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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

The EKH DPMU team joined the Kmawanrum VNRMC in observing World Environment Day in 2023. The event, attended by VNRMC members, Forest Officer, and village students, featured speeches on environmental conservation.

The VNRMC Chairman highlighted the CLLMP Project's impact, while the DPMU staff focused on "Beat the Plastic Pollution." Awards were given to a top student and a young boy who collects plastic waste. The program ended with a speech from the Ranger officer and a vote of thanks.



On June 7th, 2023, the EKHD Monitoring and Evaluation team, accompanied by the Field Engineer, visited Thadan village under the Mawryngkneng Block to conduct a follow-up on the protection wall at Umsohshang, which had been damaged by a natural disaster.

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The Monitoring and Evaluation Team of EKHD conducted two sessions of the Management Information System (MIS) workshop. The initial session took place on May 31st, 2023, and had 103 participants from VNRMCs in Mawphlang, Myllem, and Mawryngkneng Blocks.

Following that, the second session of the MIS workshop was held on June 1st, 2023, with a total of 112 participants from VNRMCs in Mawsynram, Sohiong, Pynursla, Mawkyntrew, and Mawlai Blocks.



On June 8th, 2023, the EKH DPMU GIS personnel, together with officials from NESAC, conducted a training session for selected Village Community Facilitators (VCFs) from all blocks of EKH District. The purpose of the training was to familiarize the VCFs with data collection techniques using high-resolution geo-spatial data through a Mobile App developed by NESAC. The training took place at Laikyntoit Dorbar Hall in Laikyntoit village, Myllem Block.

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North Garo Hills



Solar street lights at Dalbinggre VNRMC offer numerous benefits over traditional grid-based lighting. They are energy-efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly, providing improved safety, accessibility and sustainability in rural areas. Operating solely on solar energy, they save electricity and reduce utility bills while reducing carbon emissions. These lights ensure reliable illumination, enhancing safety and community engagement. Overall, solar street lights are a sustainable and efficient lighting solution.



Damit Dangra and Snalgre (VNRMCs) observed World Environment Day by planting saplings in their reserve forest and catchment areas. The VNRMC's efforts extend beyond these areas to include roadsides, school grounds and church areas. Planting trees in these locations offers a range of benefits. Trees along roadsides provide shade, reduce air pollution, and enhance the overall environment. Planting trees in school and church areas creates green spaces, raises environmental awareness, and improves the visual appeal of these important community spaces. As the saplings grow into mature trees, they will provide ecological, social, and economic advantages to the community and the environment.

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South West Khasi Hills



The DPMU team visited Mawthawiang Nongtraw for a follow-up on the book of records. They reviewed the minutes book, purchase records, GRM (General Receipts and Payments Register), training documentation, cheque issuance, and community contributions



Developing NRM awareness among students is vital as it equips them with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions regarding resource conservation, promoting a sustainable and eco-friendly mindset from a young age. In line with

this, the SWKH DPMU team partnered with Nativity Hr. Sec. School to organize a program to commemorate World Environment Day



Ri-Bhoi

DPM, Ri Bhoi district visited Quinine's Vermicompost unit to assess its overall progress. It was observed that the VNRMC successfully produced a total of 136 kgs of vermicompost. Out of this, 81 kgs were sold, and 5 kgs were distributed within the village.



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On the occasion of World Environment Day, Ri-Bhoi DPMU organized a program at St. Paul Higher Secondary School. The program was led by Mr. Albert Sngi Lyngdoh (Training Specialist) with assistance from AM-KM, Environmental Team, and External Experts. Shri. Vincent Nianglang, Joint Director of the Education Department, Nongpoh, was also present.

The program concluded with a seed bombing activity, in which the chief guest, students, and school authorities participated.



On June 2nd, 2023, the District Project Manager, Ri Bhoi visited Umjong village to conduct a follow-up on various project activities. The first item on the agenda was to assess the implementation of the completed Fish Sanctuary, which is specifically designed to preserve indigenous fish species. Secondly, DPM inspected the ongoing construction of the Waste Management bin, which was found to be 70% completed. Finally, the Community Nursery was inspected to evaluate the readiness of various saplings for planting and sale.

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On June 8th, the DPM inspected villages in the Bhoirymbong Block in Ri-Bhoi district. Following are the activities conducted:

- Mawpun village: Site inspection of Spring Chamber
- Nongpyrdet Village:
 - Completed nursery for medicinal plants.
 - Ongoing 80% completed waste management bin construction.
 - Completed waste management bin at Wah Umtung.
- Mawkyrdep Village: Ongoing NRM Library construction.
- Sohliya, Umtung Village: Completed Mini Check Dam for Irrigation.
- Landmark Secondary School, Umdohbyrthih: Inspected Kitchen Garden where produce is distributed to students and sold.



On June 7th, the Field Engineer conducted a follow-up visit to the implementation sites of Earthen Bund cum Bio-fencing and forest Fire Control at Umlakro village under Jirang Block. The engineer reported that both projects were completed.

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On June 8th, the Ri-Bhoi Field Engineer conducted a tour of two villages under Umling C & RD Block. Here are the findings:

1. Umsiang Maiong: A) Follow-up on the implementation of Fireline control under FMP: The work status was found to be completed. B) Follow-up on the ongoing implementation of Spring chamber and protection wall of an open well from the Excess fund.
2. Mawker: Follow-up on the work implementation of fireline control under FMP.

Meghalaya's Seed Ball Initiative

Click the link below to watch the full video

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Meghalaya's seedball initiative implements a unique and effective afforestation method. School children across the state have been chosen as the vanguard of the movement. 75000 students across 1860 schools have been trained and 3.5 million seedballs have been made since the launch of the program in 2022.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On 8th June, 2023 GFA Pynshailang Sanglyne conducted an awareness program at Nongdhapor and Mawpaier Village.

On 8th June 2023, GFA Sanjibirth D. Shira visited Rongbinggre village and conducted a meeting with the villagers to discuss the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) scheme



On 9th June 2023, GFA Jingshisha Bareh organized an awareness program at Byrwai Umlong villages. It was brought to our attention during the program that the villagers possess a kur shnong forest (clan forest) and are interested in applying for the scheme.

On 9th June 2023, GFA Yessterfield Kurkalang organized an awareness program at Steplakrai village, located in the Khatarshnong Laitkroh block. The program aimed to create awareness and provide valuable information to the community on PES



GFA Vicky Donald Lapasam organized an Awareness program at Sohmynting village, Thadlaskein Block. During the program, the participants expressed their interest in applying for the initiative, and as a result, six application forms were distributed to the interested individuals.



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GFA Ammesil R Marak organized an awareness program at Rongasigre. The program aimed to provide valuable information and create awareness among the attendees regarding PES.



Nongla village



Villagers of Digisinggre



Headman of Sohlaper village



Villagers of Ruga Ading, Gasuapara block

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Forest owner of Sohkh Mission village



Headman of Sakhain village



Secretary of Domapra village



Forest owner of Umden village



Forest owner of Madanbynthet village



Headman of Lyngngai village

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Nongsning village



Mawpran Nonglyndiang village



Forest owners of Pingwait village



Forest owners of Agruragre and Chibra Agal villages



Collected MOU from Tyrso village



Collected MOU from Suchen village



Collected MOU from Sakahain village



Collected MOU from Shella Block

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PES verification at Jowe village



PES verification at Wakantagre village



PES verification at Bugakolgre community Reserve, Chokpot, South Garo Hills



PES Verification at Rangra Forest Mawrah

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Okbima Resubelpara Block PES verification by VCF, Pinku Hato



PES verification at Diengsang forest Mawrah village, Khatarshnong Laitkroh block



PES Verification at Rohbah village.



PES Verification at Daistong village

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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 in Thaugittim village



Watering and lifting of saplings in Mawkathein village



Manggakgre under Rongram carry out the Plantation work



Gindopara under Rongram planted 600 saplings



Lifting to the plantation site by VPIC Secretary, Anogre under Rongram



1600 seedlings from SWC Nursery were planted at Malchapara Community Land

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PLANTATION

Lifting of seedlings from Chokpot nursery



Plantation activity at Renchagre village



Plantation site of Miktongjeng village.



Lifting of seedlings to Wakolnanggre Village



Meijolgre Nokat village lifted seedlings from SWC

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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.



Latitude: 25.932769
 Longitude: 90.557315
 Elevation: 109.98±17 m
 Accuracy: 2.0 m
 Time: 07-05-2023 16:07
 Note: nursery bed na nokking tarra aengeba

Chorepahar Village Rebuilds Green Net After Devastating Storm



VCF of Nengkongkil Village watering the nursery



Gambaregre ploybag filling



Na'nil A'pal, Resubelparaa



Ajay Rai and Ravi Sastri, accompanied by the BPMU team, paid a visit to Dogepguram village in Dambo-Rongjeng Block. During their visit, they explored the community Nursery and engaged in discussions with three Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

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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.



Preparation of SALT farm in Gitokgre



Germination of NFPs at Rangphlang village, Mawkyntse Block



SALT farmer's at Rangsa, Arengdo and Mandadrop Village



Preparation for SALT cultivation, Dijingro Apal

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ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.



Work for Community Hall in progress at Iongsniehtakhniang, Thadlaskein



Work for Community Hall in progress at Madansynrang, Thadlaskein



Column alignment done for CH by FEs at Nalnapara Village, Gambegre Block.



Excavation for footing in Simseng Rongal village



Simseng Aringga



Boulders and sand delivered to Danal Dasik

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ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL



Alignment at Rengregre Village,
Samanda Block



Alignment at Rongribo Watregre,
Samanda Block



Alignment in progress in Kalak Songgital
Village, Samanda Block



Footing layout Mejlgre Nokat



Renchagre VPIC members clearing the
Community Hall plot for free labour.



Earth work foundation in progress for
Community Hall at Lower jambal Village
under Kharkutta C&RD Block.



Ajasiram starting earthwork for
Community Hall Construction



Footing Alignment, Rangdapara, Dalu
Block

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TRAINING/ PROGRAM SESSIONS



Second day training on natural farming organised by CLLMP at Chilpara under Kharkutta C&RD Block.



2 days Training program on Natural Farming at Nangaburi, Resubelpara (8th and 9th June, 2023)



Two Days Natural Farming Training started for Rongram MegLIFE Batch 1 Farmers at Bethany Society Tebrongre, organized by CLLMP WGH.



Institute of
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CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



Site inspection to Laitmawsiang and Laitduh village under Laitkroh Block, East Khasi Hills district.

Site inspection and Demonstration on Water Tracer at Lumshyrmith and Sohkymphor village, under Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills District.



Site visit and data extraction at Khlieh Umtrew, Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi District.

Site feasibility and water quality analysis for treatment of water supply at Laitryngew village, under Shella Bholaganj Block, East Khasi Hills District.



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



Site re-visit to follow up on Construction at Kantasigre, Chokpot Block, South Garo Hills District.

Site Verification along with the Field Engineer of NRM at Wagopgre, Songsak Block, East Garo Hills District.



Site inspection on installed hydroger and electrification at Sohtyngkhur Village, Mairang, West Khasi Hills District.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



Monitoring of Vetiver Plantation at Pyrdiwah village, Pynursla Block ,East Khasi Hills District.



Follow up and monitoring at Umdohbyrthih, Bhoirybong Block, Ri Bhoi District.



Site feasibility, for the cultivation of MAPs conducted at Umwai village, Shella Bholaganj, East Khasi Hills District.

Training on Skill Development in Primary Processing of Essential Oils and Market Management



Demonstration on how distilled waste can be converted to Biochar by Dr.Puja Khare (Principal Scientist of CIMAP CSIR). Bio briquettes which is developed from distillate waste of lemongrass and citronella. Biochar can be used for various purposes, such as soil amendment in agriculture or as a component in horticultural substrates. It can improve soil fertility, water retention, and nutrient availability. Alternatively, if not immediately utilized, biochar can be stored for future applications.



The Block Development Officer (BDO) of Laskein block, West Jaintia Hills, organised an exposure visit for 40 women farmers from Laskein block to Pyndenglitha aromatic plantation site in Mawphlang block, East Khasi Hills District.

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Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



A ginger processing unit and potential cold storage site in Mawhati, Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi District underwent inspection on June 6, 2023. These efforts are aimed at enhancing the agricultural infrastructure and promoting the efficient processing and storage of ginger in the region.



Piggery Producer Groups (PG) from the Kalaichar area under the Zikak Block in South West Garo Hills (SWG H) received a two-day training on the piggery value chain. The training, organized by the ISC& ED component under Megh Lamp, SWGH, Ampati, took place at Zikzak Multi Functional Centre with Dr. Balsrang from the Veterinary Department as the resource person on 12th and 13th of June 2023.

RURAL FINANCE



An enquiry was held in Mawjai village on June 8, 2023, to explore the establishment of Warsan Lyngdoh IVCS under Phase III.



A bookkeeping training session on the maintenance of books and registers was conducted at Iaikyrsoi IVCS on June 9, 2023.

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RURAL FINANCE



in the ongoing formation of new Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Phase III, several inaugural general meetings were held. On June 7, 2023, the Mawkamoit IVCS in Mawkamoit village underwent inspection and confirmation of the Management Committee (MC) with 24 participants. Another meeting took place on June 8, 2023, for the Wahrinong IVCS in Wahrinong village, with 21 participants. On June 9, 2023, the Nonglait IVCS in Nonglait village also had its inaugural general meeting, attended by 27 participants. These meetings, conducted by Shri. Ronald Thabah (ARCS) and EFC Mawthadraishan C&R Block, Nongshillong, marked significant milestones in the formation process.

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INRM



Umdiengpoh Village in East Khasi Hills witnessed the implementation of an OSV (Off-Season Vegetable) and Berkeley Training program, accompanied by the construction of a low-cost poly house for planting OSV. This initiative aims to promote year-round cultivation and enhance agricultural productivity in the region.

An awareness program on the establishment of Custom Hiring Centers (CHC) was held on June 7, 2023, at Lower Rajapara. The program aimed to guide Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) in setting up CHCs for agricultural machinery and equipment rental services.



A meeting and follow-up program on INRM activities, including VEC performance assessment, UC submission, and other related matters, took place on June 7, 2023, at Jamadwar, Ranikor Block.

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