

12th 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



Ri-Bhoi



On 3rd July, staff from DPMU comprising of a field engineer and AM-M&E (Assistant Manager - Monitoring and Evaluation) visited Saiden village to check on the progress of the building of a waste management bin. During the inspection, the team discovered that the activity had been successfully completed.



On the 4th of July, AM - Monitoring and Evaluation visited Mawpun Nongpyrdet and Umdohbyrthih villages under Bhoirybong Block to follow up and check on the measurement of the CIB Board and also to update on MIS.

The following day, the team revisited Umlakro village in the Bhoirybong block to assess the progress of ongoing activities and interventions. Additionally, they addressed issues related to the UC settlement.



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills

On July 8, 2023, the EKHD Finance Team held a meeting with the Purchase Committee members to discuss the purchase of registers and books of accounts at Mawlyngbna VNRMC, which is under Mawsynram Block.



On July 11, 2023, a team consisting of GIS experts, EE professionals, and apprentices from SPMU visited the intervention site located in Mawlyngbna village. The purpose of their visit was to geotag the site and demarcate the beneficiary area for effective monitoring and evaluation.



North Garo Hills

A meeting of the Village Natural Resource Management Committees (VNRMCs) was convened at the community center in Rem Songgital, which falls under the Bajengdoba block in NGH. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 30-year tree plantation plan. The community group took the lead in initiating the planting of saplings in the forest as well as in the vicinity of schools and open areas within the village.



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Community members are actively involved in cultivating various saplings such as oranges, lemons, betelnuts, jackfruit, and more in the permanent community nurseries located in Doba Apal and Mendal Songma.



South West Khasi Hills



DPMU team held a meeting with VNRMC members at Nongbrei Nongdom, Laitnong, and Diwah Shadmoit to follow up on the book of records, Minute book, FMP, and unspent amount.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



An awareness program was organized by GFA Charlyana Tengchi R. Marak on July 5, 2023, at Dura Asimgre village in South Garo Hills. During the program, five application forms were distributed to individuals who expressed interest in PES scheme.

A meeting with the beneficiaries from batch 1 of the Shella block was conducted on July 10, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the planned activities for the first year and engage in a dialogue regarding their implementation.



GFA Rocklem M. Momin organized an orientation program on July 10, 2023, for the PES beneficiaries from North Garo Hills. The program aimed to provide guidance on the effective utilization of funds acquired through the payment for ecosystem services scheme.

On July 11, 2023, GFA Namrhen Talang visited Jarain village to actively participate in the PES Phase 1 activities. The visit involved the presence of various teams, including the DPMU, GIS team, GIS/UAV Apprentice, and staff from the State Project Management Unit (SPMU).



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Collection of forms

East Khasi Hills - 14

East Jaintia Hills - 07

West Jaintia Hills - 08

East Garo Hills - 03

North Garo Hills - 02

South Garo Hills - 06

Ri Bhoi - 08

Eastern West Khasi Hills - 08



Suchen Dhana village



Mynkrem village



Imbangiri Village



Mawkyntew village

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PES verification at Akarok village



PES verification at Mawnai village



PES verification at Silsekgre Reserve forest

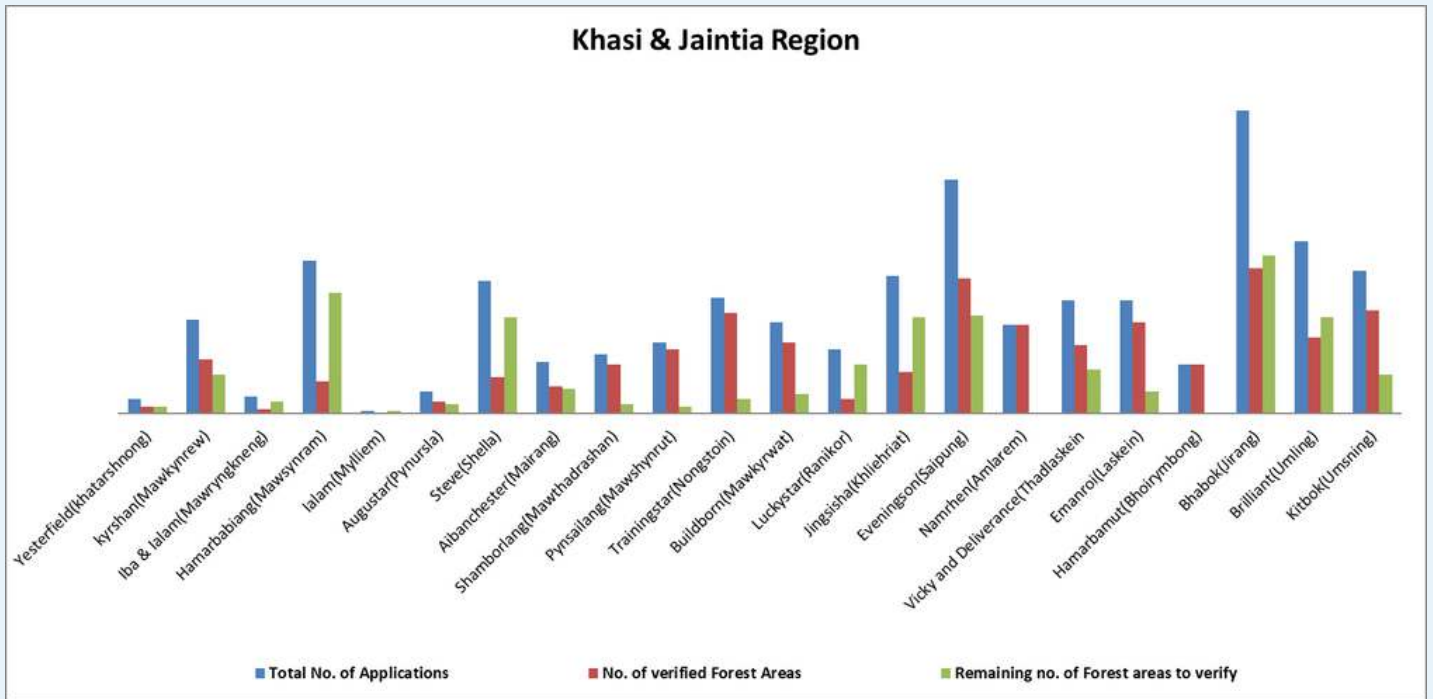


PES verification at Mawtharap village

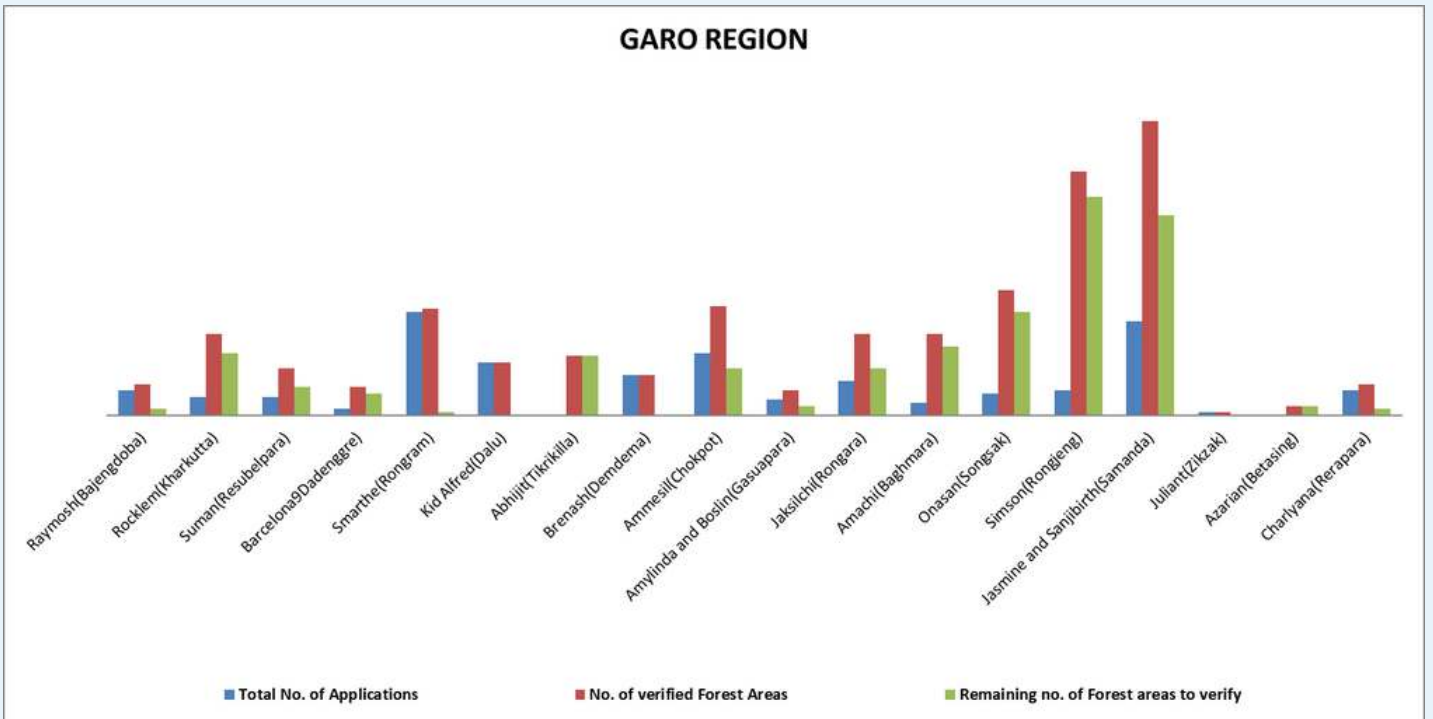


PES verification at Umblai village

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For the Khasi-Jaintia Region the number of application received in Phase 2 (batch 2) is 911, of which total verification/boundary mapping completed by VCF's/GFA's is 518 and remaining to be verify is 393 (as of 13th July 2023).



For the Garo Region the number of application received in Phase 2 (batch 1) is 464, of which total verification/boundary mapping completed by VCF's/GFA's is 197 and remaining to be verify is 267(as of 13th July 2023).

Bridging the Gap: Think Tanks and Policymakers Unite at the Think20 Conference



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) as the Think20 (T20) Secretariat under India's G20 Presidency, successfully hosted the Think20 Conference titled "Nature Solves: A New Framework for Our Sustainable Future" in Shillong from July 5–7, 2023. The official engagement group of the G20, Think20 (T20) brought together think tanks and high-level experts to address policy issues relevant to the G20.

Over the course of three days, the conference convened domestic and international stakeholders with the aim of developing solutions for promoting a Nature-Positive Transition in India and other participating countries, with the potential for replication worldwide. Policymakers, academicians, bureaucrats, and experts from multilateral agencies representing 14 G20 countries, including ADB, World Bank, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, and TIPS, gathered on a common platform to exchange ideas and collaborate on complex local and global challenges.

Topics discussed included green growth, climate finance, nature-based solutions for climate action, and the interplay with green transitions and the future of work. With participation from over 60 speakers from various countries, the conference generated insightful discussions and recommendations that will contribute to the finalization of the "Meghalaya Manifesto," a policy framework for Nature-Positive solutions to combat climate change.



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In addition to engaging with leading community-led climate resilient initiatives, international delegates and speakers had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Meghalaya's rich cultural showcases, arts and crafts, and local cuisine.

For more information about the conference please visit the official website at: [<https://t20ind.org/event/nature-solves-a-new-framework-for-our-sustainable-future/>]
(<https://t20ind.org/event/nature-solves-a-new-framework-for-our-sustainable-future/>).



Scan the QR Code below to watch the video of the Think20 Conference



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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.



Lifting of 3000 saplings by Mawjatap
VPIC



Kremlymbit, Pashang
VPIC



Wahpipa, Umsning Block lifted 3600
saplings from Marngar Nursery



Plantation at Weibthuh,
Mawsir Village



Lifted seedlings from Samgong



Plantation site at Mawsir village

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Plantation at Pomlahier village, EKH.



Plantation at Mawjatap village, EKH



Plantation going on at Sanaro village



Plantation at Siangkhnai village, EKH



Anogre plantation at Shri. Singbath Marak and Smt. Gemjoni Marak's plot.



Lifting of saplings from Soil Nursery for Silsekgre, Renchagre and Derikgre

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Plantation at Tlangpui village,
Saipung Block



Plantation at kut
village, EKH



AR model: Plantation at
Daistong and Saipung
villages



Plantation at Tuidam Village,
Saipung Block



Plantation at
Laitdombah Village



Planting at Ajasiram
village



Plantation at Saipung Village,
Saipung Block



Lifting of tree saplings by Siangkhnai VPIC
under Mawkyntse Block.

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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.



The Tebisokgre village successfully completed the restoration of their nursery, which had sustained damage from strong winds.



Thapa Dajonggre Community Nursery:
Resubelpara Block



Germination of Terminalia arjuna,
Miktongjeng



Dokasaram Community Nursery

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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.



SALT farm of Shri Balthol Momin and Smt. Prenisha of Tosekgre, Rongram block.



New SALT farm from Dokasaram village: Resubelpara Block



Marsin Ch Sangma's SALT farm, Rongrampara Bajigre village, Dalu block, WGH. One can see that the hedgerow is growing well and the farmer is cultivating seasonal crops like maize and short-term crops like yam

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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.



Rongpetchi Community Hall



Thapa Ragolgre



Rongpetchi



Progress of the construction of community hall at Pdieniadow village

1st phase Community Hall Construction at Kerupara Village, Gambegre Block.



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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 for Dambo-Rongjeng at Songsak Bajar. A total of 24 farmers from Batch 1 villages attended the training.



Natural Farming completed at Songsak Bajar for Dambo-Rongjeng. The farmers show interest in different techniques of Natural farming.



VPIC Meet at Zikzak Block SWGH



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(INR)

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



Site Electrification conducted by the Green Energy team at Cham Cham Village, Khliehriat block, East Jaintia Hills for the purpose of Eco-tourism lighting.



Site supervision for civil works at Ja-ir, Ri bhoi district.



Site verification and electrification at Photdei village, Mawkyrwat block, South West Khasi Hills District.

INSTALLATION OF HYDROGER



Hydroger Installation at Matcha Awe, Rongara Block, South Garo Hills District.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



Had an Interaction with VPIC members about Aroma Mission in Pawphlang, Mawkyrwat SWKH.



A meeting was conducted by the Bio-Resource team at Kenbah Malai, Mawsynram block, East Khasi Hills, with the farmers from Mawkasain, Mawrapat, Mawsawa for the purpose of providing awareness on the cultivation of MAPs.

CM's Visit to Byrwa

Byrwa village in the captivating Ri Bhoi district witnessed a momentous occasion on 07.07.23 as Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, along with esteemed officials, graced the village with their presence. Joining the Chief Minister were Smt Isawanda Laloo IAS (ED MBMA), Smt. Magdalene Sawkmie (MDC, Umsning), Shri Arpit Upadhyay IAS (Deputy Commissioner Nongpoh, Ri Bhoi District), Shri. DB Gunanka, IFS (Executive Director INR), and an esteemed gathering of farmers and entrepreneurs.



During his visit, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma personally engaged with the hardworking farmers, listening to their experiences, challenges, and success stories. It was truly inspiring to witness the passion and dedication these farmers have towards their craft.

The Chief Minister expressed his admiration for their efforts in harnessing the potential of aromatic plants and encouraged them to continue their journey towards self-sufficiency and prosperity. He assured them of the government's unwavering support in providing necessary resources, infrastructure, and market linkages to help them thrive in this sector. This visit to Byrwa village highlights the government's commitment to sustainable development and the well-being of our rural communities. By promoting initiatives like the Megh Aroma Mission, we are not only creating livelihood opportunities but also preserving our environment for future generations.

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RURAL FINANCE



On 6th July 2023, the Inaugural General Meetings (IGMs) were conducted in Mawlyntriang village for Mawlyntriang IVCS and in Rikhen village for Rikhen IVCS under the Mairang block EWKH.



Multiple awareness programs on the formation of new Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) were conducted in different villages. On 5th July 2023, an awareness program took place in Wahsynon Village, Jirang Block. On 6th July 2023, another program was held in Mynnar Jirang village, also in Jirang Block. Additionally, on 8th July 2023, an awareness program was conducted in Mawkangi village, Umling Block. The Secretary of Nongkhrah IVCS played a supportive role by providing awareness and knowledge about IVCS in all three villages.

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On July 11, 2023, the Collective Marketing Centre was inaugurated at Mukhla Nongrim IVCs Ltd in Thadlaskein Block. The event was attended by Shri Wailadmi Shylla MLA, Shri A.S. Suting (Deputy Project Director of MLAMP), officials from DPMU Jowai, the local headman, managing committee members, and members of Mukhla Nongrim IVCs Ltd. The CMC will sell fertilizers, pesticides, poultry feeds, and piggery feeds.

IVCS Custom Hiring Centre Empowers Farmers with Subsidized Agri Tools, Boosting Membership and Reducing Costs

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