

31st 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)



THE WORLD BANK



IFAD

Investing in rural people



MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Garo Hills



On May 22, 2023, the DPMU team visited Rongdenggre Village in the Rongram Block for a joint inspection of multiple sites. They evaluated the permanent nursery at Wage, inspected the PCC water reservoir at Anu Bisik, assessed the condition of the old community nursery at Wage, examined the functionality of the dugout pond at Danggra Bisik, and evaluated the growth and maintenance of the plantation at Dite. Additionally, the team visited Dollonggre village on the same day to engage in discussions with the Rongdenggre EC members. They addressed FMP-related matters, inspected the ongoing RCC check dam at Pagrang Chring, and assessed the progress of the dam with Storage Tank project at Apalgre Chimik.



Ri-Bhoi



On May 23, 2023, AM & EE KM visited Tomonpo Anglong & Mawkangi Village under Umling C & RD Block to follow up on the Grassroots Innovation Fund and to prepare a Case study & Video Documentation on Shri.H Khlein, the Innovator of Low cost Power Tiller & Threshing Machine.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On May 23rd and 24th, 2023, Ri-Bhoi DPMU and 14 VNRMCS completed a two-day internal audit. An audit is essential for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of an organization's internal controls, risk management, and adherence to established procedures and regulations. Shri. Khokon Sadhukhan and Shri. Pratim Karmakar led the audit.



On May 22, 2023, the DPM of Ri-Bhoi DPMU observed and monitored the planning Department's CPR survey. The survey also involved the VCF's from the CLLM project.



On May 26, 2023, the Ri-Bhoi DPM Unit conducted a visit to Umdohbyrthih Village. The meeting involved discussions with the President and Book Keeper of the Umdohbyrthih Village Natural Resource Management Committee (VNRMCM) under the Bhoirymbong Community & Rural Development (C & RD) Block.

The primary objective of the meeting was to follow up on the utilization of funds and to discuss the execution of work orders using the excess funds. Furthermore, the meeting also addressed the progress and produce from the kitchen garden.

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The Ri-Bhoi DPM conducted an inspection and follow-up visit to Mawtneng Village to evaluate the progress of the check dam implementation. The check dam project is being implemented in collaboration with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) as part of the SRES Catalytic Funds initiative.



The Assistant Manager - M&E visited the Mawpun and Nongpyrdet Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs) to address pending and ongoing activities. The primary objective of the visit was to provide assistance to the Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) in entering data into the Management Information System (MIS).



The Assistant Manager - M&E paid a visit to the Umlakro VNRMCs to address both pending and ongoing activities. The main purpose of the visit was to evaluate the progress of different projects and provide assistance to the Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) in data entry for the Management Information System (MIS)

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The Assistant Manager - M&E conducted an inspection at the Spring chamber site in Mawroh Village. The main objective of the inspection was to supervise the construction activities at the site and evaluate the progress of the ongoing work.



South West Khasi Hills



The DPMU team went to Shngimawlein to inspect the Traditional Meeting Hall & Nursery under construction. Upon inspection, it was found that almost 90% of the work had been completed successfully and that the data for the work order, sanction order, and estimate had all been correctly checked.

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On 23rd May 2023 first batch of orientation Program for PES beneficiaries phase II, was held at St. Vincent's Hall, Mawkyrwat Parish.



DPMU SWKH carried out a follow-up of the Forest Management Plan (FMP), traditional meeting hall, minute book, and cheque register at Nonglynkien village. During the inspection, it was identified that certain data was missing in both the minute book and cheque register, requiring rectification. The VNRMC members provided assurance that they would rectify these issues promptly. Additionally, the follow-up also included reviewing the minutes register, purchase committee register, cheque issue register, training register, and GRM register.

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DPMU team visited Sohkhylam Village to assess the progress of the FMP implementation, specifically the fireline construction. The project has been successfully implemented across four sites, and the work done is commendable. This initiative will greatly benefit the forest, particularly in areas highly susceptible to fire incidents.

During the visit, the team also inspected the Community Nursery's status. The plan is to relocate the seedlings and saplings to the Permanent Nursery situated in a different location. This step marks a significant transition in their nursery operations.



A total of 80 students took part in the preparations for World Environment Day 2023. Different schools in the Ranikor and Mawkyrwat Blocks of the District took part in the Seedball Bombing.

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East Khasi Hills



On May 23, 2023, the Field Engineers and M & E visited Massar VNRMC in the Pynursla Block. They assessed the progress of Bench Terracing and RCC Checkdam projects, ensuring CLLMP compliance. They also inspected the completed Protection Wall funded with Rs. 21,50,000. Additionally, they supervised the Training Hall project, provided guidance on the Community Information Board, and oversaw the development of the Permanent Community Nursery funded through the Forest Management Plan. Their dedication showcased a commitment to excellence, community enhancement, and environmental preservation.



West Jaintia Hills



DPMU team delivering saplings to education office.



DPMU team assisted in plantation drive at mine affected land reclamation site.



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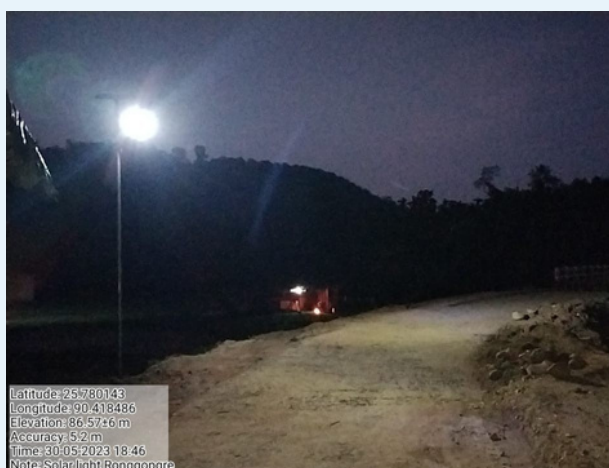
DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



North Garo Hills



On May 24, 2023, Resubelpara C&RD Block and Bajengdoba C&RD Block organized a one-day orientation for the second phase of the Payment for Eco-System (PES) program. The beneficiaries of the program received valuable advice and information during the orientation, empowering them to actively participate in the program and support the Green Meghalaya initiative. Shri. Tengchim G. Momin, Kum. Tanvie Marak, and the Green Field Associate team played a vital role in educating and engaging the beneficiaries, strengthening their commitment to the Payment for Eco-System program and the broader goal of creating a greener and more sustainable Meghalaya.



Ronggopgre and Doba Apal VNRMCs extend their heartfelt appreciation for the installation of solar street lights in their community. The positive impact of these lights on the environment and the community has been profound, leading the village residents to express their gratitude towards the project. The community has experienced numerous significant benefits as a result of this initiative, leading to positive transformations. The villagers are well aware of the advantages that solar street lights bring to the environment, such as reducing carbon emissions and conserving natural resources by harnessing the power of the sun. Witnessing their village embrace sustainable solutions like solar lighting serves as a powerful motivator for all.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

On May 24th, GFA from Pynursla block met with the headman of Nongmadan Shadsngi. It was highlighted that the village has successfully conserved a community forest for a significant duration. The headman demonstrated a strong interest in participating in the PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) scheme. Consequently, two blank application forms (A.P. forms) were provided to the headman, ensuring that they have the necessary documents if they decide to pursue the application process.



Rompara Village
Resubelpara Block



Mawiong nongliput
Mairang Block

On May 25th, 2023, GFA, Stevenson Roy Wahlang, conducted an awareness program at Khliehmawlong village in the Shella Block. During the program, it was noted that the community expressed interest in participating in the PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) scheme. However, a significant challenge arose as most of their forest lands were less than 2 hectares in size.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



In a significant step towards promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices, a meeting was held with the sordar of Jyntah village in Mawryngkneng Block. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and plan an upcoming awareness program in the village, aimed at educating the community about Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) scheme.

The sordar of Jyntah village expressed enthusiasm and support for the upcoming awareness program. Recognizing the importance of community engagement in environmental conservation efforts, the sordar emphasized the significance of promoting sustainable practices within the village. This positive response showcases the willingness of the village leadership to actively participate and contribute to the conservation initiatives.

Continuing efforts to promote environmental conservation in Mawryngkneng Block, a meeting was conducted with the forest owner of Wahthyrti village. During the meeting, the forest owner expressed a genuine interest in the PES scheme, recognizing its benefits for both the environment and the community. However, considering the significance of the decision, the forest owner conveyed the intention to consult with their family members before making a final commitment. The involvement of the forest owner from Wahthyrti village showcases the growing awareness and willingness of individuals to actively engage in environmental conservation.

By seeking the input and agreement of their family, the forest owner aims to make an informed decision that aligns with the interests and aspirations of the entire household.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Sordar of Dajongpara village



Forest owner, Lynshing village



PandaBolsilgre village
Rongara block



Sordar of Mawsbuit village
Mawrynkneng block



Lummawkong village
Khatarshnong block



Doratcha Village
Resubelpara block



Pdengwahkhynriam village, Khliehriat block



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

COLLECTION OF FORMS

Ri Bhoi : 18

West Jaintia Hills : 05

South West Khasi Hills : 14

East Jaintia Hills : 04

East Khasi Hills : 06

West Khasi Hills : 03

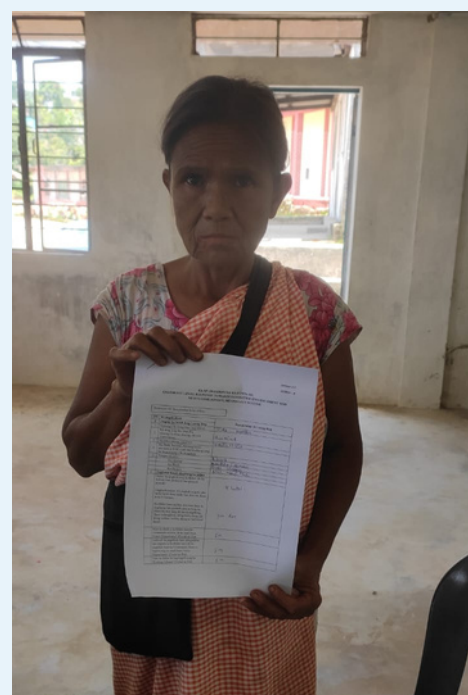
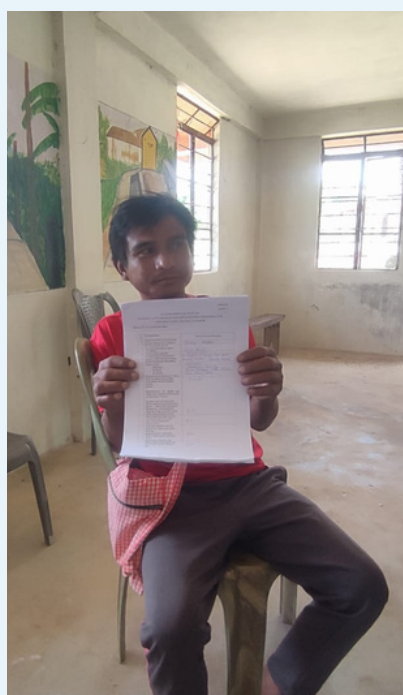
West Jaintia Hills : 05

North Garo Hills : 03

South Garo Hills : 05

West Garo Hills : 03

Eastern West Khasi Hills : 14



Mawkliaw village, Pynursla block

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Collected MoU from Lawbyrtun.



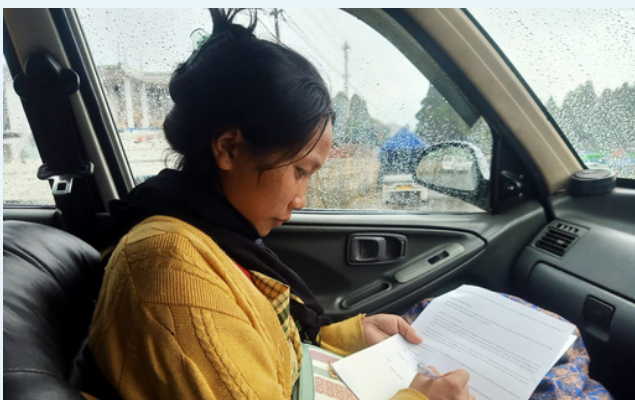
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Collected MoU from Mawkyllei



Collected MoU from Mawsynram



Signing of MOU, Mawkynew



Collected MoU from Mawlam



Signing of MOU, Wahmawlein



Signing of MOU, Mawsynram

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On May 24th, 2023, a PES verification was conducted in Mynkrem village, located in Thadlaskein Block. According to GPS measurements, the estimated area of the forest was determined to be approximately 50-55 hectares.



PES Verification at Chyrmang
Nein village, Thadlaskien block.



PES verification at Basulpara
village (Dalu block)



PES verification at Chyrmang Wah
Thadlaskien block.



PES verification at Umlatara Village
Bhoirymbong Block

MEGHALAYA
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.



Plantation site, Umden Khasi Village,
Umling, Ri Bhoi



Plantation activities at Renchagre Village,
Rongram, WGH



Mawtharap VPIC digging pits for
plantation, Mairang, WKH



Plantation activities at Laitdombah,
Mairang, WKH



Plantation at Rongpetchi
Cluster, Resubelpara
Block, EGH



Advance work, Derikgre
Village, Rongram Block ,
WGH



Pit digging and stacking,
Silsekgre Village,
Rongram Block, WGH.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

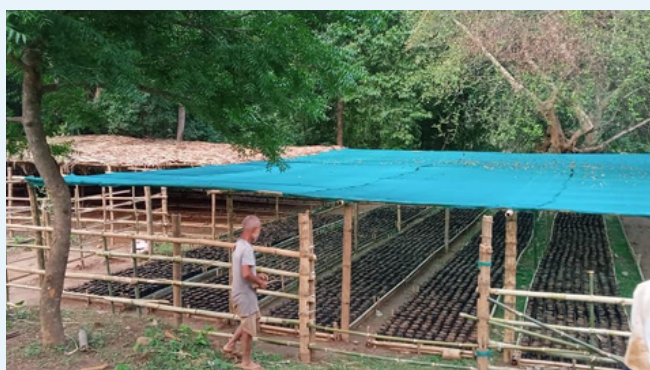
433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries. Following the completion of preparation of nursery mother beds where seeds will be sown, communities are working on filling Polybags with potting material; a mix of soil, sand and compost (in prescribed proportion). Polybags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



Community Nursery at Bugakolgre Village under Rongram Block, WGH



Community Nursery at Manggakgre Village, Rongram Block, WGH



Community Nursery at Balikimgre Village, Gambegre Block, WGH



Community Nursery at Dorenggre Village, Gambegre Block, SGH



Nanil A'pal Village Community Nursery, Resubelpara Block, NGH



Community Nursery at Mawtharap, Mairang Block, WKH

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Transplanting from mother beds, Dogep Gipuram Village, Dambo Rongjeng, EGH



Community Nursery at Umden Khasi Village, Umling Block, RB



Community Nursery of Rangmai Chigitchak Village of Gasuapara Block. SGH



Community Nursery of Gnengkolsi Songgitcham Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community nursery of Darit Simragittim Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community nursery of Sisogre Village, Gambegre Block. WGH

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Sylleibah VPIC Community Nursery,
Mairang Block, WKH



Community Nursery at Kynjoin Umran
Village, Umsning Block, RB



Community Nursery at Nongmawlong
Village, Umsning Block, RB



Umpdem Community Nursery,
Mairang Block, EWKH



Community Nursery at Rajinpara Village,
Gambagre Block. WGH



Dongki-ingding Village Community
Nursery, Mairang Block, EWKH

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Mawkyi Village Community Nursery,
Mairang Block, EWKH



Laitdombah Village, Community Nursery,
Mairng Block, EWKH



Manure mixing at Mawsir Village
Community Nursery, Mawkynew, EKH



Community Nursery at Balikimgre
Village, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Community Nursery at Pashang
Village, Mawkynew Block, EKH



Community Nursery at Mawlali,
Mawkynew Block, EKH

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A large-scale nursery operation under a blue tarp, showing rows of seedlings in black plastic bags and trays. The seedlings are densely packed in the foreground, while the background shows more rows extending into the distance. The setup is outdoors, with a hillside visible in the background.



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A large-scale view of a nursery bed filled with many small black plastic pots containing seedlings, organized in rows under a thatched roof structure.

A large-scale nursery operation under a green net structure. Rows of seedling trays are visible, and several workers are tending to them. A chicken is also present in the foreground.

Community Nursery, Moolasngi Village,
Saipung Block, EJH

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Mooriap Village Community Nursery,
Saipung Block, EJH



Daistong Village, Community Nursery, S
Saipung Block, EJH



Rongpetchi Village Community Nursery,
Resubelpara Block, EGH



Rongpetchi Village, seed collection for
Community Nursery



Polybag filling at Teksragre Village
under Rongram Block, WGH



Gitokgre Village Community Nursery,
Samanda Block, EGH

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Community Nursery Madansynrangat
Village, Thadlaskein, WJH



Community Nursery of Pynthorlangtein
Village, Thadlaskein, WJH



Reworking of the Community Nursery Bed
at Silsekgre under Rongram Block, WGH.



Community Nursery at Nalnapara Village,
Gambegre Block, WGH



Marakapara Village Community Nursery,
Rongram Block, WGH.



Galwangsa Village Farmers filling
soil in poly bags, Resubelpara, NGH.

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.



Lipsen Sangma's SALT farm,
Simseng Gading, Dambo
Rongjeng Block, EGH



Sasatgre Village Farmers under Rongram Block,
WGH sowing SALT seeds



Bangsi Minol Village, SALT farm,
Resubelpara Block, NGH,



SALT farmers sowing nfp seeds at Ruatsrogre
Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH,

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Salt farm of Waylio S Sangma, Genabra Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Salt farm of Pashwel R Marak, Rangmai Chigitchak Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Visit of Shri David Gandhi, SALT consultant, to three villages of Samanda Block, EGH, to review the progress of SALT farms and guide the farmers.



Mr. Wilnath's SALT Farm at Balikimgre Village, Gambegre, WGH



Mr. Chenang's SALT Farm at Abendagre Village, Gambegre, WGH



Salt field of Darit Simragittim Village of Gasuapara Block, SGH

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SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY



SALT farm at Dadokgre Village,
Gambegre Block, WGH.



Salt farm of Shri Jitendra Sangma
Simseng Rongal. Dambo Rongjeng, EGH



The farm of a new SALT Farmer at Kasibil,
Golmangre, Betasing Block, WGH



SALT farm at Mawkyrwat, SWKH



NFP seeds germinating at a Nanil A'pal
Village SALT farm, Resubelpara Block, EGH

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.



Training for LPC and Community Hall Construction, Nanil A'pal Village, Resubelpara Block, NGH



Training for LPC and Community Hall Construction, for 14 villages at Resubelpara Block, NGH



Earthwork to start for construction of Community hall, Chramgre Village Baghmara Block, SGH



Digging of trenches for foundation for Community hall started at Dobakol Awemong Village, Baghmara Block, SGH



Land preparation for Community Hall in Chibilbang Village, Dambo Rongjeng, East Garo Hills



Meeting with Construction committee of Iapshyndiet VPIC, Mawryngkneng Block, EKH for community hall construction.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL



Site clearance for Community Hall at Tochapara Village, Gambegre Block, WGH.



Land clearance for Community Hall at Meronggre Village, Samanda, WGH



Land Clearance for Community Hall at Jongmegre Village, Samanda Block, WGH



Training on Community Hall construction, Nongmawlong Village, Umsning, RB



FE giving inputs on Community Hall construction at Nongjyrmi Village, Umsning, RB



Workshop on Community Hall Construction with Construction Committee members for 7 villages under Kharkutta Block, NGH

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Site clearance for CH at Santogre Village, Gambegre Block, WGH



Site clearance for CH at Rajinpara Village, Gambegre Block, WGH



Site preparation for Community Hall at Galwangre B Village, Gambegre Block, WGH



Site for community Hall at Nongjyrmi Village, Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi



Alignment for Community Hall at Nengkongkil Village, Dambo Rongjeng, SGH

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



Workshop for construction committee by Field Engineer at Nengkongkil Cluster, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



VCF Accounts training in progress at Rongram Block Office, WGH.

Institute of Natural Resources (INR)

CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



A collaborative site inspection was conducted at Laitryngew, involving the Director of the Institute of Natural Resources (INR) and the PHE Department, with the purpose of exploring potential convergence opportunities under MLAMP. Additionally, another inspection took place for Open Limestone Channel (OLC) at Laitryngew and Laitduh Village, led by the INR Director and Senior Manager of MLAMP. While conducting the site visit at Laitryngew, the INR director emphasized that “Acid Contaminated Water is now accessible to meet the drinking water needs in water-stressed regions, such as these areas. However, constant monitoring of the water quality is required.”



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 Garo Hills regions. Additionally Spring Verification was conducted in Chisim Rombagre and Bajengdoba North Garo Hills, with our GFA and village headman.

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

Site Electrification conducted by the Green Energy Team



Lyngkhong & Rimai, Pynursla Block,
East Khasi Hills



Mikadogre, Baghmara Block,
South Garo Hills

Site Inspection conducted by the Green Energy Team



Nohron, Mawkyntrew Block,
East Khasi Hills



Mynsngat, Thadlaskein Block,
West Jaintia Hills



Hydroger installation at Chokpot
Darengre Block, West Garo Hills

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

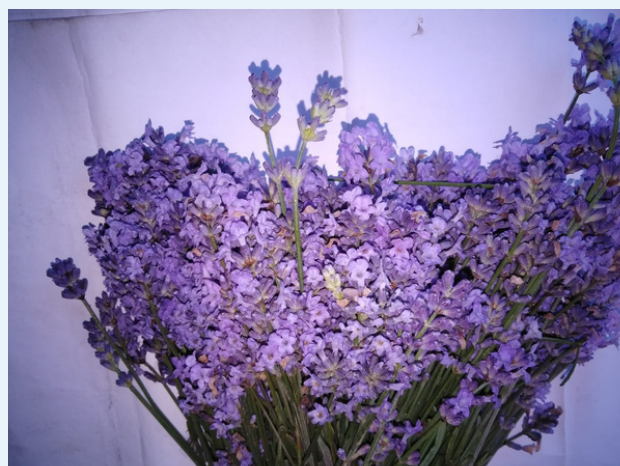


The landowners of Nangiaid Shaphrang SHG of Kairang village, Wapung Block, East Jaintia Hills, officially signed a MoU with the Centre for Bio-Resources. The MoU was signed for the implementation of the CLLMP innovative project, aimed at restoring the soil that has been adversely impacted by activities such as coal mining, limestone extraction, stone quarrying, and other associated activities.

Monitoring and Mapping of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants



Phramer Village, Laskein, West Jaintia Hills



Monitoring of Geranium and Lavender plantation at Umkrem and Mawkaton, Mawthadrishan Block, West Khasi Hills.



Collection of soil sample at Mawbeh village, Pynursla Block, East Khasi Hills

Distillation of Geranium Essential Oil



Distillation of Geranium at IBSD, Upper Shillong, East Khasi Hills.
Oil yielded is 0.61%



Distillation of Geranium at Mawphanlur, Mawthadrishan Block, West Khasi Hills for Comparative study of portable FDU.

Meghalaya
Livelihoods And
Access To Markets
Project
(MeghaLAMP)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



On 24th May 2023, a Multi-Stakeholders Platform (MSP) was conducted at Mawmaram cluster for the piggery value chain under Sohiong C&RD Block, EKH. Additionally, on 30th May 2023, another MSP was held by ISC&ED at Songsak, Mawshynrut C&RD Block, West Khasi Hills district.



Site inspections of Farmers Market along with the FPMC were conducted based on their respective Master Plans to assess project requirements. The inspections took place at Phlangwanbroi, Mawsynram Block, and at Kyrphei village, Mawphlang Block, East Khasi Hills District on 24th May 2023.



A site inspection was conducted for installation of Ginger Processing Unit in Nonghali village, Mawryngkneng C&RD Block, EKH. The inspection was carried out by the team from EFC and the Technical Assistant. Machineries and tools including a dryer, washer, slicer, and inverter will be installed soon. During the inspection, a demo of the slicer was also displayed. Additionally, a solar panel has been installed on the building's roof. The unit is expected to be operational within 2 months.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



On 25th May 2023, inspections were carried out at the nethouses and demonstration plots of Producer Group (PG) members in Pyndenglitha village, East Khasi Hills, who received potato seeds and inputs from CPRI. Dr. Janani and Dr. Angela conducted the inspections. During the inspections, samples were collected for further studies and research.



Training Programme on Turmeric Portray Technology held at Thadlaskein Horticulture Hub on May 29th, 2023. Dr. R. Chitra, Associate Professor (Horticulture) from TNAU, Coimbatore, delivered an engaging lecture, hands-on demonstration, and in-depth discussion on the incredible turmeric portray technology. It was an enriching experience for horticulture officials and farmers.



Site inspection for the Multi-Purpose Community-Based Nursery took place at Koraigora and Lower Rajapara IVCS on the 23rd and 24th May 2023.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



Meeting with Laitlyndop IVCS on Piggery Mission & Apex Body.



Meeting with Khrang Farmers Market Committee.

RURAL FINANCE



A two-day workshop was conducted to enhance the performance of IVCS in the Western and Eastern regions. The workshop took place on the 23rd-24th May 2023 for the Western region and on the 25th-26th May 2023 for the Eastern region at the Science Centre, NEHU, Shillong. During

the workshop, Shri. A. Suting, DPD, Megha-LAMP, delivered a speech covering important topics such as the MLAMP project, Top 3 IGSs, and the Focus Value Chain in IVCS. SPMU staff facilitated sessions on various subjects, including fund utilization, identification and selection of service providers, roles and responsibilities, and the formation of IVCS under Phase III. Group discussions and interactive sessions were held between the SPMU, DPMU team, and the Chairman and Secretaries of IVCS to foster engagement and collaboration.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

RURAL FINANCE



Several awareness programs were conducted to promote the mobilization and formation of new Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) in different locations. An awareness program took place at Wahkaji Village, Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills, with 103 participants on 24th May 2023. Another program was held at Wahkdait Village and Umniuh Nongrim Village, Pynursla C&RD Block. Furthermore, a similar program was conducted at Dorambokgre, Rerapara Block, on 27th May 2023 and at Babelapara, Purakashia Block, South West Garo Hills on 29th May 2023.



On 29th May 2023, a sensitization program was conducted at DPMU, South West Garo Hills for IVCS Secretaries, Chairmen, and Service Providers. The program aimed to raise awareness about Producer Groups, the role of service providers, credit linkages, and market-related issues.



On 24th April 2023, assistance was provided to the Producer Groups (PGs) for the maintenance of a Minutes register at Koltaparaa village.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

INRM



On 23rd May 2023, a training session was conducted at Ranikor for Village Facilitators (VF) and Watershed Volunteers (WV) on Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) activities. The participants were provided with a comprehensive overview of all the activities, including pending work that needed to be completed before the end of June.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



On 27th May 2023, the Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop for the Eastern region was held at Meghalaya Bharat Scouts & Guides, Shillong. The event featured facilitation and knowledge sharing by champions in various categories, including IVCS, PGs, VEC/INRM, and individuals.

The workshop saw active participation

a wide range of stakeholders, including DPMUs from Khasi and Jaintia regions, line department officials, SPMU, MBMA component heads, CIS-CLLMP, NGOs, and members from different institutions. This workshop served as the conclusion of the month-long knowledge sharing series aimed at enhancing the performance of lesser-performing members and communities through valuable experiences shared by high-performing stakeholders.

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