

24th 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)



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Garo Hills



Field Engineer visited Darong Adu Village to brief the mason on the construction of the RCC check dam with a storage tank at Tan Chiring, Wakmedamgre as a Cluster Development Fund (CDF) activity. On the same day, FE also visited Genapara and Babelapara to take measurements for the installation of Social Fencing at the completed Spring Chambers site.



On May 16th, DPMU WGH conducted a one day orientation program for the beneficiaries of PES (Green Meghalaya) at Bakdil Training Centre in Tura. The program was chaired by Mr. James Kharkongor, DPD-NRM, CLLMP -SPMU, and GFAs of all the blocks under the West Garo Hills District. A total of 40 beneficiaries attended the orientation program.

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DPM, Dy-Manager-EM, AM-SM, AM M&E, PA-SM, and Manager-KM attended a meeting held by the community of Rongdenggre Village on the 15th of May 2023 to address social issues regarding FMP-related activity. A total of 80 community members were present in the meeting



Dr. S. Ashutosh, IFS (Retd), Co-Chairman and Director of CoE, conducted a comprehensive review of the progress and activities related to the PES (Ganol Catchment) works. The review took place at Prime Hub in Tura on May 17, 2023. Present at the meeting were TS (Technical Supervisor), PFA (Project Field Assistant), and PA-CoE (Personal Assistant to the CoE).

Following the meeting, the CoE team embarked on a field activity verification visit to Dura Kantragre Village within the PES Ganol Catchment area, specifically under the Rongram Block. During the visit, Dr. S. Ashutosh provided a detailed explanation of the verification process to the team.

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The District Plantation Mission for the Fiscal Year 2023–2024 was launched at Tosekgre village in Rongram block on May 18, 2023, by the Department of Soil and Water Conservation, WGH, District Horticulture, and Meghalaya Basin Management Agency.



The Honorable speaker of Meghalaya, Shri. Thomas A. Sangma, attended the event as the chief guest, along with district officials Dolrich B. G. Momin, Addl DC, Project Director, DRDA, and BDO, and Shri. Jagdish Chelani, IAS, DC of West Garo Hills.



South West Khasi Hills



On May 16, 2023, a team from the DPMU visited Mawkohphet Village to inspect the water storage tanks that the community had constructed—four tanks in total for the purpose of distributing water to their plantation area and the check dams that had been installed. Additionally, the team also visited the plantation site where these water tanks and check dams were installed for the community's benefit.

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EE environment traveled to Phlangkynshi to conduct a training session on 'vermi compost' for VNRMC members. The session included both theory and field demonstrations. A total of 14 people participated in the training, and all members gained a clear understanding of the vermi composting process and how it is made.



The DPMU team held a meeting with the Pyndenmawramhah VNRMC regarding the FMP and excess funds. They assisted the VNRMC members in updating the MIS online and advised them on performing their duties in a systematic manner. Additionally, the team inspected various areas including the community nursery, boulder bund, and dugout pond.



The KM team visited Nolikata Hr. Sec. School to record a video, documenting the KYAN training and collect testimonials from the teachers and students regarding how the KYAN kit aids their understanding of NRM topics. Both the students and teachers enthusiastically shared their experiences and expressed how helpful the kit has been in enhancing their comprehension of natural resource management subjects.

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The CLLMP DPMU team visited Sakwang and conducted a brief meeting with VNRMC members. They also carried out data verification of work orders for various activities. The team observed the following developments: well as data verification of work orders for various activities. The team observed that the traditional hall is ongoing, the fire lines are still active, and a PA system has been installed.



The DPMU team visited Nongtynniaw to carry out a follow-up on the Permanent Nursery, FMP and CLLMP-MIS. During their discussion, the VNRMC raised additional concerns regarding the agricultural activities. Specifically, they expressed the need for agricultural tools and water storage facilities for the nursery.



The executive committee (EC) of the Village Natural Resource Management Committee (VNRMC) convened a meeting in Jakrem village to address ongoing issues among its members. In order to ensure that all relevant information is accurately recorded, the AM-Social has reviewed the minutes of previous meetings. The presence of the accountant at the meeting allowed for an evaluation of the VNRMC's financial status, ensuring transparency and proper management of resources.

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During a field visit conducted by the DPMU team, notable advancements were observed in Thangrai Village regarding the implementation of the Forest Management Plan. A substantial length of firelines had been constructed, indicating proactive measures taken to prevent and control fires in the area. Furthermore, the construction of a check dam had been successfully completed, contributing to water conservation initiatives.

These endeavors exemplify the village's dedication to responsible resource management and environmental preservation. The DPMU team also evaluated the utilization of resources and development efforts. The VNRMC member provided assurance that any unutilized resources would be appropriately managed, ensuring efficient use and maximizing the benefits for the community.



Ri-Bhoi



On May 18, 2023, Ri-Bhoi DPMU held a district review meeting in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner of the District to review the project's progress, targets, plans, challenges, and success stories. As the project nears completion, DC urged the DPMU team to monitor and evaluate all interventions implemented, including ongoing and pending activities, to ensure that CLLMP visibility contributes to sustainability. The team also received an orientation on Digital Document Filing System (DDFS) 30 minutes prior to the review meeting which was conducted by SMPU Admin team.

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East Khasi Hills

DPMU, EKH organized an extempore speech and awareness program at Emasariel English Medium School to raise awareness on the value of environment. This event was held in collaboration with the department of social work, ICFAI University.



An orientation program on GREEN Meghalaya (PES) for Beneficiaries Phase 2 Batch 1 was held at the MBDA conference hall on the 20th of May 2023 in the presence of Deputy Project Director (NRM) Sir James Kharkongor and DPM Shri Pynshngainskhem Rymmai, GIS personnel from DPMU, and GFA personnel from all blocks.



West Jaintia Hills

DPMU WJH conducted Seed Ball Training at Ialong Secondary School where 40 children were trained on seed ball making and seed bombing.

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North
Garo Hills



Solar street lights have been distributed to the Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs). The villages are benefiting greatly from this distribution, as it successfully improves the lighting conditions in the communities. Consequently, there is an increase in safety, security, and extended opportunities for work and leisure during the evening hours. This initiative has proven to be highly successful in enhancing the overall quality of life in these areas.



The community nursery at Ronggopgre Songma is being prepared to accommodate various saplings, including jackfruit, orange, and betelnut trees. The chosen location offers ample sunlight and water access. The nursery is divided into 16 beds, each assigned to a specific sapling type. This organized approach promotes efficient management and healthy growth. The establishment of this dedicated nursery showcases the community's commitment to sustainability and village well-being.



The distribution of public announcement systems in villages promotes effective communication, participation in public announcements, and village meetings. These systems facilitate the spread of important information, increase community involvement, and foster inclusive and productive village meetings.

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AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

On May 23rd, 2023 a meeting was held with Syiem Khynnah Raid Nongtung and Secretary Raid Nongtung. During the meeting, there was an expression of interest and an intention to apply for the PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) scheme.



Dorengkigre village



Mawsyium village

On May 22nd, 2023, a meeting took place at the GFA (Government Forest Department) Shella Block with the members of Mawksiyiem Dorbar Shnong. During the meeting, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed, and an additional application form was taken to apply for another community forest.



On May 19th, 2023, GFA Vicky Donald Lapasam had a meeting with the Headman of Nongkharai village. During the meeting, the Headman expressed interest in applying for the Khlaw Shnong (Community forest). A form was handed over to facilitate the application process.



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Umtham village



Konchikol Apal village

GFA, Augustar Budon of Pynursla Block had a meeting with the Headman of Umkor Village to discuss the PES scheme and its benefits. During the meeting, a briefing about the scheme was provided, highlighting its advantages and opportunities. To facilitate the application process, one blank form was distributed to the Headman, as he showed interest in participating.



It is important to note that Umkor Village possesses a community forest, which adds to the relevance and potential of the PES scheme for the village. To further deliberate on the matter and ensure comprehensive decision-making, the Headman informed the GFA that he will be organizing an urgent EC (Executive Committee) meeting. This meeting will focus on a detailed discussion of the PES scheme. The outcome and decisions made during this meeting will be confirmed and communicated soon.



Watregre Village



Mawmyrsiang Village

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GFA Training and Orientation Programs for GREEN Meghalaya Beneficiaries

Led by DPD, NRM, Shri James Kharkongor, training sessions were conducted in Jowai and Tura for GFAs (Green Field Associates) on how to conduct orientations for the beneficiaries of the GREEN Meghalaya (PES) scheme. These trainings aimed to equip the GFAs with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively guide and inform the beneficiaries about the scheme.

Following the trainings, the GFAs organized orientation programs at the block level for the beneficiaries of the GREEN Meghalaya (PES) scheme.

The purpose of these orientation programs was to ensure that the beneficiaries were well-informed about the different aspects of the scheme before they signed the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs). By conducting these orientations, the GFAs aimed to provide comprehensive information and guidance to the beneficiaries, enabling them to make informed decisions and understand the benefits and requirements of the scheme. These orientations were conducted in close coordination and with the support of the respective DMPUs.



Orientation program for the beneficiaries at Baghmara



Orientation program for the beneficiaries at Jowai



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Orientation program for the beneficiaries at Dalu block



Orientation Program at BDO Hall Samanda Block



Umshning

Jowai



Songsak Block

Chokpot Block

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Orientation Program for Umsning, Umling, and Bhoirybong Blocks at BDO Office Hall, Umsning, Ri Bhoi District.



Orientation program at BDO Khliehriat block



Orientation program at Nongstoin Block office



Orientation Programme at MBDA Hall for Pynursla, Khatarshnong-Laitkroh, Shella and Mawkynew Blocks and signing of the MoUs

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Orientation program at Dambo Rongjeng



Orientation program at Mairang block



Orientation program at Jirang C&RD



On May 22nd, the orientation program and signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) were held for the beneficiaries of Saipung Block at the Latoryke Community Hall

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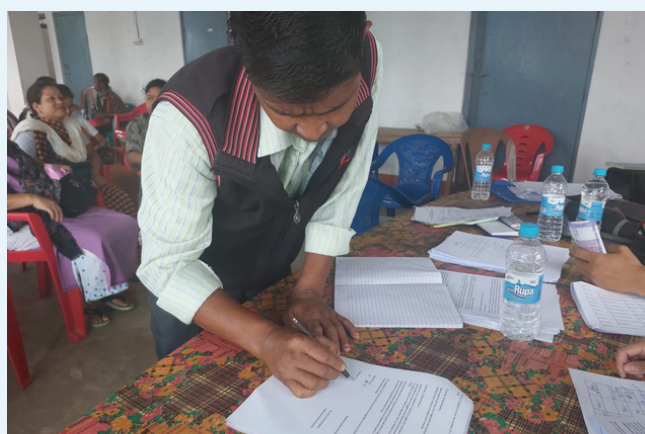
Orientation program at BDO Office, Mawsynram.



Orientation program for beneficiaries from Resubelpara and Kharkutta.



Orientation program at Mawkyrwat



Orientation program at Jirang

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Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block

COLLECTION OF FORMS

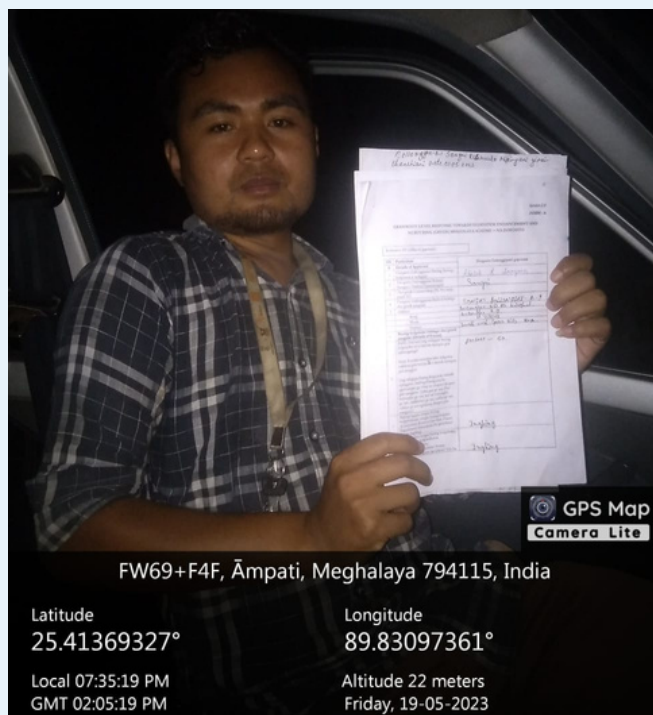
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Bollingre village



Wahsohra Village

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PES Verification at Khyndewso village, Bhoirymbong Block, Ri Bhoi District



PES Verification at Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi District



PES Verification Community forest, Nongblai



Verification at Liarkhla village, Bhoirymbong Block Ri Bhoi District

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PES verification at Mawhati Ddeng village under Umsning block



PES verification at Amlamet village. 2 Community forests verified



PES Verification at Birsiej village, Bhoirymbong Block Ri Bhoi District



PES Verification & Boundary Mapping at Nartiang. 3 applications mapped & verified. Total forest area: 70 hectares approximately.

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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.



Visit of Shri. RP Agarwalla, Expert Forestry and Biodiversity, PMC, and Shri. G Chakraborty, Consultant, MegLIFE along MINR team, to Agrengitim Village, Bagmara Block, SGH, to assess plantation sites,



Discussion with the VPIC on Plantation and Community Nursery construction at Sohphohwaiong Village, Thadlaskein, WJH.



At Gasuapara Block, SGH, Tebisokgre Village's VPIC is now marking boundaries and choosing key timber and water-friendly tree species for regrowth at their plantation site.

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Staking at Dobakol Changalgittim, Bhagmara, SGH



Plantation work in progress at Manggakgre Village, under Rongram, WGH.



Plantation WGH work in progress at Silsekgre Village, under Rongram, WGH.



Agroforestry Expert, PMC, Dr. Sapu, visited Chibilbang Village at Dambo-Rongjeng, EGH to inspect the agroforestry site and conduct a discussion with the farmers.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

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.



Community Nursery of Gnengkolsi Songgitcham Village, Gasuapara, SGH.



Community Nursery of Demthring VPIC under Thadlaskein, WJH.



Community Nursery work in progress at Moolasngi Village, Saipung, EJH.



Community Nursery site of Nepalgre Village under Betasing, SWGH.



Visit to private nurseries in East Garo Hills to inspect and discuss seedling procurement for plantations by Shri. RP Agarwalla, Expert Forestry and Biodiversity, PMC, and Dr. Sapu, Expert, Agroforestry, PMC.

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Community Nursery at Dorenggre Village, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Community Nursery at Manggakgre Village under Rongram Block, WGH



Community Nursery site at Bugakolgre Village under Rongram Block , WGH .



Community Nursery at Balikimgre Village, Gambegre Block, WGH.

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SEED COLLECTION - SAIPUNG BLOCK



Pongamia Pinnata



Terminalia Arjuna



Toana- Ciliata Jati poma



Artocarpus Integrifolia / Jack fruit



Bombax ceiba / Simul



Melia Azadirachta / Neem



Parkia Timoriana



Samanea Samman



Callistemon Bottlebrush

Seeds were collected by the forester and distributed to all the VPICs to start up community nursery at their respective villages, Saipung Block, EJH.

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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.



SALT farm prepared by Soil Department, EGH in Rongchekgre, Samanda Block, EGH.



SALT farm of Aitilin Lyngkhoi at Nongrim Jyrmie, Umling Block, RB



Training on planting citronella barriers for SWC in Mairang Block.



Visit to SALT farm in Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi



SALT Training conducted for 9 villages by MINR on planting aromatic grasses (Citronella) for SWC at Mawkyntrew, EKH.



NGO TL of Umsning, RB explaining the importance of cultivating a mix of erosion resistant crops

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Marbinath CH Marak, farmer, Watregre Village, Tikrikilla Block, WGH, sowing NFP seeds.



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Farmers from Rongara Block, SGH sowing NFP seeds

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SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY



Training on Aromatic grasses cultivation for soil and water conservation conducted by Dr. Hygina Siangbood, Project Scientist, Center for Bio-resources (INR) Aroma Mission team and the BPMU of Mairang Block, EWKH.

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.



Kalak Songgital, Samanda Block, EGH, has started preparing land for Community Hall



Workshop on Community Hall with Community Construction Committee at Sohphohwaiong Village, Thadlaskein, WJH.



Institute of
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(INR)

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

The Green energy team of East Khasi hills region had conducted one week field tour to Garo Hills to assist the team for site inspection, construction of sites, meeting with the VECs and delivering of Pico turbines machines to Garo Hills.



Rongken Ggittim, Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills



Lower Dobakol, Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills



Dalmagre Village, Rongram Block, West Garo Hills



Gambagre, Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills



Shallang, Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



The Megh Aroma Mission under the Institute of Natural Resources in collaboration with MegLIFE SPMU, organized a two day training program at Laitdiengsai village and Laitdombah village. The objective of the training was to provide farmers with comprehensive knowledge and practical demonstrations on cultivation of aromatic crops. Aromatic grasses such as lemon grass and citronella have been found to thrive in harsh conditions, unlike nitrogen-fixing plants used for contour barriers in SWC, which struggle to survive ground frost during winter months. As a result, the cultivation of aromatic grasses has been taken up to a few selected SALT farms in higher elevation villages of Khasi and Jaintia hills this year.



Site Feasibility for Introducing Maps



Site Feasibility for introduction of MAPs in mine spoilt areas at Baghmara Block , South Garo Hills.



Diadema Nongrum, BDU of West Jaintia Hills along with Bio-resource team visited Lapangap Village, Thadlaskein Block, for site inspection to introduce Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in this area.

Demonstration of Maps



Demonstration for Harvesting of Geranium at Marshillong (Mawtle SHG) Mawkyrwat Block, South West Khasi Hills district.



Follow up and monitoring on Citronella and Palmarosa plantation & demonstration for raising of palmarosa seeds in a nursery bed at Nongriangka, Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills district.

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



A review meeting was conducted with the Spring Field Associates (SFA) for the project "Hydrological Spring Mapping in Meghalaya". The SFAs were assigned to each block in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills regions. A total of 24 SFAs participated in the program, and the main objective of the meeting was to assess the progress of the projects and address any challenges encountered during fieldwork.

Meghalaya
Livelihoods And
Access To Markets
Project
(MeghaLAMP)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



Multi Stakeholder Platform (MSP) programs were conducted in different locations within the East Khasi Hills District. On May 15, 2023, an MSP program focused on Piggery value chain was held in Laitmawroh Ramkheng, Nongthymmai Lumthangding Cluster under Laitkroh C&RD block. On May 16, 2023, a program took place in Wahkaliar village under Shella Bholaganj Block. Lastly, on May 18, 2023, a Cluster Level MSP was organized in Swer village, Laitkroh Block.

A two-day training on Off-Season Vegetables was held at Nongthymmai Lumthangding IVCS, Khatarshnong Laitkroh C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District. Farmers, PG members, and master trainers attended the training organized in collaboration with ATMA on May 16th and 17th, 2023.



A comprehensive three-day training program for Producer Group was held in Purduwa, Borgang and Umkaduh village, Ri Bhoi District, focusing on ginger cultivation, pineapple farming, and piggery management.

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Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



Site inspection and master planning for the construction of Amsohbir Farmer Market in Jirang C&RD Block, Ri Bhoi district are currently underway.

A similar activity was carried out on the 22nd May 2023 at Nongkrah under Umling C&RD block



A bookkeeping training session was conducted for the Producer Group in Duba, Shella, under the East Khasi Hills District on May 16, 2023.



On May 22, 2023, a site inspection was conducted for the Multi-Purpose Nursery and Mini Soil Testing Lab at Nonglyngdoh IVCS, under the Umling C & RB Block in Ri Bhoi District.



A sensitization program was conducted at Umlyngsha Village, Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills District, to introduce the concept of Producer Groups. Participants were briefed on the importance and relevance of Producer Groups, followed by an interactive session. The program saw a participation of 45 attendees.

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Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development

Successful Shipment of Local Black Pepper by Dimiligre IVCS Ltd. Empowers Farmers in South West Garo Hills



In a remarkable achievement, the farmers of Dimiligre IVCS Ltd. in South West Garo Hills celebrated a significant milestone as they successfully shipped approximately 11 tons of local black pepper to Mumbai. This accomplishment was made possible through the support of the Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project, an IFAD funded initiative that aims to create sustainable marketing linkages for local producers in the state.

The groundbreaking trade, the first of its kind in the district, was inaugurated by Dr. Digonto Hajong, BDO cum Block Nodal Officer of Zikzak C&RD Block. Dr. Hajong commended the farmers on their success and wished them well for future business ventures.

Sundardas Rathansay Spices Pvt. Ltd., a reputable Mumbai-based company, purchased a total of 200 packets of black pepper at the rate of Rs 450/kg. Satish Dharamsey Pallichha, the Managing Director of the company with extensive experience in trading black pepper, expressed confidence in the region's potential for both production and marketing of agricultural products. He stressed the importance of farmers accessing necessary loans from banks to further capitalize on this potential.

Dimiligre IVCS Ltd., a registered society and FSSAI registered entity, serves as a model for farmers in South West Garo Hills by engaging in trade with genuine buyers.

The success story of Dimiligre IVCS Ltd. exemplifies the transformative impact of empowering local farmers and establishes a path for sustainable growth in the agricultural sector.

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RURAL FINANCE



A consultative meeting took place at the District Horticulture Office in North Garo Hills. The aim was to explore collaboration opportunities between IVCS and FPC involved in ginger and arecanut processing. Shri. Canning Shabong, DHO, presented a cheque of Rs. 1,05,000/- from Timsimina IVCS Ltd. to the Secretary of Adinggre Social Group for ginger purchase. This initiative promotes local industry and supports farmers in the region.

An awareness program was conducted in multiple locations to promote the formation of New Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Phase III. These programs aimed to educate and engage the community on the benefits and processes of IVCS formation. Locations included Samanda Block, East Garo Hills District on 16th May 2023; Kshekohmoit Village, Mairang C&RD Block, Eastern Western Khasi Hills District; Asimgittim (Puksora Village), Dirang (Nongkalong), Meheshkola Village, Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills District; Lapalang Village, Pynursla C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills; Gopinathkilla, Zikzak Block, and Mukdangra in South West Garo Hills District, Resubelpara Block, North Garo Hills on 20th May 2023; Sarang Apal, Dambo Rongjeng Block, East garo Hills on 19th May 2023; and Dobetkolgre Village, Samanda Block, East Garo Hills on 20th May 2023.



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INRM



The Training of Trainers on Basics of Small Irrigation Design for Field Engineers was successfully conducted from 15th to 18th May 2023 at Eldorado Conference Hall in Shillong. The training program, which aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of field engineers, included a practical session with field work conducted at Umwang village in Ri Bhoi.



Site inspection for INRM activities at Mawmahwar village under Mawphlang Block, on the 17th May 2023

Block Level Training on Pest Management & Fertilizer Preparation was conducted at Kentrikona Arakgittim in Zikzak Block, SW Garo Hills District.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop, Western Region



The Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop in Tura, organized under the MeghaLAM Project, brought together five districts from the state. The workshop aimed to acknowledge champions, motivate communities, and address issues affecting project beneficiaries. Shri. Abhiseka Gowda M. J. IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills District emphasized the importance of cross-learning and documenting best practices for wider visibility. Shri Wankit Swer, General Manager of Knowledge Management, MBMA, explained that the workshop aimed to understand community needs and how the project can further assist. It also served as a platform to inspire and learn from champions, promoting ongoing knowledge sharing for those seeking to make a difference. Shri Valentine Hembrom, District Project Manager of West Garo Hills, presented findings, challenges, and success stories from district workshops. Three champions were recognized and shared their achievements.

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

A Knowledge Sharing Workshop was conducted in North Garo Hills on 13th May 2023 at Resubelpara. The program was coordinated by Sister Rose from MMCS and Shri Supon Chakma from SeSTA, along with DPMU staff. The workshop was attended by Producer Groups (PGs) and Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) from MLAMP and FOCUS. Shri Rupert Momin, MLA of Kharkutta AC, graced the event as the Chief Guest.



Award Winning Villages Aminda Simsangre and Chambagre

Aminda Simsangre and Chambagre were awarded for excellence in NRM at the 3rd National Water Awards through the service and participation of community members, overcoming water scarcity in their villages.



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