distillation unit by the Iaiminot SHG, sparking their enthusiasm to scale up production of geranium essential oil in the future. The addition of the new distillation machine has opened up a wide range of possibilities, bringing about an exciting era of opportunities for their community.



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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



Several Multi- Stakeholders Platform (MSP) programs were conducted across Meghalaya, addressing various value chains products at various locations. The MSPs took place on May 6, 8, and 9, 2023, focusing on Piggery at Mawlyndiar, Potato at Mawlyndiar Cluster, and Apiculture at Sohkynduh. Additionally, MSPs occurred on April 11 and May 10, 2023, covering topics such as Pepper at Sohkynduh and at Mawbeh village. Further MSPs were organized on May 11, 12, and 13, 2023, at Sohrarim, Mawmihthied Village, and Sohrarim Cluster, respectively. On May 15, MSP were held at Laitiam Village, Nongduh Village, and Umdiengpoh Village, while on May 16, an MSP took place at Nonglang.

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Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



On May 8 and 9, 2023, a PGs Training on the Black Pepper Value Chain was conducted at Santipur Village, located in the Byrnihat Cluster under the Umling C&RD Block, Ri Bhoi District



On May 12, 2023, a Block Level Training session was conducted under Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills, focusing on Pest Management and Preparation of Bio-fertilizer



Farmer's Market Committee Meeting at KJPA, East Khasi Hills District.



Training on Book keeping for Producer's Group at Swer Village

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

RURAL FINANCE



The 3rd Batch of the Residential Training Programme on Bookkeeping for the Cooperation Department was successfully held from 8th to 13th May 2023. The training took place in the presence of individuals including Shri. R. Choudhury, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Shri. Teiborlang Kharshiing, Consultant RF, and Shri. Lari Kupar Lyngdoh, Senior Manager, RF, SPMU. The training sessions were conducted by the RF Officials who are Master Trainers. A total of 25 Cooperation Officers actively participated in the Training Programme.

The 15-day residential training program on the consolidation of accounts for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) and the review of audit reports is currently underway at MATI, Mawdiangdiang from 12th to 28th May 2023. On the first day, the inaugural program was graced by the presence of Shri A. S. Suting, DPD, Fr. Oscar Pareira, Shri Jerome Lopez, and Shri L. Lyngdoh, Senior Manager at RF.



The training program for the 4th batch of IVCS to become Business Correspondents (BC) of MCAB commenced on 16th May 2023 at IIBM, Guwahati. The participants represent IVCS from East Jaintia Hills, South West Khasi Hills, and West Garo Hills Districts. The training concluded on 17th May 2023.

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RURAL FINANCE



Several awareness programs were conducted across the district of Meghalaya to promote the new formation of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Phase III:

- On 09/05/2023, Mawlangren Village had 38 participants with Shri Ronald Thabah (ARCs) as the resource person. Nongrmai Village saw the participation of 63 individuals with Shri E.B Charmang (ARCs) as the resource person.
- On 10/05/2023, Nonglait Village had 58 participants with Shri Ronald Thabah (ARCs) as the resource person. Mawnai Village had 57 participants with Shri E.B Charmang (ARCs) as the resource person.
- On 11/05/2023, Myriaw Village had 49 participants with Shri Ronald Thabah (ARCs) as the resource person. Riangmang Village had 31 participants with Shri E.B Charmang (ARCs) as the resource person.
- On 12/05/2023, Nongthliew Village had 48 participants with Shri E.B Charmang (ARCs) as the resource person.
- On 13/05/2023, Mawlyntriang Village had 51 participants with Shri E.B Charmang (ARCs) as the resource person.

On 10/05/2023, the books of account of Nongsteng IVCS Ltd were checked, and on 11/05/2023, a hand-holding session on bookkeeping was conducted at Umling IVCS Ltd.



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INRM



On 9th May 2023, an awareness program was conducted for the establishment of Community Health Centre (CHC) at Iongkaluh IVCS. Additionally, follow-up activities were carried out for Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) intervention at Lakadong Ummat and Ladlakadong.



Training sessions were conducted for Active Village Functionaries/Worker Volunteers (VFs/WVs) in Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, East Khasi Hills District. The training focused on various aspects including INRM planning, such as assessment and grading, outcome reporting of INRM interventions, bookkeeping, facilitating Village Executive Committees (VECs) to submit utilization certificates (UCs) and Community Contribution Certificates (CCCs), as well as the formation of Water User Groups. Additionally, gender-related topics were also covered during the training. A similar program was conducted at Shella Bholaganj Block, East Khasi Hills District on the 11th May 2023 and at Mawphlang Block on the 12th of May 2023

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A village-level meeting was conducted at Purdua, Umling block, to address an internal dispute affecting the progress of pending INRM work in the village. The DPM led the effort to resolve the issue positively.



Participatory Performance Assessment at Plasha, Ri Bhoi District



An awareness program was conducted in Umthlu village to promote the establishment of a Community Health Centre (CHC).



A workshop was conducted on May 3, 4, and 8, 2023, focusing on Water User Group and Data Collection for 68 Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) villages under the Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills (SWGHI) district

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Megha-LAMP organized a series of Knowledge Sharing Workshops at the districts of Meghalaya to provide the communities with a platform for learning from best practices, leveraging knowledge, and taking away key lessons from champions and success stories. On May 9, 2023, the DPMU in East Khasi Hills (EKH) hosted a workshop for communities to exchange insights and learning. Champions from the district were chosen to showcase good practices across different sectors, including agriculture, rural development, rural finance, enterprise development, and natural resource management. On May 11, 2023, the event was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the DC Office in Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills. The event honoured top performers and facilitated group discussions among beneficiaries and participants. On May 12, 2023, the Workshop took place at East Garo Hills, featuring discussions led by the Deputy Commissioner and suggestions on improving farming activities and fostering self-sufficiency. These workshops brought together participants from various line departments, banks, IVCS, Producer Groups, and VRMCs and fostered a culture of collaboration and knowledge sharing among all participants.

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