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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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The World Bank Mission team embarked on a visit to Meghalaya from June 12th to 15th, 2023, as part of their review of the Meghalaya Community-Led Landscape Management Project. They had a productive and engaging session with the vertical heads and District project managers, diving deep into the project's remarkable progress and noteworthy achievements. This interaction proved to be an invaluable source of insights and guidance, setting the stage for even more impressive endeavours in the future.

The team, led by Mridula Singh, and Aditi Paul, made a special visit to Tome Memorial Secondary School in Mooralong, Jowai. There, they witnessed firsthand the tremendous impact of community computers in facilitating the teaching of Natural Resource Management. Collaborating with the Mynska Village Natural Resource Management Committees, the team actively participated in tree planting activities and held meaningful discussions. Additionally, they had the privilege of meeting Kyrview Rynghlem, an inspirational figure in the field of organic farming, while conducting a comprehensive review of the progress made under the Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project.



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While the other team, comprising Pyush Dogra and Nitika Suri, visited Jakrem Presbyterian Upper Primary School. Witnessing the transformative power of community computers in teaching Natural Resource Management, the team observed firsthand the positive impact on the students. Engaging with the Pydensakwang and Lawblei Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs), the team fostered dialogue, actively participated in tree plantation initiatives, and reviewed the overall progress of sustainable practices and community engagement under the Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project.

These visits and interactions provided the World Bank Mission team with valuable insights into the implementation and outcomes of the Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project. The enthusiasm and dedication displayed by the communities, educators, and innovators further reinforced the project's significance in promoting sustainable practices and empowering local stakeholders.



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Ri-Bhoi



EE Accounts along with Environment Team and Field Engineer visited Belahari, Nongwah Mawlein and Umsong villages under Jirang C & RD Block to prepare the utilization certificate for FMP Implementation.

EE Accounts and Field Engineer visited Umdoh 18th Mile, a Village in the Umling C & RD Block, to prepare the Utilisation Certificate for FMP Implementation. The Utilisation Certificate gives a detailed account of how the allocated resources have been used and assesses whether they have been used efficiently and for the intended purposes.



On the 13th of June,2023, PA (Environment Management) followed up on the Natural Regeneration and Forest Management Plan intervention at Umsarang under Bhoirymbong Block and discovered that both were completed.

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On June 14, 2023, the field Engineer and PA(Environment) of Ri-Bhoi DPMU inspected the Forest Management Plan activity site at Belahari under Jirang Block and found the work status to be approximately 70% completed. They then visited the Interventions under Forest Management Plan at Umsong and Nongwah Mawlein under Jirang C & RD Block and discovered that the work status there was completed. The inspections showcased significant progress in implementing the Forest Management Plan, fostering a harmonious coexistence between human activities and the environment.



West Garo Hills



On June 6, 2023, Field Engineer and Shri H.K. Hajong, MCS officials of Soil and Water Conservation, visited as third party officials Darechikgre, Jengitchakgre, and Lower Dopgre in Gambegre Block for inspection of completed Project activities of Amrit Sarover taken under WDC - Soil and Water Conservation, HKKP, and MGNREGS. On the same day, they also visited Rengsipara and Sanjengpara villages in Dalu Block for the same purpose.

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On June 9th, 2023, Deputy Manager (EM), FE, PHE team visited Dorenggre VNRMC to inspect the CC Check dam of Tebilbal Chiring, which serves as the intake point for the upcoming JJM project at Dopanang Village. PHE (JJM) proposed raising the dam's height, providing soling on the pond, and fitting necessary pipes, while CLLMP suggested submitting their plan and estimate to the DPMU before proceeding. Additionally, DM-EM and FE visited a site undertaking FMP activities and guided VCFs on the correct process of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR).



On June 8, 2023, FE and External Expert-KM inspected ongoing CDF work in Damal Onthapara, Doldenggagre, and Darong Adu to ensure that the VNRMCs use proper grade materials and structure sizes as per CLLMP Estimates and Drawings.

On June 13th, 2023, the first day of training on Natural Farming took place at Bakripara Anganwadi Centre in Tilrikilla. The training was specifically designed for farmers from MegLIFE (JICA) villages under Tikrikilla Block. The resource person leading the training was from Bethany Society, in collaboration with CLLMP and MegLIFE. Assisting in the training was the CLLMP staff member, Asst. Manager-SM.

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Continuing on June 14th, the second day of the Natural Farming training was held for farmers of MegLIFE (JICA) under Tikrikilla Block. The training was organized by Bethany Society in collaboration with CLLMP and MegLIFE. Asst. Manager-SM from CLLMP actively participated in the training. Notably, the Director of Bethany Society and the Consultant of MegLIFE also made visits during the training session.

Meghalaya’s Seed Ball Initiative

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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.

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On 15th June, 2023, GFA Aibanchester L. Mawnai conducted an awareness program at Umthlong village.

On June 15th, 2023, GFA Shemborlang Ryntathieng conducted an awareness program at Peiñlang village. As a result, the community members have shown great interest in the scheme.



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On June 15th, 2023, GFA Yessterfield Kurkalang conducted an awareness program at Lumpyllun village. It was noted that the village does not have a community forest but rather individual forests owned by some members of the community.



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Note: awareness at Lumpyllun

On June 15th, 2023, Green Field Associates, Ibaphershisha Shiji Lyngdoh and Ialamphrang Kharbteng conducted an awareness program at Warmatlah Village.



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Accuracy: 10.8 m
Note: Awareness Programme Warmatlah



On June 16th, 2023, GFA Aibanchester L. Mawnai conducted an awareness program at Pyndengdombah village.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



GFA Namrhen Talang visited the DPMU office at Jowai to coordinate with the GIS team for the drawing of the PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) verification site. Please note that "drawing" in this context refers to creating or marking the location on a map or GIS system.



Magupara Village



Nokma of Chitopagre



Headman of Rongsepgre village



Headman of Gandugre village

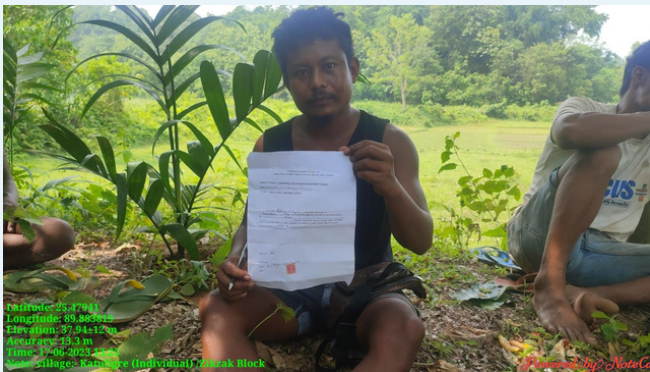


Headman and Secretary of Mawkliaw village



Forest owner at Mawlngot, Mawkynew block

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Headman of Banangpara village



Headman of Mawkyring village



Members of Pohlong clan at Nongbareh Lyntiar village



Sordar of Mawrah village



Community members : Agronggre village



Collected MOU from Rongap Songgita



Collected MOU from Umsning block

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Collected MOU from Shella Block



Collected MOU from Nokatgre



Collected MOU from Thadlaskien



Collected MOU from Khliehriat



PES verification under Umsning block



PES verification at Silki Adu village (Gasuapara Block)

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PES verification at Umshit village



PES verification at Upper Rongdotchi Village Reserve, under Baghmara Block
by VCF Clement Sangma.

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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.



Afforestation in barren land at Wakolnanggre Village, Gambegre Block. Target: 4.3 ha area, 4730 seedlings.



Lifting of seedlings for Kopogre, Balikingre and Sisogre Villages, Gambegre Block, WGH



Plantation at Mejolgre Nokat under Dambo-Rongjeng Block, EGH



Lifting of saplings for Chorepahar Village, Resubelpara Block, NGH



Plantation at Songmagre Village, Dalu Block, WGH

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PLANTATION



6928 seedlings lifted from Chokpot Block on 13-06-2023 for Rangmai Aruak VPIC, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Lifting seedlings from Samgong Nursery for Rongpetchi Cluster, EGH



Laitmysang VPIC, Mawkynrew, EKH, lifted 2100 saplings from Smit nursery



Plantation at Daranggagre Village, Dalu Block, WGH



3500 saplings lifted today by Mawdulop VPIC, Mawkynrew, EKH

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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 shed construction completed by Gindopara VPIC, Rongram Block, WGH



Community Nursery of Gngengkolsi Songgitcham Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community Nursery of Ruatsogre Village, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community Nursery of Watregre Village Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community Nursery of Gngengkolsi Songgital Village of Gasuapara Block, SGH.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY



Community Nursery, Wakskogre Village,
Gasuapara Block, SGH



Community Nursery of Karawengre
VPIC, Gasuapara Block, SGH



Arengdo Village Community Nursery
under Kharkutta Block, NGH



Community Nursery, Nokatgre Village,
Resubelpara Block, NGH



Thapa Dajonggre Community Nursery,
Resubelpara Block, NGH



Silsekgre Community Nursery under
Rongram Block, WGH

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COMMUNITY NURSERY



Anogre raising 1500 agarwood saplings, Rongram Block, WGH.



Planting tegatchu / mangiferrea indica, tebrong / artocarpus heterophyllus .



Bibrage Community Nursery under Rongram Block, WGH



Daljagre VPIC under Rongram sowed seeds of bombax ceiba, artocarpus heterophyllus, mangiferrea indica, pongamea pinata and syzygium comini in both poly bags and mother bed on 20/06/23.



Balupara VPICcommunity Nursery, Rongram Block, WGH

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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.



Farm Visit by SALT expert, Shri David Gandhi To Megonggre Village, Tikrikilla Block, WGH. Shri David pointed out that this village farm can be a model farm for other SALT farms in the region.



Salt Farm of Sunang Ch Marak of Rangmai Aruak village, Gasuapara Block, SGH.



Shri Gandhi Visites Miktongjeng Village under Dambo-Rongjeng on 17-06-2023 to monitor the SALT farm there. He found that the NFP are germinating and the farm is doing well. He also visited Kalak Songgitcham and Kalak Songgital under Samanda block on 17-06-2023

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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.



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Thapa Ragolgre, Resubelpara, NGH



Materials collection for Community Hall construction Goeragre, Rongram Block, WGH.



Rangdapara Village, Dalu Block, WGH



Community Hall Construction at Rongpetchi and Ajasiram, Resubelpara Block, NGH



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Visit by Dr Ajay Rai and Dr Ravishankar Thupali, Consultants, PMC, to Samanda Block, EGH, for site visit of various activities of the project and discussion with SHGs on creating IVCS.



Visited to Ajasiram and Rongpetchi, Resubelpara, NGH, for assessment of ongoing activity along with by PMC



Visit by Dr Ajay Rai and Dr Ravishankar Thupali, Consultants, PMC, to assess the ongoing activities and the Status of plantation, Community Nursery, VPIC Management and discuss the PLUP & MP reports for Dokongsi C Village under Kharkutta Block, NGH

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TRAINING ON NATURAL FARMING

Organized by CLLMP at Bethany Society, the training programme on Natural Farming includes preparation of Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) OHH (Oriental Herbal Nutrients) FAA (Fish Amino Acid), FPJ (Fermented Fruit Juice) IMO (Indigenous Micro Organism) and Oyster Mushroom cultivation, Bokashi Poultry, Bokashi Piggery, Vermi Compost making, Sq feet metre garden etc. The farmers were given both theoretical & practical demonstration.



Natural Farming Training for Rongram Block Farmers, WGH Tebrongre ended with the Certificate distribution by the DPM MBDA MegLIFE/ Basin WGH.



Natural Farming training at Gasuapara Block, SGH.



Natural Farming Training for batch 1 Villages under Tikrikilla Block, WGH



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CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



A site visit was conducted by the water team at Umladkhur and Shkentalang village under Amlarem block for the purpose of collecting water quality sample.



The water team conducted site visit to Laitryngew and Laitmawsiang village located under Laitkroh block to inspect the site and assess the progress of the OLC (Open Limestone Channel) under MLAMP project. The village facilitator was responsible for monitoring the pH levels during the monitoring process.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



World Bank officials, along with representatives from INR and BDO in the Laskein Block, conducted a site inspection in Mynska village to assess areas affected by mining and the progress of the Medicinal and Aromatic plantations.



The Bioresource team provided an interactive training session and conducted a practical demonstration on geranium plantation for farmers hailing from the villages of Phanniewlah, Thainthynroh, Umsohmat, and Pyndengkah under the Mawphlang Block in the East Khasi Hills district.

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



An incredible training session conducted by the Megh Aroma Mission, focusing on the primary processing of essential oils and marketing management. Held in the picturesque setting of Umkrem, Mawthadrishan Block, nestled in the stunning West Khasi Hills District. One of the highlights was the fascinating distillation of geranium oil, using the herbage provided by the Umdohbyrthih group from Ri Bhoi district. Demonstrating unwavering commitment, the group showcased their dedication by traveling from far across to collaborate in the farmers' group. Almost 30 passionate farmers eagerly participated in this transformative training.



Another interactive training session took place in Byrwa, located in the Umsning Block of Ri Bhoi district. More than 25 farmers actively participated in the training, where they were shown a demonstration on how to make briquettes using biomass as an alternative to wood for the distillation of oil from Field Distillation Unit.

CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)



Site inspection carried out by the Green Energy team under Decentralised Green Energy Development Project at Lumthangding, Laitkroh-Khatarshnong block, East Khasi Hills district.



The Green Energy team convened a meeting with the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Dadengre in the West Garo Hills district. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the progress and status of the ongoing project focused on decentralised green energy development project in the district and a site verification was conducted simultaneously at Samanda village.

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INRM



On June 14, 2023, an INRM site inspection and meeting were conducted at Wahramkhar and Mawsohlah villages in Mawphlang and Sohiong Blocks, respectively. The purpose was to assess the need for new interventions and engage with the INRM Committee.



On June 13, 2023, a training session was held at Ranikor civil sub-division focused on developing business plans for Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs).

On June 13, 2023, a training session on bookkeeping and record management was conducted at Ranikor



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INRM



On June 15, 2023, meetings were held with the Village Employment Council (VEC) to follow up on INRM activities and assess the committee's performance. The first meeting took place at Rudu B, while the second meeting occurred at New Rangasora.

RURAL FINANCE



On June 15, 2023, an enquiry was made for the establishment of a new Integrated Village Cooperative Society (IVCS) called "Helping Minds" in Wahkaji, South West Khasi Hills.

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RURAL FINANCE

The District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Ri Bhoi, conducted a bookkeeping training for their staff, including MTAs (Multi-Tasking Assistants). The training aimed to enhance their skills in bookkeeping and included practical hands-on training at Umdihar IVCS.



Multiple awareness programs were conducted to promote the formation of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Phase III. The first program took place at Nongmisei in Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills. On June 17, 2023, a similar program was held at Rangsakona in Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills, with Shri Salbison Sangma from Kerupara IVCS Ltd. as the resource person. Furthermore, on June 19, 2023, a village-level awareness program took place at Porsohsan in Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills.

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