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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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# Environment Day 2023



Celebrating World Environment Day 2023 in the state, MBMA organized an integrated event in Tura on June 3rd and in Shillong on June 7th, which marked a significant stride towards a more sustainable future.

Under GREEN Meghalaya communities are being empowered to conserve forests and natural resources through the unique Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Scheme. Cheques worth Rs 3.02 Crores and Rs 1.4 Crores were distributed to beneficiaries in the Garo Hills and Khasi-Jaintia region respectively fuelling the vision for a greener Meghalaya.



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As part of the ongoing efforts to create a greener and more sustainable Meghalaya, CLLMP has undertaken several initiatives that aim to inspire students, schools, and communities to actively participate in environmental conservation.

Under the seedball initiative, a staggering 3.6 million seedballs have been distributed across the entire state. This initiative seeks to encourage the creation of vibrant green spaces throughout Meghalaya.

In line with the CLLMP objectives, which include empowering communities and schools with digital learning tools, Community computers were also distributed to 5 schools in Garo Hills as part of the Environment Day celebration. These computers serve as a valuable resource to enhance awareness and understanding of natural resource management among Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs), youth, and children. By empowering communities and schools with digital learning tools, the project strives to create a knowledgeable and environmentally conscious society.



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**North Garo Hills**



Ronggopgre Songma under Bajengdoba block have made a commendable contribution to environmental enrichment on World Environment Day by selling 10,000 saplings from their community nursery for planting in barren lands. Their efforts have generated a revenue of Rs.1,00,000/-, which can be used to expand the nursery and support additional environmental initiatives. By fostering collaboration with neighboring villages and VNRMCs, they are making a significant impact in addressing barren lands and promoting overall environmental conservation. This initiative exemplifies a proactive and impactful approach to celebrating World Environment Day and preserving the environment.



Snalgre VNRMC actively enriches barren and waste lands through planting activities. Their initiatives, including afforestation and land restoration, improve soil stability, biodiversity, water retention and sustainable resource utilization. By demonstrating a commitment to environmental conservation, the VNRMC has set an inspiring example for the community.

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DPMU North Garo Hills, conducted a field visit to Ronggopgre Songma, Kawak, and Genang VNRMCs to review the village profile, capture photographs of the intervention sites, and gather data for success stories and case study.

On June 5th, 2023, VFCs and VNRMCs from Bajengdoba and Resubelpara block joined forces for a plantation drive in commemoration of World Environment Day. This commendable initiative showcases their unwavering dedication to environmental conservation and sustainability. By actively planting trees, they are combating climate change, improving air quality, and promoting biodiversity. The success of the plantation drive relies heavily on the continued commitment and participation of the community. The VNRMCs have embraced ownership and collective responsibility for the environment, setting the stage for a greener and more sustainable future. Such initiatives hold tremendous potential for generating positive impacts on the local ecosystem.



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Ri-Bhoi



The Field Engineer from the District Project Management Unit (DPMU) recently conducted a follow-up visit to assess the implementation of Forest Fire Control measures, specifically Fireline control, at Tdoh Umsiang as part of the Forest Management Project (FMP). The visit confirmed that the work had been completed successfully, meeting the required standards and specifications. Additionally, during the visit, the engineer inspected the implementation site of a check dam at Tdoh Umsiang, serving another purpose.



South West Khasi Hills



DPMU team conducted a review of various records of Pyndenmawthawiang VNRMC, including the minutes book, purchase records, GRM, training register, cheque issues, and contribution register. Additionally, a follow-up was conducted on the FMP Forest Fire Control Measure.

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**West Garo Hills**



On May 25th and 26th, 2023, a Training on Natural Farming was held in Tebronggre, organized by CLLMP for Farmers of MegLIFE, in collaboration with Bethany Society. The training targeted villages under the Dalu Block. A total of 23 farmers participated in the training where DPM, Assistant Manager, BPM for Dalu Block (MegLIFE), and Consultants from MBMA were also present.

A similar training was also conducted for the farmers from Gambegre block at Bethany Society, Tebronggre on May 30th, 2023



On May 30th, 2023, the district AM-Social Management visited Chasingre Reserve Forest of PES (Green Meghalaya), to verify the ongoing work related to Forest Fire Control Line, Demarcation of Forest Boundary and Forest Protection Activities. It was observed that the work is still in progress and instructions were given to expedite the completion of the tasks. On the same day, assessments were done in Masuchipotgre village, to verify the work's progress on an individual beneficiary's reserve forest under Payment for Ecosystem Services Scheme.

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On May 29th, 2023, the district Assistant Manager - M&E and Field Engineer, along with external expert, visited Dollongre VNRMC under Rongram Block. The purpose of the visit was to inspect the ongoing activities and provide a briefing to the masons regarding the construction of Dam with Storage tank at Apalgre. Additionally, the team instructed the VNRMC President/Secretary to attend the committee meeting and to commence the FMP work as soon as possible.

**MEI BA RI (NRM ANTHEM)**

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Tribal societies, especially matrilineal ones, honour the earth as "Mother" for its role in giving and nurturing life, yet its benevolence is not unconditional. The earth grows impatient with our waywardness and calls for collective action to restore our sacred relationship. The song 'Mei Ba Ri' invokes our primordial connection, urging preservation, rejuvenation, and a brave new world where Mother Nature comes first.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On 31st May 2023, GFA from Dalu visited A. Singre Village to discuss issues regarding land dispute with the villagers and headman.

On 31st May 2023, GFA, Jingshisha Barih conducted a review meeting at DC office, Khliehriat along with the Deputy Commissioner and all staff members of MegLIFE project & CLLMP.



On 1st June 2023, GFA Yesterfield Kurkalang conducted an awareness programme at Laitkynsew Raid Mawlieh village, Khatarshnong Laitkroh block.

GFA, Jingshisha Barih visited Byrwai village on June 1st, 2023. An upcoming Awareness Programme on Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) is scheduled to be conducted shortly following discussions between the village headman and the village members.



On June 1st, 2023, GFA, Hamar Disiar organized an awareness programme in Lumdiengngan Village, Mawsynram Block. During the programme, it was noted that all participants expressed keen interest in applying for the scheme.



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Jakhong village



Siejiong village



Nongjri village



Nongkrem village



On June 2nd 2023, an Awareness Programme was held at Lawblei village. Following the programme, a meeting with the Village Executive Committee (EC) is scheduled to be held to discuss the possibility of applying for the PES initiative.



On June 5th, 2023, an awareness program was held at Laitsohma Village in the Laitkroh block. During the program, it was evident that the villagers were enthusiastic and willing to apply for the community forest. Their interest and commitment to establishing a community forest were prominent throughout the session.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Sordar of Mawpdang village



Sordar of Tynring village



Mawiong village, Mawryngkneng



Cham Cham village, Khliehriat



Headman of Steplakrai Village



Headman of Nongsder village



Forest owner at Kyrdem Village  
Bhoirymbong Block

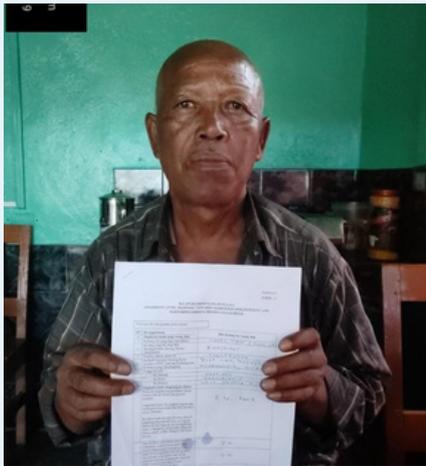
# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



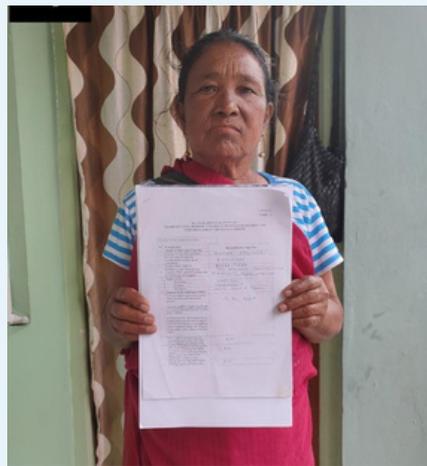
Collected MOU from Shella Block



Collected MOU from Nonglait village



Thadlaskein Block



Thadlaskein Block



Mawrah village



Umkrem village



Neggitchakgre Village

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification, Umsning block



PES verification, Songsak block



PES verification at Umsham



PES verification at Takhñiang Iongsnieh



PES verification at Pyngkya



PES verification at Jowe



PES verification at Mawmuthoh



PES verification at Iongnoh

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES Verification at Mawkynew block



PES verification under Umsning block



PES Verification at Nongpdengkynbah village



PES verification at Sohka, Amlarem block



PES Verification at Tyrna village

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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.



Plantation of aromatic plants, Mawkria Village, Mawkyntrew Block, EKH



Plantation at Miktongjeng Village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



Plantation, Kalak Songgital under Samanda Block, EGH

**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.



Visit to permanent Nursery at Chokpot Range Office, SGH



Saplings lifted from SWC Nursery Jowai to Batch-1 Village, Saipung Block EJH



Lifting of seedlings started for Tebisokgre Village. Gasuapara Block, SGH

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

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**



Saplings lifted from SWC Nursery, Bolong Atimbo, for Manggakgre VPIC, Rongram Block, WGH.



Lifting of saplings for Miktongjeng Village under Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



Community nursery at Bangsi Dogru, Resubelpara, NGH



Community nursery at Bangsi Minol, Resubelpara, NGH



Seedlings lifted from Williamnagar Nursery for Dobakol Chengalgittim Village, SGH

**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.



Plantation of aromatic plants, Laitdiengsai Village, Mawkyntrew Block, EKH



Germination NFPs at Mawdulop & Pashang Village, Mawkyntrew Block, EKH



Sowing of NFP seeds at Baladingre Village, Rongram Block, WGH.



NFP sprouting at Sasatgre under Rongram Block, WGH.



Citronella plantation along hedgerows at Sohtyngkhur Village, 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.



Footing for eight columns have been completed for construction of Community Hall at Chramgre Village, Baghmara, SGH.



Procurement of materials for Community Hall ongoing at Nalnpara Village, Gambegre Block. WGH



Footing layout for Community Hall at Simseng Rongal Village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



Alignment for Community Hall for Simseng Gading Village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



Sand, stone boulders and chips delivered to Nanil A'pal Village for Community Hall Construction, Resubelpara Block, NGH

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

**ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL**



Earthwork for Community Hall at Kerupara Village, Gambegre Block, WGH



Excavation for footing at Simseng Gading Village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH



Alignment for construction of Community Hall at Rongpetchi and Ajasiram Village, Resubelpara, NGH



Footing for Community Hall construction completed at Dobakol Awemong Village, Baghmara Block, SGH



Excavation for footing on-going at Simseng Balkol, Dambo Rongjeng Block, EGH

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

**TRAINING/ PROGRAM SESSIONS**



Training on Natural Farming for Zikzak Block, at Latrigre, Betasing Block, WGH



Day 2 of training on Natural Farming for Zikzak Block WGH



Training on Natural Farming at Baghmara (Reserve Gittim) for 10 villages of batch 1 of Baghmara Block, SGH.



First day of Natural Farming training held at Latrigre for the farmers under Betasing Block, WGH



Orientation program for VCFs (Group 2) on micro planning, Chokpot, SGH



Awareness program on MegLIFE Project at Rongma Kakijagre Village, Chokpot, SGH

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



World Environment Day Celebration at Saipung Village conducted by the VPIC in collaboration with MegLIFE team and 100 school children.



Laitmysang VPIC, Mawkyntew, EKH celebrating World Environment Day



World Environment Day was observed in collaboration with VPIC Lapangap and U.P SSA School, Lapangap under Thadlaskein Block, WJHD. The program started with an awareness program as per the theme of World Environment Day 2023 and concluded with a plantation drive.



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**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



Pyrda Village,  
Mairang Block,  
EWKHD

Umsiang Maiong,  
Umsning Block,  
Ri-Bhoi district



Mawlai Kynton  
Massar, Mawlai  
Block, EKH

Sakalgre, Rongram  
Block, WGH



**CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)**

**Monitoring and Mapping of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants**



Follow up and monitoring of Geranium, Mentha and Lavender plantation at Pyndenglitha, Mawphlang Block, EKH



10 months plantation of Citronella in coal depot area in Tluh village, EJH



Bioresource Team along with CIMAP personnel Pooja Khari, Ex Principal Scientist and Resource Person Dr Bansal, with Project Scientist Dr Hygina conducted site inspection at Mookympad and Tluh Village Saipung Block, EJH

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

On June 2nd 2023, the Megh Aroma Mission organised a training session in Narwan village, focusing on Skill Development in Primary Processing of essential oils and Market Management. The training was attended by more than 40 farmers from eight villages in Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills. The primary objective of the training was to equip the farmers with the necessary skills for the subsequent phase of producing essential oils after cultivating Medicinal and Aromatic plants.

Moreover, the Self-help Groups (SHGs) in Narwan village successfully acquired an FDU with a capacity of 850KG. This FDU is capable of producing over 3 litres of essential oil in a single operation. In addition to that, Dr. Bansal, a Resource Person and former Principal Scientist of CSIR CIMAP, generously distributed two oil tanks to the SHGs for storing the essential oils.



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Project  
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# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



A Multi Stakeholder's Platform activity was organized by ISC & ED, Megha-LAMP DPMU, West Khasi Hills District. The Assistant Technology Manager from ATMA served as the resource person. The event took place at Riango, Mawshynrut C & RD Block on May 31, 2023, and at Napak Apal in Songsak, East Garo Hills, with a focus on pineapple cultivation. Valuable information on production, sales, buyers, peak seasons, losses, and constraints was collected. Another platform on the pineapple value chain was held at Dambo Rongjeng Block on June 2, 2023. Shri. Dipin V Panicker, Consultant, Smt. Eden Aranchi Sangma, HDO, Rongjeng, and Shri. Franchis Sangma, briefed farmers on cultivation practices and market linkages.



An inspection by the State Project Monitoring Unit was conducted at the Arecanut and Ginger Unit located in Mawlyndiar, Laitkroh C & RD Block, at Nongsteng, Shella C & RD Block, and at Mawlai C & RD Block.

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## Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



A two-day training session on Ginger cultivation was conducted at Khonjoy Village in Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills District on January 31, 2023.



Assistance was provided to the PGs to maintain the PG minute register at Rajai A and B in Ranikor C&RD Block, South West Khasi Hills District on May 31, 2023. Site inspection for the Multi-Purpose Community-Based Nursery took place at Koraigora and Lower Rajapara IVCS on the 23rd and 24th May 2023.



Six participants who were trained at the Livelihood Business Incubator (LBI) in Nongstoin have secured job placements at Barbeque Nation, currently located in Chennai. Additionally, four other participants are currently undergoing a one-month internship at Pinewood Hotel in Shillong.

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## INRM



A meeting was held with the INRM Committee for Thematic areas in convergence with the Soil and Water Conservation Department at Mawrah and Sohrarim villages under Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, East Khasi Hills District on May 31, 2023.



A follow-up was conducted on the Open Limestone Technology (OLC) project to assess the progress and outcomes of the OLC initiative at Laitmawsiang Villages in Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, East Khasi Hills District on May 31, 2023,



Multiple meetings were conducted for INRM projects in different blocks and districts. On June 1, 2023, a meeting took place in Shella Bholaganj Block, addressing pending activities, forming purchase committee, and UC submission. On June 2, 2023, another meeting was held in Mawphlang & Sohiong Block to discuss pending activities and purchase committee formation. Additionally, on June 1, 2023, a meeting with the DPM in Umling Block, Ribhoi District aimed to resolve community issues related to pending INRM work.

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## INRM



A meeting and follow-up session on INRM activities, including VEC performance assessment and UC submission, took place on June 1, 2023, at Lower Rajapara, Ranikor Block. A Site inspection on field demo plot was also conducted and discussions related to Master Plan. Another meeting with VEC representatives from Keniong and Thiepdienngan was held on June 2, 2023, at Keniong for further discussions and follow-up on INRM activities.



Follow up site inspection at Mawphrew village, Ribhoi District



Follow up inspection at Mawlong Nongluh, Ribhoi District.



A Block Level Training session on preparation of Bio-fertilizer and Bio-pesticides was conducted on June 2, 2023, at Darugre Village under Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills.

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## INRM



A two-day training program on Demystification of Land Use and Land Cover (LULC) Maps was conducted from June 5th to June 6th, 2023, in Zikzak Block, South West Garo Hills (SWG H) District.

## RURAL FINANCE



An Awareness Programme on the Formation of IVCS under Phase III was conducted at multiple locations. On May 30, 2023, it took place at Nongskhen Village and Nongjri War Village, and at Mynrieng Village, all in Pynursla C&RD Block. From May 29, 2023, to June 3, 2023, the programme was conducted in Umsohbar, Sohkyrbam Rim, Umsong, Umshru, and Umkynsier villages in Jirang Block, Ri Bhoi District. Additionally, on June 3, 2023, the programme was conducted in Fakirpara and Nayapara under Zikzak C&RD Block and Goramara and Bongpara under Rerapara C&RD Block in South West Garo Hills.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



The Formation of new IVCS under Phase III commenced with the Inaugural General Meeting (IGM) at various locations. On June 6, 2023, the IGM was held for Mawlangren IVCS in Mawlangren village, conducted by Shri. Ronald Thabah (ARCS) and EFC Mawthadraishan C & RD Block, Nongshillong, with 33 participants. On May 31, 2023, the IGM took place for Suk Ban Rep IVCS at Myriaw, Mawthadraishan C & RD Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills District. Similarly, on June 1, 2023, the IGM was conducted for Mawkohngei IVCS in Mawkohngei village, also under Mawthadraishan C & RD Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills District.



A block level workshop on credit linkage with Business Facilitator and Secretary of IVCS was organized by the office of DPMU, South West Khasi Hills. The workshop took place on June 2, 2023, at Ranikor SDO office.

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION, 2023



World Environment Day celebrations in South West Khasi Hills were held on June 5, 2023. The first program involved tree planting at Rajapara Presbyterian LP School participated by the students and teachers. The second event, held in Photkylla village, emphasized environmental conservation and sustainability.

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