

20th September 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



South West Khasi Hills



DPM and FE visited Rohbah village to inspect the newly constructed Traditional Hall and Nursery, part of the Forest Management Plan. The hall is completed and will soon benefit the community. DPM also assigned VNRMC to oversee facility maintenance and highlighted the nursery's income potential for future plantation work.



DPM, DM-M&E, and FE visited Nongsynrieh village to meet with VNRMC members and discuss upgrading the ongoing footbridge construction project from a basic bridge to an arch bridge. This transformation aims to improve the bridge's aesthetics, turning it into an appealing tourist attraction for visitors to the village.

**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



On September 14th, 2023, AM-SM and the Project Coordinator from School Net inspected KYAN Smart Computers at three schools. At Jingaiti Secondary School, ongoing construction delayed usage, with a commitment to use it soon. Nolikata Higher Secondary School faced an electricity issue and awaited a replacement UPS, also planning to use the kit as directed. Similarly, Indra Gandhi Memorial School had electricity problems, but the principal pledged to maximize kit usage.

On September 12th, 2023, AM-SM and the Project Coordinator from Schoolnet visited Sharak Rit Upper Primary School and Nongnah Def UPS at Nongnah. They found that the kit had been used sporadically. After discussions with the teachers and principals, they recommended regular kit usage for the benefit of the students and the community. The staff received additional training, and they now use the kit without difficulty. Teachers and principals of the schools were present during the visit.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**West Jaintia Hills**



On 14th September, GB meeting was held at Moopyllaitsyiar village in the presence of the DPMU team, EE, Headman, VRNMC, and the General members. The meeting was conducted to review the CNRMP activities, assess the FMP, balance funds, and discuss working schemes.



DPMU team along with Dr Wansa Pyrbot, Environment Manager, conducted a follow-up on the Forest Management Plan (FMP). They also assessed the forest's condition and reviewed the Annual Narrative Report (ANR).

GB meeting and awareness program held in Thadmuthlong village, where Dr. Wansa Pyrbot, Environment Manager, headmen, and the community members participated. During the meeting it was revealed that twenty-two project activities have already been completed.





**West Garo Hills**



A Block Level Review Meeting was held on September 14, 2023, at the Gambegre Block office in West Garo Hills District. It was attended by the VNRMC President, Secretary, and three Village Community facilitators. The purpose of block-level meetings is to assess progress, address pending activities, identify solutions, and areas for improvement. The team had an extensive discussion with VNRMC-EC members, focusing on various agenda items with actionable tasks to complete UC submissions by September 30, 2023.



On September 18th, 2023, Field Engineer visited Saka Boldamgre under Gambegre Block to provide instructions to the mason regarding the construction of a water reservoir and storage tank at Dobok Chiring and Songgital Gittim, as proposed under the Cluster Development Fund (CDF). Additionally, on the same day, there was an inspection of the Permanent Nursery establishment, during which the VNRMC EC members were instructed to adhere to the norms established by the DPMU office in West Garo Hills district.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



A two-day training session on Bamboo Resource Assessment for VCFs in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills region was conducted on September 14th and 15th, 2023.



On September 15, 2023, Ri Bhoi DMPU and EC members from 10 VNRMCs in Jirang Block conducted a cross-learning exposure visit to Moolamyllyang VNRMC in East Jaintia Hills District. The visit aimed to foster collaboration, share best practices, and build capacity among participants from different regions.



East Jaintia Hills



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On September 16, 2023, GFA Kitborlang Madur conducted a site inspection in Summer Umbah village.



On September 19, 2023, Najokgre(B) village began phase 2 boundary demarcation at their Community Reserve.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



Saipung Block.



Resubelpara Block.



Shella Block.



Songsak Block.



Samanda Block.

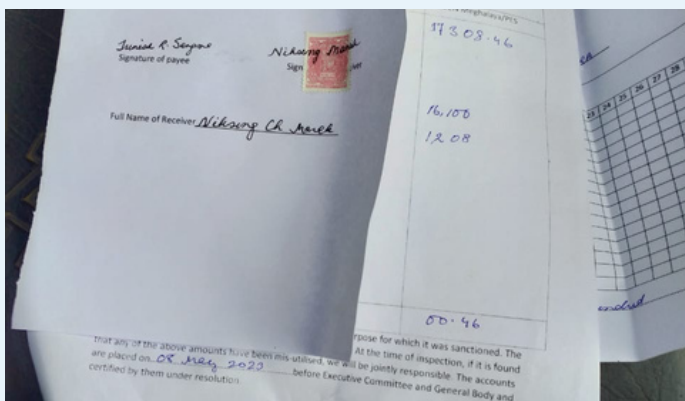


Khliehriat Block.

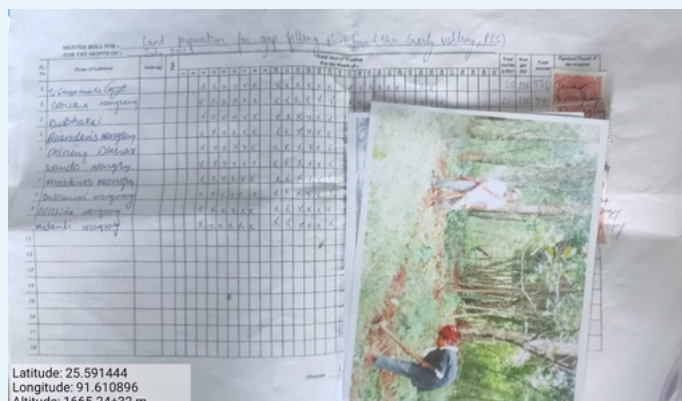


# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



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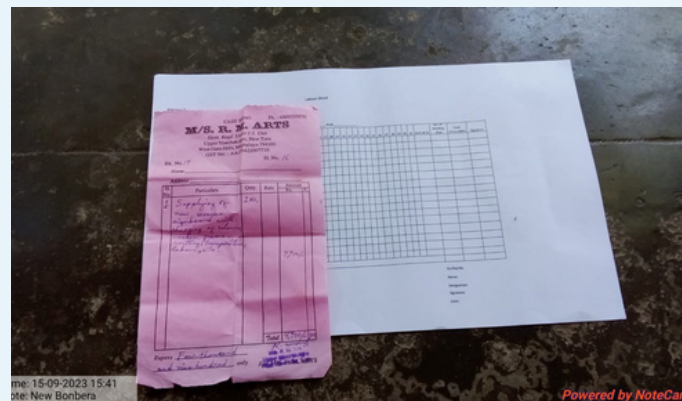
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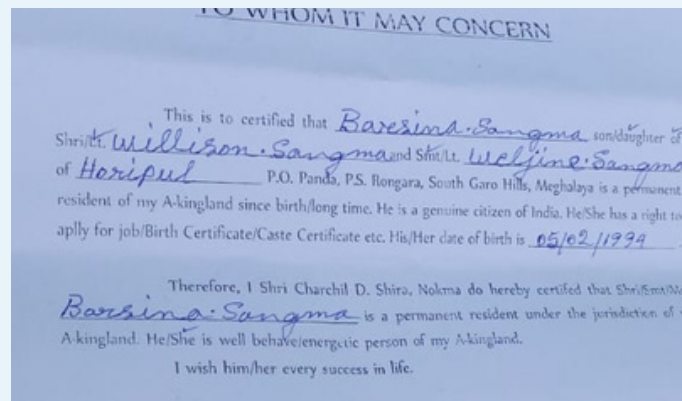
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# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Verification and Boundary Mapping



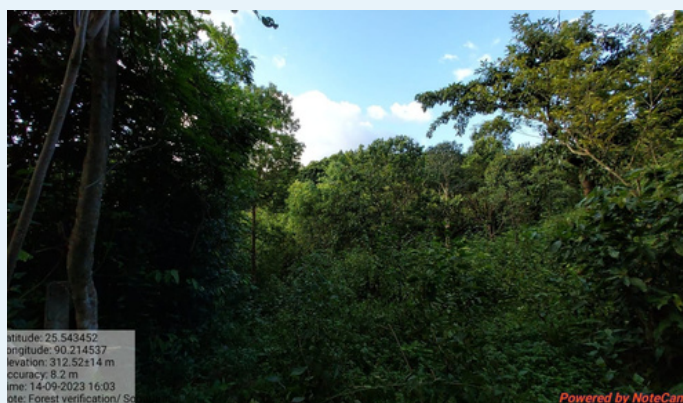
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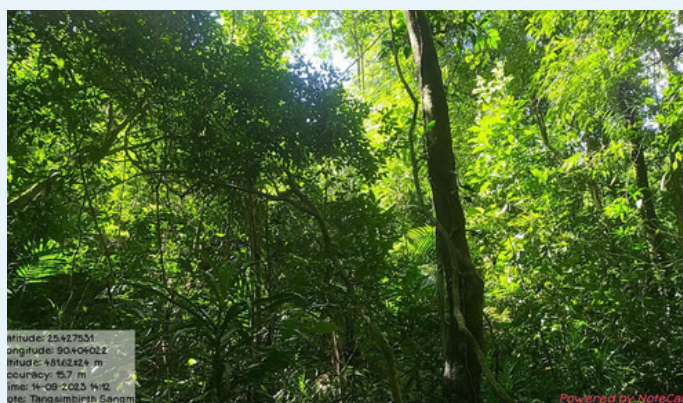
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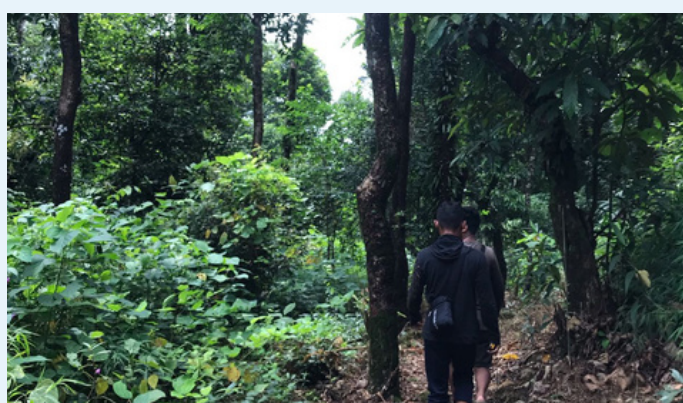
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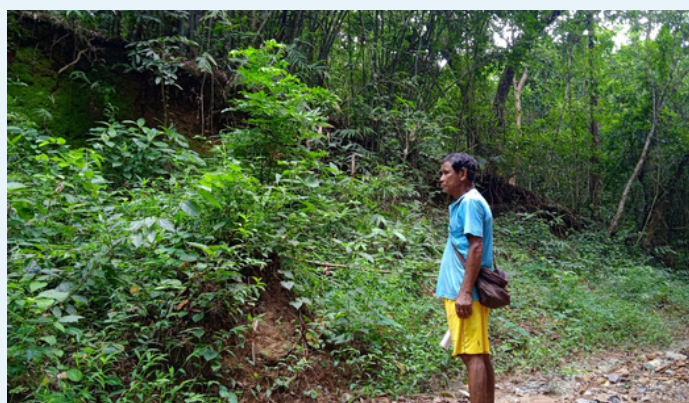


PES verification at Sohka village.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification in Seempara and Kadimbok villages.



PES verification in Doriapara village done on September 14, 2023.



PES verification at Mawlat village.



PES verification at Chengkurigre village.



PES verification at Achotchong Reserve Forest.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Rangmai songmong village.



Individual forest reserve PES verification in Inchrage village.



PES verification at Tojananggre village.



PES verification at Nongrim Jirang village.



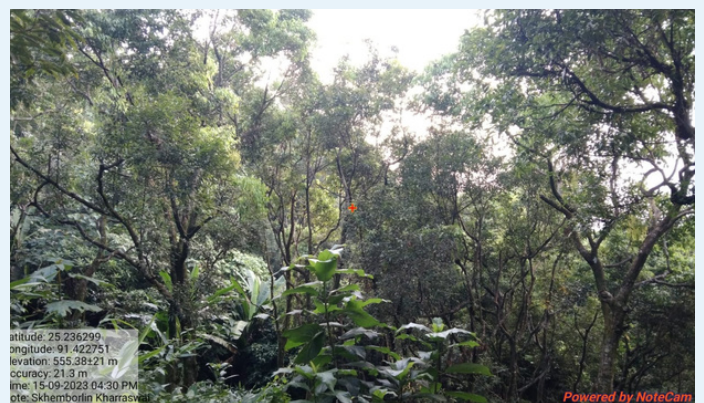
Individual forest reserve PES verification in Umwai village.



PES verification done in Norek Pattanggre village on September 15, 2023.



PES verification at Tyrso pdeng village.



PES verification at Rangweng village.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES Verification at Ponchapara Community Reserve.



PES verification done in Dambo Mrok village on September 16, 2023.



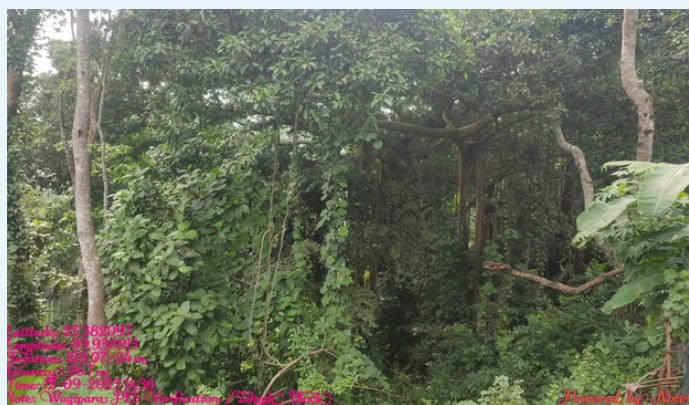
Individual forest reserve PES verification in Damalgre Village.



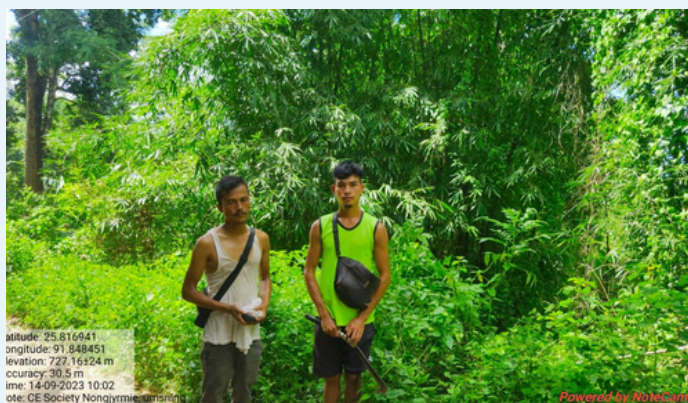
Individual forest reserve PES verification in Wagipara village.



PES verification at Bansam Awe village



PES verification at Rangmaw village.



PES verification at Umtasor Nongjymie village.



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Darit wakchalgre village.



PES verification at Bolpuma village.



PES verification at Mawkiyiem's community forest.



PES verification of Maodam Reserve Forest.



PES verification at Bansamgre village.



PES verification at Swer village.



PES verification at LAMIN village .

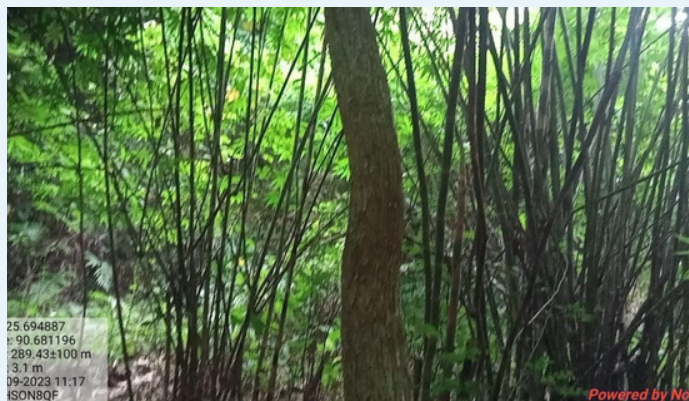


PES verification at Mawlangwir village.

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PES verification at Mawlaho village.



PES verification at Bijasik timbogre village.



PES verification at Mawkyllai village.



PES verification at Nohkhara village.



PES verification at Ritekpara 2 Community Reserve.



PES verification at Aruakgre Forest Reserve.

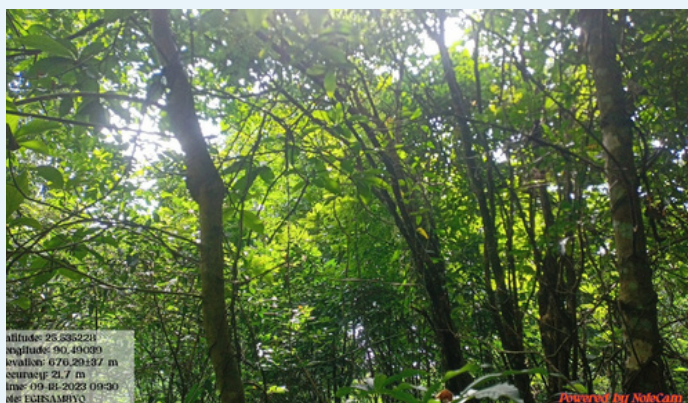


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PES verification at korhadem village.

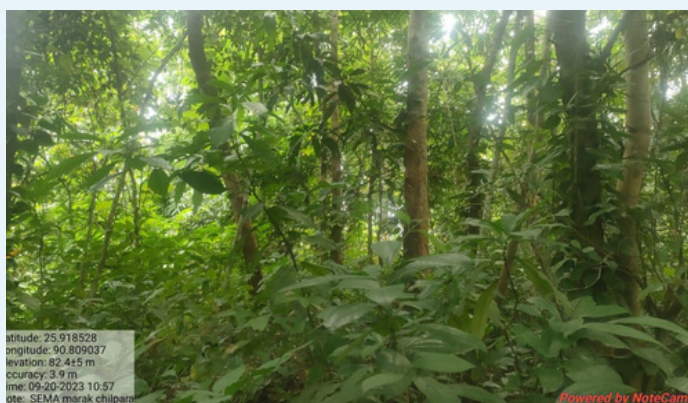
## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Dinamingre village.



PES verification at Darenggre village.



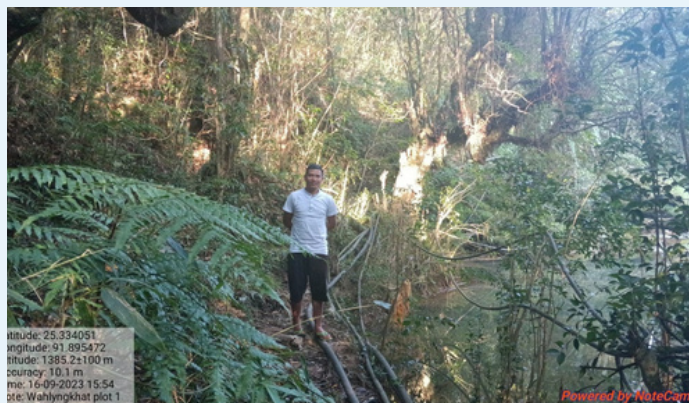
PES verification in the forest of Sema Marak, located at Chilpara village.



PES verification at Kitmadamgre Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Nonglang village.



PES verification at Wahlyngkhat village.



On September 15, 2023, the VCFs in Rongram Block successfully completed PES verification in Aguragre village.





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LIVELIHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH  
FOREST  
ENHANCEMENT  
(MegLIFE)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

## COMMUNITY NURSERY

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



### East Garo Hills



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elevation: 359.57429 m  
accuracy: 2.3 m  
time: 18-09-2023 10:52  
site: Mejolgre Nokat, PG group nursery (extension)

Expanding Mejolgre Nokat village's community nursery.



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accuracy: 5.1 m  
time: 18-09-2023 07:38  
site: Mejolgre Nokat, Bakrime Self Help Group Nursery (extension)

Extend Bakrime Self Help Group's community nursery at Mejolgre Nokat village.



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elevation: 426.0317 m  
accuracy: 8.9 m  
time: 14-09-2023 07:26  
site: Dagal Nokat vpc

Dagal Nokat village.



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elevation: 408.6844 m  
accuracy: 3.9 m  
time: 09-18-2023 16:34  
site: Community Nursery (Simseng Gading)

Simseng Gading village.



### West Jaintia Hills



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Umjalasiaw village.



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**West Garo Hills**



Anogre Rongram village.



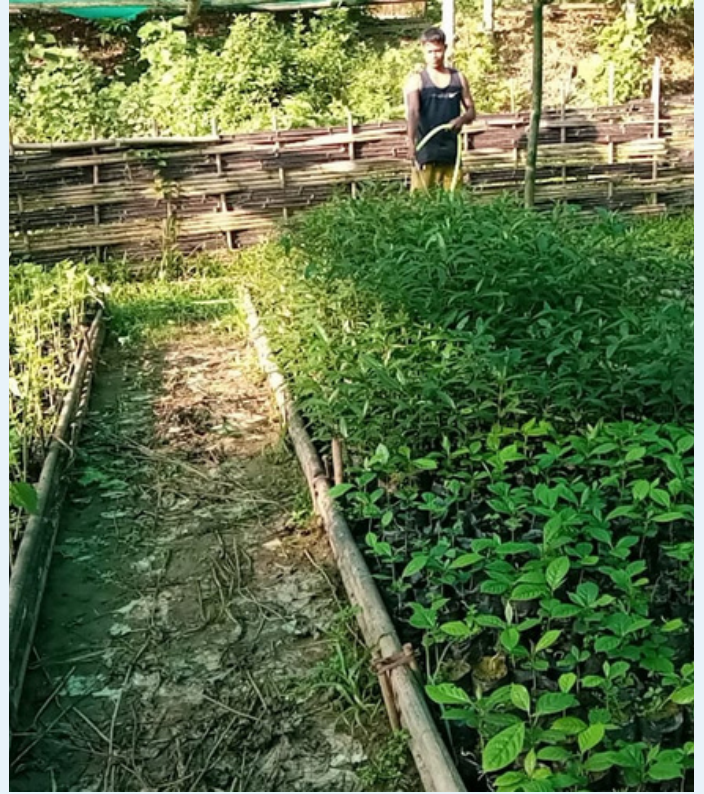
Adugre Rongram's VPIC embarked on the restoration and upkeep of their community nursery on September 16, 2023.

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South Garo Hills



Rangmai Chigitchak village.



Galwangitok village.



Rangmai Aruak village.

**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.

**West Garo Hills**



SALT farm of Shri. Singbath Marak from Anogre Rongram village.



SALT farm of Labin Sangma from Manggakgre Rongram village.

**North Garo Hills**



A SALT farm managed by Shri Salgra D. Sangma in A'ga village and Pilbath Sangma in Dokasaram 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.

**East Garo Hills**



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 time: 12-09-2023 12:39  
 site: Imtra Apal, proposed site for community Hall

**Imtra Apal village.**



Latitude: 25.656418  
 Longitude: 90.780302  
 Elevation: 267.91428 m

**Mikdongjeng village.**



azimuth: 247° (SW)  
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 time: 08-09-2023 09:06  
 site: Gindil community hall

**Gindil village.**



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 time: 13-09-2023 09:59  
 site: Simseng Rongal Community hall post na chi satenga

**Simseng Rongal.**



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 Longitude: 90.862527  
 Elevation: 508.45422 m

**Thaugittim village.**



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 site: Rongchek Akong, VPIG Community Hall

**Rongchek Akong village.**

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
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Simseng Balkol village.

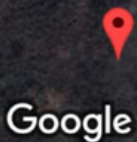


**West Garo Hills**



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Wakolangre village.

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**South Garo Hills**



Darang Akep village.



Darang chiga village.



Rangmai Aruak village.



Silki Adu village.



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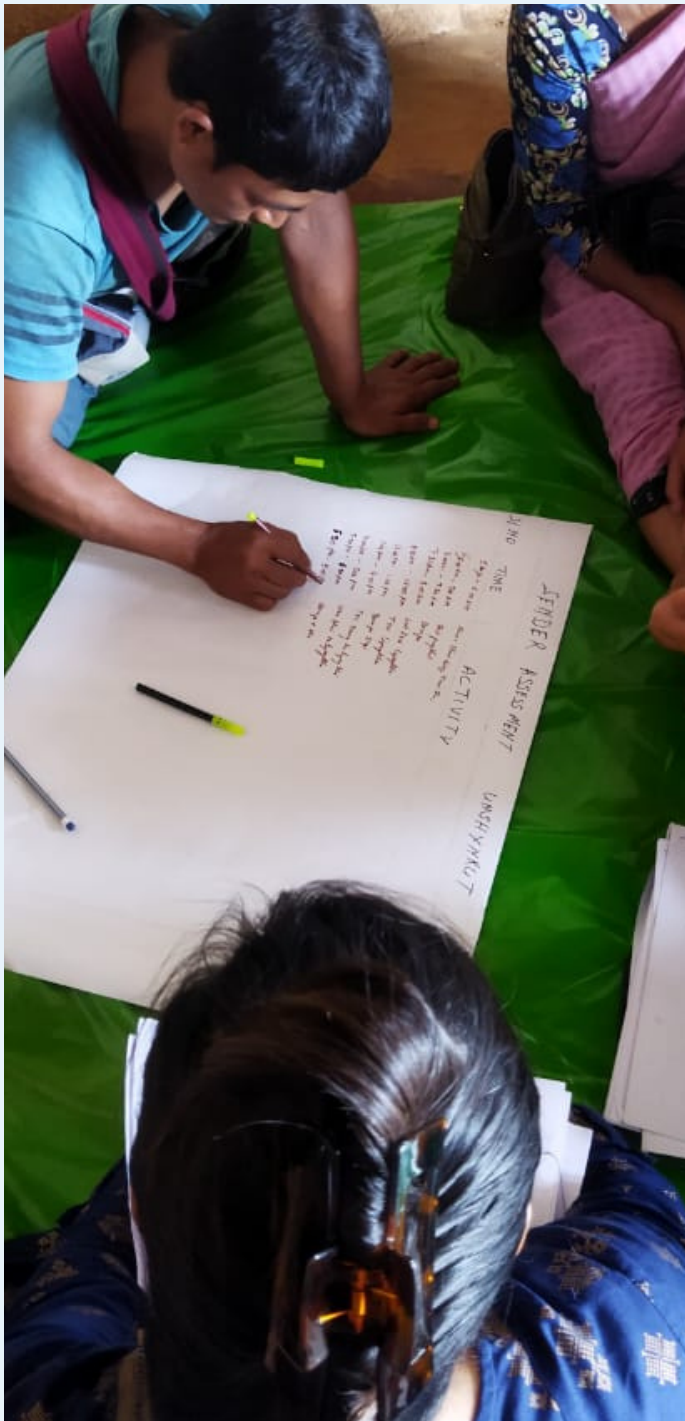
**PLUP And Microplanning Exercises**

Ongoing Group II villages Update: Microplanning exercises continue in Jeldupara village (Selsella block, West Garo Hills District) and Umshynrut village (Group 2, Mawshynrut C & RD Block).



Jeldupara village.

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Umshynrut village

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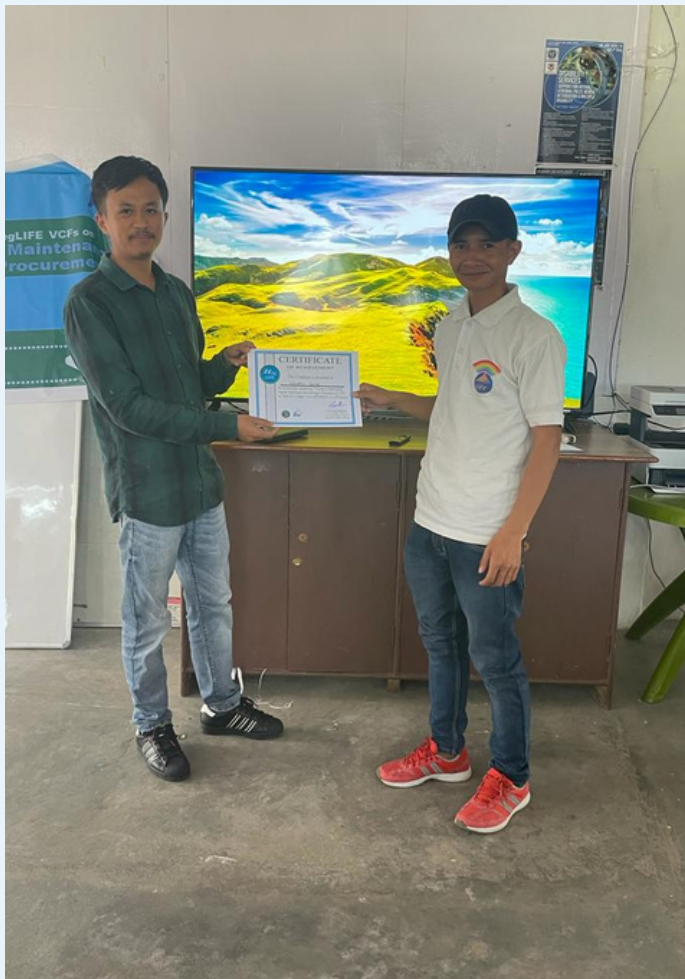
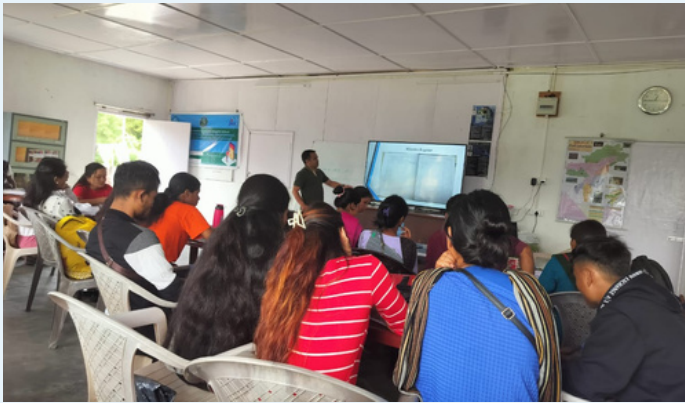
**MIS and Procurement Training**

A 4-day residential training for MegLIFE VCFs on accounting, register maintenance, MIS, and community procurement (WGH) was held at SMELC, Tura. Additionally, a training session for VCFs in East Khasi Hills took place at Bethany Society, Shillong, concluding on September 15, 2023.



West Garo Hills.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



East Khasi Hills.

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

**Soil and water activities**



Plastic tanks in Rapdikgre and Meronggre villages, East Garo Hills District.



Institute of  
Natural Resources  
(INR)

**CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)**

**Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants**



Monitoring of Gaultheria propagation in Mawbeh. Gaultheria is an evergreen shrub genus in the heath family (Ericaceae) and includes well-known species like Gaultheria procumbens, also known as eastern teaberry or wintergreen. These plants have ecological importance, providing food and habitat for wildlife, making their propagation and conservation efforts significant, especially in their native or cultivated areas for economic and ecological benefits



Monitoring of Citronella and Mapping at Phlangwanbroi village, Mawsynram block.



Follow up on the progress of MAPs site at Pynurkba village, Khliehriat block ,East Jaintia Hills District and at Mawklot village, Myllem block.



Demonstration on propagation of geranium plant at Umsawmat and Phanniewlah, Mawphlang block, East Khasi Hills District.

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



### Ri Bhoi District

Site verification and electrification works at Nonglum village under Bhoirymbong block and Umsaw Nongbri village under Umling block.



 Ri Bhoi District



Site verification and electrification works at Saiden village under Umling block and Lamalong village, under Umsning block Ri-Bhoi district.

 South Garo Hills District



Site Verification at Siju Ganga Awe, Baghmara block which was reconstructed after flood damaged.

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(MeghaLAMP)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED



A field visit was conducted by the SPMU team and Bah Saphai, a resource person from Ginger Station, Umsning, for the Farmer Field School and training on ginger farming at Nonglang IVCS and Umthlu IVCS in West Khasi Hills District.

On September 14, 2023, a field demonstration was conducted to set up a demonstration plot and Farmer Field School in Mynsngat village, West Jaintia Hills.



In July and August 2023, a series of Multi-Stakeholder Platforms were held in West Jaintia Hills at Lakroh IVCS on July 28th, Lamin IVCS on August 3rd, and Jarain IVCS on August 23rd.

On September 14, 2023, a field visit was conducted in Nongrum Mawphlang to renovate damaged structures. Simultaneously, boundary mapping was carried out for field demonstration plots in Kyiem, Pyndenglitha, Mawlumrum, and Jabar Lumtop Jaud, situated in East Khasi Hills.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED

Site mapping surveys for PRIME HUB were conducted on September 15, 2023, in two different locations. The first survey utilized a drone and took place in the presence of the Chairman and Secretary of Pdeng Raid at Pynursla C&RD Block. The second drone survey was carried out at Jongksha village under Mawkyntew C & RD Block in the presence of the Sordar of Jongksha.



On September 18, 2023, a field visit took place to evaluate the setup of a honey processing unit in Diengkynthong. Simultaneously, a meeting occurred with the Sordar of Mawrah village, and a site visit for the processing unit's construction in Sohrarim was conducted. Shri. A. S. Suting, Deputy Project Director of MLAMP, accompanied the team, covering Diengkynthong, Mawrah, and Sohrarim in East Khasi Hills District.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED

### *FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System*



A two-day training program on Broom Grass Value Addition was successfully conducted in two different locations within the South West Khasi Hills District. The first session took place on August 31st and September 1st, 2023, at Lakma Village, Ranikor C&RD Block. The second training occurred on September 12th and 13th, 2023, at Phlangdiloin IVCS,, catering to the Producer Groups (PGs) under FOCUS Ranikor Block. These sessions aimed to enhance value addition skills in Broom Grass, benefiting the local community.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED

### *FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System*



From August 31st to September 1st, 2023, a two-day training program on Squash Value Addition was conducted for eight Producer Groups in the newly registered Rangblang Sohsynniang Circle Area IVCS at Rangblang Sohsynniang Village. The participating Producer Groups included Iatreilang PG, Iatyllilang PG, Pynroilang PG from Rangblang Namlang, and Iamonlang PG, Bajyrngam PG, Shisur PG, Pynroilang PG, and Persara PG from Rangblang Sohsynniang.

*A Review Meeting cum Sensitization program was conducted on September 6th and 11th, 2023, for FOCUS Volunteers. The event took place at the EFC Office and the Multipurpose Hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Mawkyrat, South West Khasi Hills.*



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED

#### *FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System*



A review meeting for FOCUS was held on September 13, 2023, at the Mawkynrew Block office to discuss targets and achievements, fostering collaboration between the EFC, NGO, and Focus Facilitators.

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A monthly review meeting on FOCUS, organized by DMPU, East Khasi Hills, consisting all the Blocks under East Khasi hills, was conducted on September 14, 2023, at the Deputy Commissioner's Conference Hall.

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# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



A meeting was conducted on September 13, 2023, with the office bearers of Mookynniang IVCS and PG members. The agenda included mobilization of shares, savings enrollment of PGs in IVCS, repayment of support funds in IVCS, and the collection of data (KYM and dry ration).



Several Special General Meetings (SGMs) were convened at different locations to address key agendas, which is amending the Byelaw (PACs) . On September 15, 2023, an SGM was held at Mawrah with all members of Mawrah Rangtmah IVCS. Similarly, on September 8, 2023, an SGM at Padubah IVCS under the Amlarem block successfully amended Bye-Laws. Lastly, on September 14, 2023, another SGM took place at Lamin IVCS, West Jaintia Hills.



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE

A workshop on credit linkage for Business Facilitators and Entrepreneurs was organized on September 15, 2023, at SDO Civil, Ranikor, South West Khasi Hills District.



On September 15, 2023, EFC Mawphlang organized an awareness meeting regarding membership enrollment in Mawthlong Mynsain IVCS. The meeting was attended by the Headmen of Nongbsap Mission, Phansawrang, and members of various Producer Groups at Nongbsap Mission village.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### INRM



A meeting was convened on September 12, 2023, at the Ranikor Block office to follow up on the status of work, particularly projects with completion rates exceeding 50%, data collection by Village Facilitators (VFs), and the submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs). This meeting involved discussions with Village Employment Councils (VECs).



At Mawphlang EFC, activities were carried out on September 15, 2023, which included the collection of Community Contribution Certificates, VEC assessments, the preparation of roadmaps for INRM activities implemented, and the formation of Water User Groups.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### KNOWLEDGE MANGEMENT



*11th September 2023: A review of the project's progress implementation, led by Shri. T. Lyngwa IAS, Deputy Commissioner of South West Khasi Hills.*

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The Knowledge Management team conducted documentation activities on September 14, 2023, at Muplieng IVCS in West Jaintia Hills and on September 15, 2023, at Laitmawroh Ramkheng IVCS in East Khasi Hills.

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