

26th July 2023

# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

## Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**East Khasi Hills**



The DPMU team, comprising of DPM, KM, M&E, GIS, Engineering, Finance, and Environment personnel, paid a visit to Smit village in Mawryngkneng Block on July 20, 2023. The purpose of their visit was to meet with the Executive Committee members and conduct a site inspection of the various interventions implemented in the village.



On July 24, 2023, a DPMU team consisting of Social, M&E, GIS, Engineering, Environment, and KM personnel visited Nonghulew village in Mawkynew Block. The purpose of their visit was to meet with VNRMC members including the Chairman, Secretary, VCF Social, VCF Monitoring, and VCF Environment, and to conduct an inspection of the various interventions implemented in the village.

**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**Ri-Bhoi**



On July 20th, the EE-KM & Environment Management visited three villages practising SALT farming namely Pahamsyiem, Mawroh and Mawdiangum for documentation purposes. The purpose of this visit was to gather information and data related to the knowledge and environment management practices in these villages.

The documentation process included taking photographs, collecting data, and making observations in order to compile a comprehensive report about the salt villages.



On July 20, 2023, the Training specialist, Ri Bhoi district and VCF visited a PES Village Mawrathud and Umtngap in Umsning Block. The purpose of the visit was to do plot verification and data syncing.

Overall, the visit aimed to ensure that the data on these PES Villages is validated, verified, and properly integrated into the appropriate systems for efficient management and implementation of development initiatives.



On the 18th of July 2023, the Environment team of visited two villages in Jirang Block, Sohkyrbam Domphlang and Sohkyrbam Rim, to follow up on the activities carried out under the Forest Management Plan and discovered that 80% of the work was completed.

**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**South West Khasi Hills**

DPMU team organised an awareness programme on the working scheme, followed up on the book of records, and reported on the progress of the work, issues, and grievances on FMP.



**North Garo Hills**



Ronggopgre village's agroforestry project, started in 2022, has brought various benefits like improved food security, increased income opportunities, and sustainable development. The first-year plantation yielded a good pineapple harvest, enhancing food availability and nutrition within the village. The second-year plantation, completed in June 2023, sets the stage for further income generation through pineapple sales. This revenue can support development projects, uplifting living standards and progress. Agroforestry fosters environmental conservation, biodiversity, and helps combat climate change. Ronggopgre village's dedication to agroforestry showcases their commitment to both ecological preservation and community welfare, promising further growth and prosperity ahead.

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**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



The community of Nokwal Ading is overjoyed with the acquisition of the P.A. system. This valuable asset has played a crucial role during community meetings, ensuring effective communication and fostering inclusivity for all attendees. Furthermore, the system has substantially elevated the quality of public events, cultural celebrations, and worship experiences by amplifying announcements, entertainment, and religious services, creating a more engaging and enjoyable environment for everyone present.



The afforestation initiatives at Dingrepa and Lower Mendal are vital for environmental conservation and community well-being. Planting saplings in their community forest reflects their collective effort and commitment to creating a greener and healthier environment. Afforestation offers numerous benefits, including carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, soil erosion prevention, and improved air quality. By actively participating in afforestation, the communities demonstrate ownership and responsibility for their natural resources. This community-led initiative can inspire others to take similar steps towards environmental conservation, creating a positive ripple effect in the region.

**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**West Khasi Hills**



MSSAT, in collaboration with DPMU-CLLMP, WKHD, organized a public hearing involving all 25 villages under CLLMP in WKHD and EWKHD. The public hearing took place on June 18, 2023, at SGSY Hall, Block Office, Mairang, on June 19, 2023, at SGSY Hall, Block Office, Mawthadraishan, and on July 20, 2023, at SGSY Hall, Block Office, Nongstoin. The Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs) from all 25 villages participated in the public hearing.



**West Garo Hills**

On July 21, 2023, a District Review meeting was conducted for MLAMP, CLLMP, MegLife, and the Focus team at SMELC Hall-2, Dakopgre, Tura. The meeting was chaired and reviewed by Shri Abhishek Gowda M.J, IAS, Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Dadenggre. The meeting focused on reviewing the activities implemented across all 7 blocks of MLAMP and CLLMP villages. It also highlighted the successful outcomes of both projects, their funding status, and achievements. Around 29 staff members attended the meeting, including DPMs from CLLMP and MLAMP/MegLife, namely Shri Sitaram Prasad Sah and Mr. V. Valentine Hembrome.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### Awareness and Orientation programmes



Panda Chikasin village,  
South Garo Hills



Headman, Dombagre village  
Zikzak Block



A meeting was held with the Headman of Danggo Gittim-Rongkaigre village under Zikzak Block, who expressed interest in the Payment for Ecosystem Services Scheme. However, the village does not have enough land forest.



Rongkaigre Songma village,  
Zikzak Block



Headman of Okchokgre village  
Zikzak Block

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Meeting with the Headman of Sindilgre village:  
He expressed interest in the scheme but needed time for further discussions with the villagers



Headman of Megapgre Village



Headman and Secretary of Tluh



Beneficiary of phase 1, Mawthadraishan Block



Rongru Asim village South Garo Hills



An orientation program was conducted on the Payment for Ecosystem Services Scheme for beneficiaries at DMPU Ampati



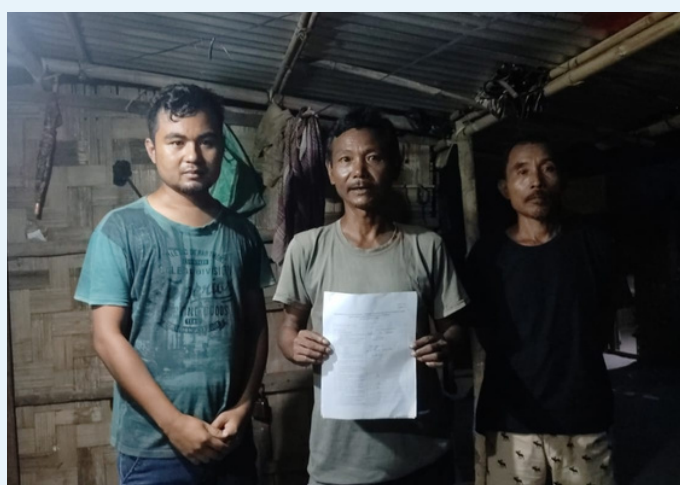
## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### Collection of forms

- East Khasi Hills - 05**
- East Jaintia Hills - 01**
- West Jaintia Hills - 04**
- West Garo Hills - 05**
- Ri Bhoi - 06**
- South Garo Hills - 01**



Collected 1 Application from Boldakgre (Community Reserve) under Zikzak Block



Collected 1 Application form of Community Forest Reserve from Bollonggre A under Zikzak Block



Collected one individual application from Damalgre Village, Zikzak Block

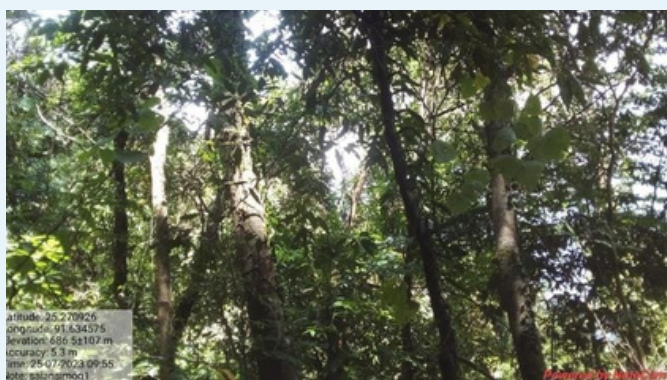
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PES Verification at Mookjat Moobakhon.



PES Verification at Songsak Megapgre.



PES verification at Nongsteng village.



Engaging with Phase 1 beneficiaries in Samasi Village, Saipung Block, to facilitate UC preparation and provide guidance on year 1 activities.



PES Verification and Plotting of map at DPMU, GIS

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES Verification at Pyndenmawlieh Village.



Boundary demarcation activity done at Sosotpara reserve.



Successful completion of boundary demarcation and gap filling plantation activities at Dimit Warikatchi Village Reserve, Songsak Block, EGH



The PES verification process presents challenges for our staff, as they must commute through muddy roads

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. plantation of saplings is currently underway.

 **South Garo Hills**



On July 24th, 2023, the villagers of Bolchugre commenced the weeding process at the plantation site.



On July 25th, 2023, the residents of Arengittim village began the planting of citronella.

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



**North Garo Hills**



Plantation at Dokongsi C village



**East Khasi Hills**



Status of Aromatic plants at Pyngkya village



**East Garo Hills**



On July 24th, 2023, the VPIC at Miktongjeng village initiated the weeding process in the plantation area.

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Plantation at Kalwe village.

**East Jaintia Hills**



Seedlings were lifted from SWC Nursery in Jowai and transported to Daistong village.



Transportation of seedlings to Daistong village and Tuidam village.



Plantation Daistong village.



Plantation at Lapangap village.

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

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.



**South Garo Hills**



Community nursery at Rona Agal village.



Community nursery at Watregre village.



Community nursery at Gnengkolsi Songgitcham VPIC.



Community nursery at Tebisokgre village.



**North Garo Hills**



Community nursery at Arendago village.



Community nursery at Kara Majipara village.



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Community nursery at Dokasaram village.



Community Nursery at Upper Sari Awe village



The Community Nursery of Lower Sari Awe village has been successfully completed on July 25th, 2023.



**East Garo Hills**



Community nursery at Simseng Gading village.



Mejolgri Nokat community nursery.

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**South West Garo Hills**



Sunil Kumar Rai visited Mokpara and Golmangre community nurseries. He praised Mokpara's good germination and advised timely weeding. At Golmangre, he discovered seeds sown in polybags instead of germination beds. Patiently, he explained the importance of proper techniques. Sunil Kumar Rai's visits inspired communities to embrace sustainable growth practices for a greener future.



Community nursery at wadagre Wagipara and Rongkaigre.



Chiringpara village began preparing extended beds for the community nursery.



Community nursery at Kolkatola village.



Community nursery at Koksi Nokatgre village.

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Nepalgre village completed community nursery weeding.



Chiripara village initiated the weeding process at the community nursery.



Community nursery at Malmua village.



**West Garo Hills**



Darengagre da.al community nursery Rongtalatenga.



Chollongpara community nursery

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**East Khasi Hills**



Community nursery at Mawkria village.



**Ri Bhoi**



Community nursery at Mawkorblang village.

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**East Jaintia Hills**



On July 22, 2023, Moolasngi village started preparations for an additional bed.



On July 21, 2023, Tlangpui village made preparations for additional nursery beds.

**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.



**South Garo Hills**



SALT farm of Doma D Shira at Sudugre village.



**North Garo Hills**



Bangsi Dogru SALT farm.



SALT farming at Kalwe village.

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**East Garo Hills**



SALT farm at Rongkingre village.



**West Garo Hills**



Salt farm at Mandangre village.



SALT farm at Nayapara village.



SALT farm at Silsekre village.



SALT farm of Silsekre Brijith Marak.

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**South West Garo Hills**



SALT farm of Mr. Pisindro Sangma at Skagre village.



Salt farm of Tartus Sangma at Torangpara village.



SALT Farm of Mr. Juton Marak at Nepalgre village.



SALT farm of Mr. Stone B Marak at Chringpara village.



**East Khasi Hills**



The Tomato farm at Tynring village showcases an exemplary SALT initiative, featuring hedgerows with biofilters to effectively control heavy soil erosion.



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



In Nongthymmai village, the SALT initiative in the extended homestead garden is yielding promising results. Notably, the Native Food Plants (NFPs) have germinated well, and the team's visit has motivated the farmer to diligently weed the farm.



SALT farm of Kong Aijinghun Nongspung at Tynring village.



The integration of SALT into the homestead garden at Jaroit village has been seamless and successful.

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**Ri Bhoi**



Kong Aitilin's SALT farm in Nongrim Jyrmie, Umling, stands out with excellent hedgerows, featuring both Tephrosia and Indigofera, contributing to abundant vegetative diversity.



SALT farm at Maweitnar village.



SALT farm at Umsning village.



**West Jaintia Hills**



SALT farm of Shri. Pyntngen Phawa at Ladaw Laru village.

**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.

**South Garo Hills**



Darit Asim village.



Rongkandi Dengjama village

**North Garo Hills**



Simseng Balkol village.

**West Garo Hills**



Dengginagre village.



Rongkaigre village.

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Ritekpara village



Songmagre village.



Wadagre village.



Nalnapara village.



Kerupara Village.



Kolkatola village.



Santogre Village.



Nokatgre village.



Santogre Village.



Torangpara village.

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**West Garo Hills**



Gitokgre village.



Simseng Aringga village.



Ajasiram village.



Simseng Bolma village.



Dagal Nokat village.



Dogegipuram village.



Songgital village



Lower Sari Awe village.

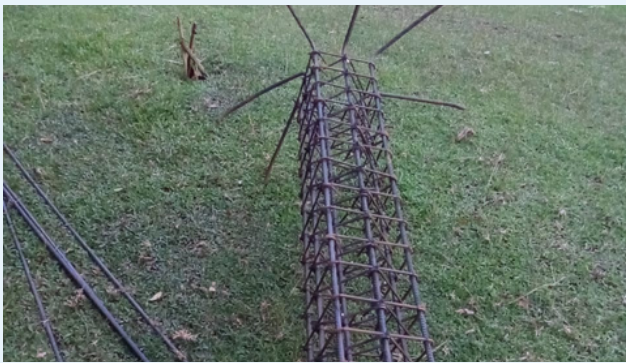
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Dogegipuram village.



Thapa Ragolgre village



Chorepahar village.



Nanil Apal village.



Thapa Ragolgre village.



Lower jambal village.



Ajasiram village.

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



**South West Garo Hills**



Nepalgre village.



**East Khasi Hills**



Mawdulop village.



**Ri Bhoi**



Nongrim Jyrmie village.



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## CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

### Monitoring of MAPS



Monitoring the cultivation of citronella at Wahkaliar village, Shella Bholaganj block.



Visit to Sylleibah, Mairang Block, EWKH for the progress and follow up of MAPS.



Site feasibility inspection at Jalyiah village, EJH for cultivation of MAPS.

## Exposure Visit To Lucknow



The Bio-Resource team organised an exposure visit to CIMAP Lucknow for the training on value addition of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) aimed at benefiting Meghalaya Farmers and Entrepreneurs. A group of 20 participants comprising farmers and entrepreneurs attended the training in Lucknow. During the initial day of the program, the attendees received hands-on training in crafting Agarbattis and Incense Cones using flower waste infused with aromatic oil.



Training on preparation of bio-innoculum provided to farmers at Thainthynroh village. The workshop aimed to provide farmers and community members about the benefits of using bio-innoculum and equipping them with the knowledge and skills to create their own organic fertilizers.

**Site Inspection conducted by INR Director**



Site Inspection conducted by the Director of INR, Shri L Shabong to assess the ongoing progress of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPS) like Lemongrass, Citronella, Geranium Plantation at Mawreng village in Mawphlang Block as well as in Byrwa ,Umsning Block, Ribhoi District.



A total of 100,000 Citronella saplings were delivered to Meglife village of Agrenggitim in Baghmara Block, located within the South Garo Hills district. Additionally, a comprehensive demonstration was provided to guide the residents on the proper method of planting Citronella slips.

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

**Installation of Pico Turbine machines in South Garo Hills District, Chokpot Block**



**Rongasigre**



**Dabalgre**



**Kantasigre**

**CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES**



Site inspection conducted for the ongoing progress of OLC at Lumshyrmith, Rangad Sohkympthor and Cham Cham village in East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat Block.

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Meghalaya  
Livelihoods And  
Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### Accelerating Impact: A Thorough Review Meeting on MeghaLAMP and FOCUS



A whole-day review meeting on MeghaLAMP and FOCUS took place at the Secretariat Main Meeting Hall on July 22nd, 2023. This significant gathering brought together district teams and main component heads of SPMU to discuss and strategize the future of the projects. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Vijay Kumar D, IAS, Commissioner Secretary of Planning, and Project Director, MeghaLAMP, while Shri Augustus A. Suting, Deputy Project Director, MeghaLAMP, co-chaired the session. The agenda was focused on in-depth discussions concerning project activities, outlining actionable tasks for all stakeholders. Among the distinguished attendees was Smt. Isawanda Laloo, IAS, Director, Sports and Youth Affairs Department and Additional Project Director, MeghaLAMP, adding her valuable insights to the proceedings.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



On the 21st of July 2023, Amlarem EFC conducted a review meeting for the Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) at Amlarem C&RD block hall, West Jaintia Hills. Shri. G.L.C. Myllem, MCS, Block Development Officer & Block Nodal Officer, MBMA, presided over the meeting. The meeting involved discussions on progress and challenges. Emphasis was placed on positive outcomes and fostering collaboration for future success.

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