

3rd 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)



**MCLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**Ri-Bhoi**

The DPM, along with External Expert, visited Umdoh 18th Mile to follow up on the spring chamber implementation and the ongoing interventions on Community Pond.



The DPM and EE visited Narang Village to inspect the waste management bin and monitor the community nursery's upgrade. During the visit, it was discovered that 90% of the work on the nursery upgrade had been completed.



The Assistant Manager and EE (Knowledge Management) visited Mawkangi and Tomonpo Anglong to follow up on the Grassroot Innovators, briefing them on the release of their second installment, ensuring that the funds are used as planned, and obtaining their signature on the Grassroot Innovation contract.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



In the presence of Dr. S. Ashutosh, IFS (Retd) and AGM - DPM V.S.Buhphang, Ri-Bhoi DPMU organized the following activities:

1. Seed Ball Training (awareness and interaction) with the students of Pine Brook Secondary School, Sumer.
2. Interaction with community members at Umsaw Nongkharai on Payment for Ecosystem Services.



**East Khasi Hills**

On the 27th of April 2023, a meeting was held in Mawnianglah village with all the VCFs of Myllem Block to discuss in detail the MIS MOBILE WEB ENTRY and to complete the task as soon as possible for information on all the data from the VNRMC LEVEL.



**MCLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



The EKH DPMU team went on a field visit to Mawsadang VNRMC under Mawphlang Block for a video documentation to highlight the fish sanctuary that is implemented under this VNRMC.

In the year 2022, the VNRMC established a Fish Sanctuary with the aim of conserving and safeguarding the native fish species, especially redfish, and other varieties present in the region. To protect the sanctuary, the Dorbar Shnong of Mawsadang has implemented rigorous regulations and laws, such as prohibiting net fishing, fishing without obtaining permission beforehand, and using hazardous chemicals in the area.



On May 1, 2023, the Monitoring and Evaluation EKH DPMU team met with the VCF of Weiloi village to follow up on web entry for MIS at the VNRMC level.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



As part of the JICA Mission's visit to Meghalaya, the GIS EKH Team undertook a one-day field trip to Laitmysang in the Mawkynrew Block on April 26, 2023. The purpose of the trip was to engage with members of the community and visit various interventions, including the Nursery, Plantation, and Community Hall.



**South West Khasi Hills**

On the 25th of April 2023, DPMU team visited Mawkohphet village to assist VNRMC members in identifying different plant species at the implemented site Tynrong Mawshiuuh as part of the project documentation.



Seedball training at Sarin Govt. L P School







**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



A visit was made by the DPMU team to Lawblei village to verify the site for the implementation of excess funds and to monitor the progress of the traditional hall construction. Additionally, the team also inspected the implementation site for Additional Funds and provided guidance to the members on completing any required finishing touches.



**North Garo Hills**

Dilma Songgital VNRMC is working to build a permanent community nursery to promote biodiversity and conservation efforts by providing a space for the cultivation of native plant species.



The community members of Dilma Songgital village have installed a secure gate at the spring chamber to safeguard the local water source and maintain its cleanliness and safety for use.





# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



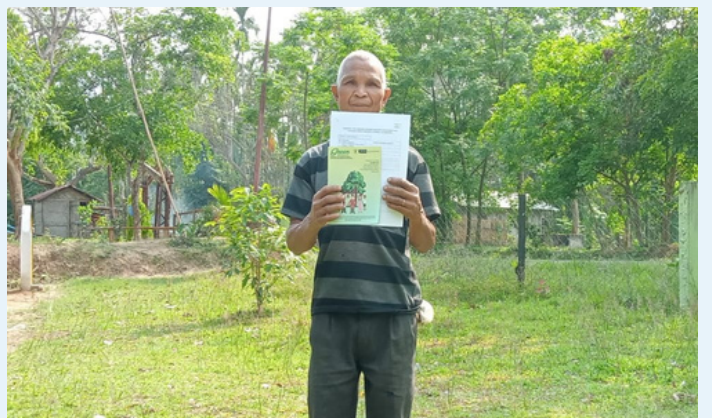
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GFA: Ialamphrang Kharbteng



Mengkakangre village  
GFA: Charlyana Tengchi R Marak



Tegasot village  
GFA: Sanjibirth D. Shira



Mite wak village  
GFA: Sanjibirth D. Shira



Rongbilbanggre village  
GFA: Bobby M. Sangma



Lakasein village  
GFA: Eveningson Shadap



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

An awareness program was held in Khartein, and all of the attendees expressed their interest in the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program. A few of them have indicated their intention to submit their application forms next week.



In a meeting with Headman & Secretary of Bollongre Village under Zikzak Block an application form was handed to them as they showed interest in applying for the scheme.



During the visit to Nongtraw Village, GFA Yessterfield Kurkalang discussed the significance of PES with the Headman and Secretary of the village. As a result, an awareness program has been planned for May 3rd, 2023.



The Sordar of Katonggre village intends to convene a gathering with the Executive members to deliberate on the feasibility of participating in the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program. The outcome of the meeting will determine their final decision.





## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

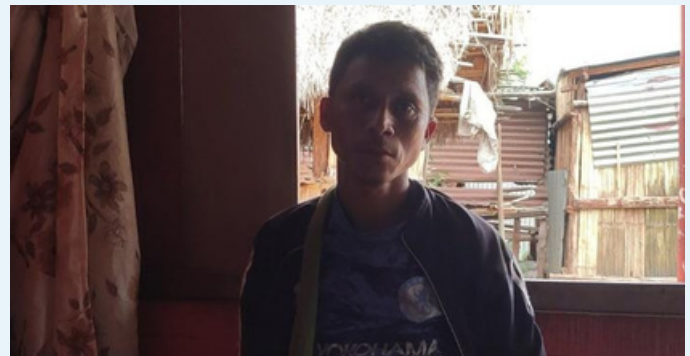


Mawsiangei village  
GFA: Augustar Budon



Marshiang village  
GFA: Trainingstar Wanniang

On April 26th, 2023, following a visit to the headman of Umshangiar village, Thadlaskein block, an awareness program has been arranged and is scheduled to take place soon.



The Headman of Mawpynthaw Village in the Mawpat block will first notify the forest owner about the Payment for ecosystem scheme and subsequently an awareness program will be held



Liarbang village  
GFA: Hamarbamut Lyngdoh

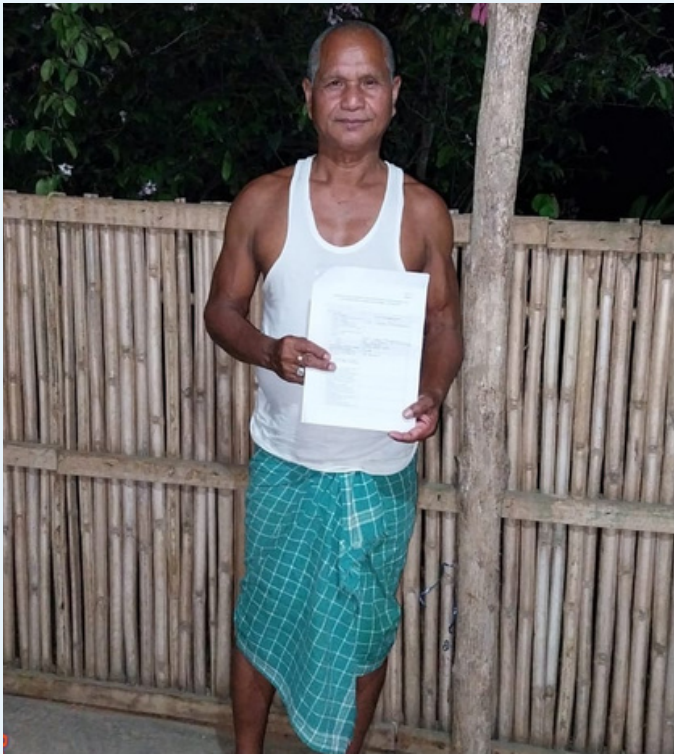


Upper Maniganj village  
Suman Jakaria D Marak



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## COLLECTION OF FORMS



Upper Maniganj village

East Jaintia Hills : 15

East Khasi Hills : 08

Ri Bhoi : 05

South Garo Hills : 05

Eastern West Khasi Hills : 04

North Garo Hills : 01

West Garo Hills : 01

East Garo Hills : 01

West Khasi Hills : 02

South West Khasi Hills : 02



Meronggre village



Secretary of Ragolgre village forest reserve



Umñiuh Nongrim village

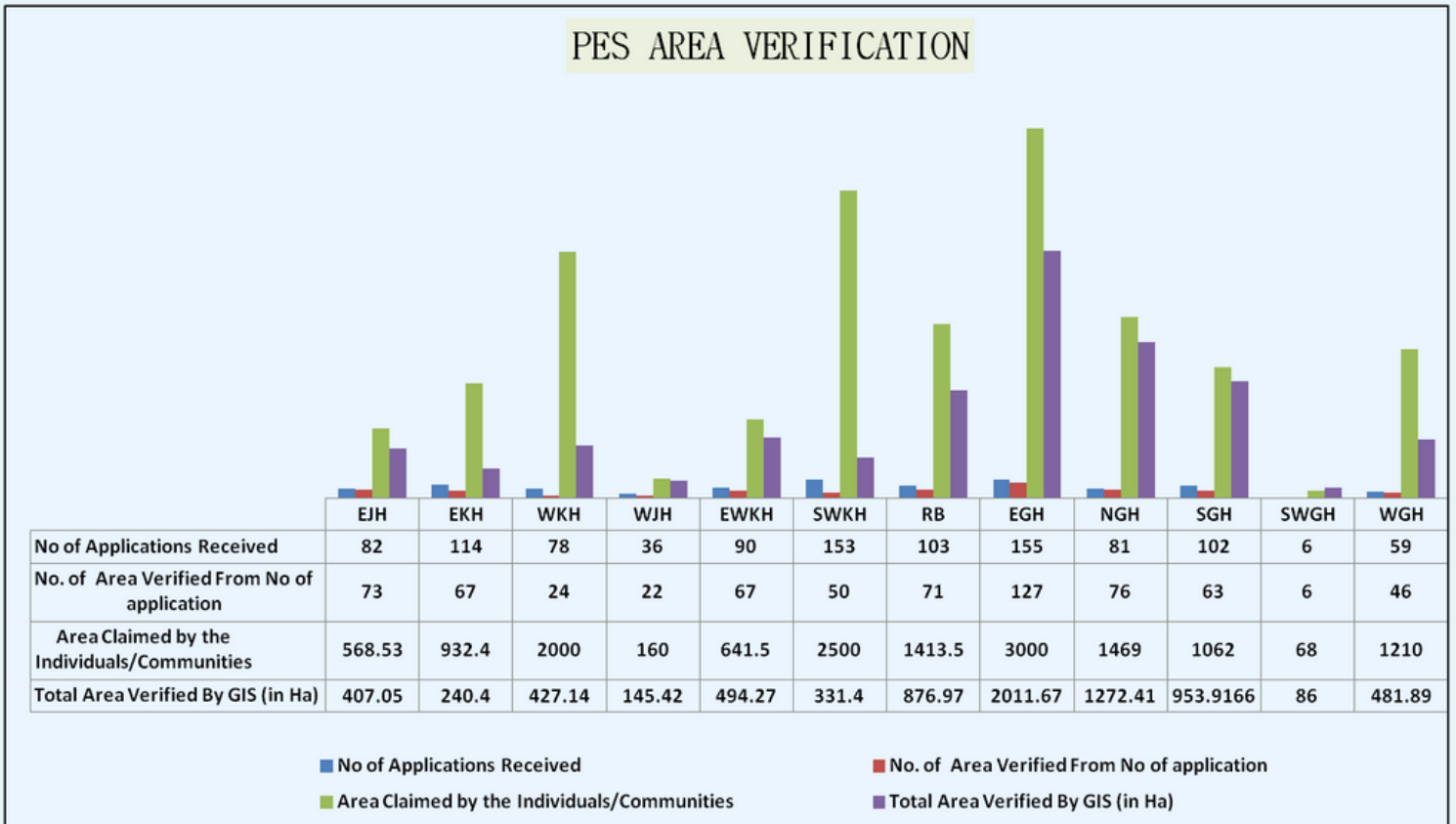


Damash Matchakolgre village



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The graph below represents the No of Area verified by GIS SPMU from the Area claimed by the Individual/Communities while applying for the Payment for Ecosystem Services (Green Meghalaya) as of 2nd May 2023.



Magalpara village forest verification



Sarangkol village forest Verification



MEGHALAYA  
LIVELIHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH  
FOREST  
ENHANCEMENT  
(MegLIFE)



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

**JICA MISSION**



JICA India Mission team visits Laitmynsang Village, Mawkyntse, EKH,



JICA mission comprising Mr. Vineet Sarin, Chief Development Specialist, Mr. Fujiwara Hidenobu, Representative, JICA, Ms. Sushma Adarshi, Development Specialist, and Ms. Roopal Srivastava, Project Officer JICA visited Meghalaya from the 25th - 28th April 2023 to Review progress of the project.



Interaction at DC Office, Ri -Bhoi



Visit to Umdihar IVCS, Ri-Bhoi



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

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**



Filling of mixing soil in poly bag, Khaldang Tunaturam (Agitok), Resubelpara, NGH



Dogeppipuram, Rongjeng, East Garo Hills



Kopogre Village, Gambegre, WGH



Thapar Dangre Village, Resubelpara, NGH



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

**SALT**



Baladingre Village, under Rongram, WGH preparation for SALT cultivation.



Sasatgre Village, Rongram, WGH, marking contour line for SALT cultivation.



SALT farm Darang Akep Village, Baghmara Block, SGH



SALT farm Gitokgre Village, Samanda Block, EGH



Dogeppipuram Village, Rongjeng, EGH



Chibilbang Village, Rongjeng, EGH



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



Rangsa Village, Kharkutta, NGH.



Miktongjeng Village,  
Rongjeng, EGH



SALT farmers, Parhanggre Village,  
Dalu, WGH



Umden Manipur, Umsning Block Ri Bhoi



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



Ritekpara Village, Zikzak, SWGH



Waksogre Village, Bhagmara, SGH



Watregre Village, Bhagmara, SGH



Genabra Village, Bhagmara, SGH



Nilwasagre Village, Bhagmara, SGH



Dangkong Songgital Village, Songsak EGH



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



Bleisiah Village,  
Umling Block, Ribhoi



Galwangsa Village,  
Resubelpara, NGH



Rongrong Songgitcham Village preparing  
contour lines, Songsak, EGH.



Renchagre Village, Rongram,  
West Garo Hills.



Kopogre Village, Gambegre,  
WGH



Imsambal Village, Kharkutta,  
NGH



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



Balikingre Village, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Jawakgre Village,  
Gambegre, WGH.



Nokatgre Village,  
Resubelpara, NGH



Amonggre Village,  
Rongara, SGH



Genabra Village,  
Gasuapara, SGH



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



Kalak Dorek,  
Samanda Block



Rajinpara Village,  
Gambegre Village.



SALT at Galwanggre A Village, Gambegre Block. SALT at Jawakgre Village, Gambegre Block.



Thapa Matronggre and Bangsi Minol preparing for SALT, Resubelpara



Farmers from Thapa Dajonggre prepared for SALT



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

**PLANTATION**



Advance work for plantation at Dagal Nokat Village, Rongjeng, EGH



Stacking and clearing of land at Gitokgre Village, Samanda, EGH



Mejolgrev Nokat Village, Rongjeng, EGH



Advance work for plantation at Mandadrop Village, Kharkutta, NGH



Maize seed distribution

Convergence with Agriculture department for SALT in North Garo Hills Villages: Gambil Apal, Bangsi Dogru, Bangsi Minol, Bangsi Aga and Nanil Apal, Resubelpara Block, NGH





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Natural Resources  
(INR)



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

**SITE INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY GREEN ENERGY TEAM**

 **East Khasi Hills District**

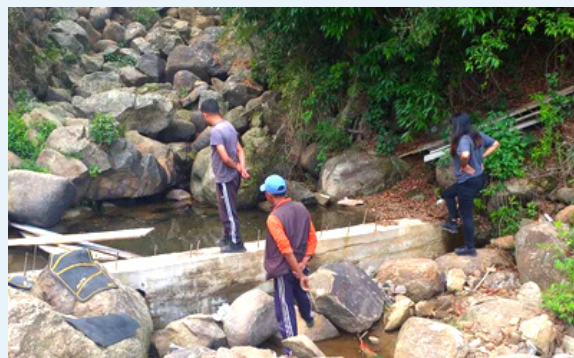


Ksehpyndeng village, Mawryngkneng Block



Jongksha village, Mawkynew Block

 **South West Khasi Hills District**



Laitlawsnai village and Wahsiej village, Mawkyrwat Block



## SITE INSTALLATION



### South West Khasi Hills District



Pyndenwar village, Ranikor Block



### West Garo Hills District



The Green energy team visited Rongmegre village under Chokpot Block of West Garo Hills for installation of hydroelectric generator.



## CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

### Distillation of Geranium Essential Oil



The Umkrem Aromatic Producers Group of Umkrem village, Mawthadraishan Block has been dedicated to producing high-quality essential oils in a sustainable and eco-friendly manner. With the guidance and support of the Megh Aroma Mission, they were able to process 0.4kg of oil from 122kg of garbage geranium. This locally produced geranium oil not only smells amazing, but also has numerous benefits for our health and well-being. Additionally, the team demonstrated the harvesting of geranium to other SHGs, showcasing their dedication and hard work towards sustainable initiatives that support the local community.



Demonstration on Vegetative Propagation of Geranium at Rikhen - Langniuh, Mairang Block, EWKH



Demonstration for Harvesting of Geranium at Umkrem, Mawthadrishan Block, EWKH.



Site Inspection for Plantation of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants



Geranium, Lavender and Pipreta plantation at Puin SHG, Mawphlang Block, EKH.



Geranium Nursery at Nongshillong, Mawthadrishan Block, WKH

MONITORING OF MAPS



Monitoring of Geranium plantation and Nursery at Mawthohbeh and Mawkamoit village, Mawthadrishan Block, WKH



Field monitoring of Geranium Plantation at Mawthawpdah, Marshillong and Nongshillong, Mawkyrwat Block, South West Khasi Hills.





Field Visit for Monitoring & interaction with involved SHGs at Umdap Dummu village, Umling block, Ri Bhoi District.



Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic plantations at Gabil Daningka village and Rongmil village under Dambo Rongjeng block, East Garo Hills district. Additionally, discussions with the farmers regarding the expansion of the aromatic plantation and the MLAMP villages under the funding of MLAMP, which is also part of the Megh Aroma Mission.





Meghalaya  
Livelihoods And  
Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### IFAD Internal Audit Team Audits MLAM Project Implementation Support Mission in Meghalaya



From April 24th to 28th, the Internal Audit Unit from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome, Italy, led by Mr. Seifutatek Yazhy, Audit Officer (Mission Team Officer), and Mr. Le Yu, Associate Audit Officer, were in Meghalaya to audit the IFAD India's Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets (MLAM) Project.

The focus of the audit was on examining how previous supervision missions were carried out and determining their effectiveness and efficiency. During the visit, the team visited various regions in Meghalaya to inspect different aspects of the MLAM Project.

In the Jaintia Hills region, the team inspected the Custom Hiring Center (CHC), Processing Unit, and Plastic Cell Technology (PCT) road. They also visited the East Khasi Hills region to inspect the PCT road at Nongthymmai Lumthangding, Water Tank at Laitmawlong Wahpeit, and CHCs in Diengkynthong and Kyiem.

During their visit, the IFAD Internal Audit team also interacted with the Group Facilitators of the MLAM Project, the Procurement and Finance unit of the Project.

The audit was conducted to ensure that the implementation of the MLAM Project is in compliance with IFAD's policies and procedures, and to identify areas for improvement.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



The ISC& ED team, along with Field Engineer of INRM, conducted site inspections and verifications for setting up of multi-purpose nursery and field demonstration plots at Nonglang, and Umthlu villages of Ri Bhoi District and Pyndenglitha, Jabar Lumtop Jaud, Sohrarim and Lwai villages of East Khasi Hills district.



The ISC & ED team conducted a series of sensitization programs on the selection criteria of Service Providers in various villages across Meghalaya. These programs were aimed at creating awareness and providing guidance on the formation of Producer Groups (PG) and identification of Service Providers (SP) in the region.

The program was conducted on the following dates and locations:

- Tynghor and Umthlu, West Khasi Hills District
- Myriaw Village, Photkroh cluster, Ranikor Block, South West Khasi Hills District on 27th April 2023.
- Seinduli IVCs on 28/04/23
- Rongkhugre IVCS on 27th April 2023
- Nongriangba IVCS on 28th April 2023



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



On the 28th of April 2023, the ISC&ED team conducted a grading of the Producers Group at Ampangri village, under Sodorkora IVCS



The ISC&ED team conducted a site inspection for the construction of a cold storage with the Syiem of Mawiang.



The Tribal Affairs Mela was held on 27th April 2023 at the District Library Hall in Nongpoh, which was attended by Mrs. M. S. Kshir, MCS, ADC and PD, DRDA, along with officials from TRIFED, New Delhi and Guwahati. A total of 14 artisans/SHGs attended the event, out of which 13 were empanelled. One artisan was identified for training. During the event, 25 samples were purchased, and the amount paid for sample purchase was ₹8,102.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## INRM



Several villages in Meghalaya underwent "Participatory Performance Assessment" as a part of the Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) planning. The villages included Matchokgre and Santipur in Ribhoi district, Umdapurangi and Amphangre in Umling block of Ribhoi district, Sohkymphor, Iurimkhliehshnong and Byrwai in East Jaintia Hills. The assessments were conducted on different dates between 26th April to 2nd May 2023.



Follow up of pending INRM work by the engineers at Matchokgre village, Umling block, Ribhoi District



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



On 21st April 2023, the INRM team conducted a follow-up of pending INRM work and discussed the way forward for capacity building on NRM thematic areas at Umsawnoldhi village in Ribhoi district



On 19th April 2023, a site inspection was conducted at Umdihar and Umsawnoldhi villages, Ri Bhoi district for possible hands-on demonstration training as part of convergence activities with the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development (S&WCD).



Farm agri tool assessment and awareness program held for CHC establishment at Mulang, Jalyiah, and Sohkymphor IVCS in East Jaintia Hills on April 28, 2023.



Follow-up inspection and review of INRM work, including completed projects and pending tasks, were conducted in Amphangre village





Rubberkhuli village recently had a presentation of their assessment scores and grades using a web diagram on May 2, 2023.

## RURAL FINANCE



The Rural Finance component of the MLAM Project is organizing a 6-day residential training on bookkeeping for officials of the Cooperation Department. The training, conducted by the Master Trainers of the Rural Finance Component, is taking place at RRTC, Umran, Ri Bhoi from May 1st to May 6th, 2023. The inaugural session was graced by Shri. R Chakravarty, Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Shillong and Shri. A. Suting, Deputy Project Director, MLAM Project. Also present during the inaugural session are Shri T. Kharshiing, Consultant, Rural Finance, and Shri L. Lyngdoh, Sr Manager, Rural Finance. A total of 30 officials of Cooperation Department attended the training programme. The objective of the training is to equip the participants with the knowledge of double entry system of book-keeping skills. A similar program was also conducted at Tura for the officials of Cooperation Department of the Garo Hills region.



RURAL FINANCE



Block level training on procurement process for IVCS Purchase Committee members held in Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills on April 27, 2023. The training aimed to educate committee members on their roles, responsibilities, and procedures in the procurement process. The event was held at PHE Hall and lasted for one day.



The Rural Finance component of MLAMP project conducted awareness programs on the formation of new Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under phase III at Rikhen village of Mairang C&RD block and Mawthadraishan C&RD block on 02/05/23. The program aimed to educate the community on the benefits of forming IVCS and the procedures involved.



An Awareness Programme for the extension of the area of operation of Pilligkata B IVCS was conducted at Pynker C village on March 4th, 2023, where the village agreed to join the IVCS. The new Bye Law was amended to include Pynker C village in their area of operation, and they have received a new Registration Certificate from the ARCS Office. The initiative was taken by the Secretary of the IVCS and was successfully conducted.





A Re- awareness program on the MLAMP project components was conducted on April 25, 2023, at Kuligre IVCS Ltd. in the Zikzak Block of South West Garo Hills. The program involved detailed discussions between the IVCS Managing Committee, other sub-committees, and project staff. The outcome of the program was the resolution of doubts for all committee members, restructuring of sub-committees, and the decision by the IVCS to use vendors and vendees from their area to export products to Bangladesh through the Border Haat.

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KYM data collection and compilation for two IVCSs were conducted recently. The first one was for Ladmawphlang IVCS Ltd under Khatarshnong Laitkroh C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District on April 28, 2023. The second one was for Mawthlong Mynsain IVCS under Sohiong C &RD Block.

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