

28th June 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)



MCLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



On June 21, 2023, the Arghyam Team visited Mawdngung VNRMC, which falls under the Sohiong Block. The purpose of the visit was to understand the implementation process of CLLMP from the communities, the bottlenecks faced, the aspirations of the communities, and the way forward.

A site visit inspection was also conducted at the completed check dam, along with the plantations, the spring chamber, a community nursery, and the Seed Bank collection center.

The program concluded with a one-to-one interaction with all the members present.



On June 27, the Field Engineers and GIS travelled to Kmawanrum VNRMC to verify the site at Rymphet Lawkyntang for the implementation of a Traditional Museum to preserve the successful stories and traditional crafts of Kmawanrum. They also had a discussion about implementing other interventions to promote and preserve the richness of the surrounding areas, keep track of the ongoing Training Hall of Kmawanrum, and implement all other plans as estimated

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On June 27, 2023, the KM team visited Tyrsad Umkseh village in Mawphlang Block to conduct a site inspection in order to gather data for a case study and site visits.



Ri-Bhoi



On June 23rd, 2023, DPM Ri-Bhoi visited the Amjong Sub-centre under Umsning Block and the Marmain sub-centre under Umling Block. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a meeting with health workers to verify the sites required for the installation of AWS . The same activity wal also carries out by Assistant Manager (M&E)was carried at Mawrong PHC and Umsawlung Sub-centre



South West Khasi Hills

Recreation Forest Construction: The construction of a recreation forest has been completed at Mawthong village under Mawkyrwat block. The recreation forest provides a green space for the community, offering opportunities for leisure activities, nature appreciation, and environmental education. The completion of the recreation forest adds to the overall enhancement of the site's amenities and promotes the well-being of the local residents.



Permanent Nursery Construction: The construction of the permanent nursery in Mawthong is currently underway. Despite encountering challenges due to heavy rainfall, the construction work is progressing, albeit at a slower pace. The construction team has demonstrated dedication and resilience by continuing their efforts despite adverse weather conditions.



Check Dam at Krem Tara: The construction of the check dam at Krem Tara has been successfully completed. The check dam serves as a crucial infrastructure to regulate water flow and control erosion. Its completion signifies a significant milestone in enhancing water management and conservation in the area.



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Vermicomposting: The vermicomposting project has been implemented at Mawthong village, indicating a positive step toward sustainable waste management. The necessary infrastructure and setup for vermicomposting have been completed. However, the introduction of earthworms to the setup is pending. Once the earthworms are introduced, the vermicomposting process will be fully functional and contribute to organic waste recycling.



During the site inspection in Nonsynrieh Village, a boulder bund was observed, serving the purpose of erosion control, water diversion, and stability. Significant land development through plantation efforts has also taken place, targeting various areas to enhance the landscape and address environmental concerns. Notably, an overpass construction project is underway in the village to connect two hills.

DPMU team visited Nongsynrieh for selecting an AWS site. Chosen site: Nongsynrieh sub centre, strategically positioned with easy accessibility for accurate weather data collection. Site assessment: Favorable accessibility, secure premises, unobstructed visibility, and availability of power and communication infrastructure.



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Garo Hills



On June 22, 2023, DPMU Team visited Dollongre VNRMC under Rongram Block and held a meeting with Community members to address the issue regarding Forest Management Plan (FMP) work and other pending activities. The community and the VNRMC members together agreed to start the work.



On June 21, 2023, Deputy Manager-EM and Assistant Manager-Social visited Agin Darenggre and Chandapara to inspect ongoing and completed activities in both villages. A meeting was also held in Chandapara to discuss the Forest Management Plan and other activities.

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North Garo Hills



The Ronggopgre, Rem Songgital, and Dandakol VNRMC members planted saplings in their reserve forest. Nearly all of the VNRMCs are planting trees in their villages because they are required to do so in order to cover areas that lack trees, such as reserve forests and catchment areas. The community is taking the initiative to work together to prevent soil erosion, bring about climate change, and conserve water for the future because they are aware of the advantages of afforestation.



Eastern West Khasi Hills



A Consultative Meeting was held on June 23, 2023, at Umkrem and Markasa in Mawthadraishan C&RD Block, EWKHD, to discuss Meghalaya's 'Climate Emergency and Green Growth Framework' with community leaders and women representatives. Ms. Karuna Nundy, a leading advocate at the Supreme Court of India, and her team were engaged by the Government to develop this framework and conducted consultations to gather information. The meeting included interactive sessions with VNRMC Umkrem and Markasa, where good practices, challenges, and issues related to natural resource management were discussed, emphasizing the empowerment of women in decision-making and promoting social change within the villages.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On June 23, 2023, GFA Charlyana Tengchi R. Marak organized an awareness program at Kimbokgre village in SWGH. During the program, two applicants showed interest in applying for the scheme.

On June 23, 2023, at Thangshalai village in the Mawryngkneng Block, a program was conducted by GFA Ialamphrang Kharbteng to raise awareness about the PES scheme, which included a briefing session with E.C. Members and the sordar.



On June 27th, 2023, GFA Juliant G Momin visited Aking Nokma of Siju Damik A. Successful meeting held with residents regarding Wildlife Sanctuaries & forest reserve registration of 3,300 Bighas. Interest shown in PES scheme. Distributed two forms to residents.

On June 28, 2023, an awareness program was carried out by GFA Charlyana Tengchi R. Marak in Dopanangre Village (SGH), where two applicants demonstrated interest in participating in the scheme.



Headman & secretary of Lumrit village



Headman and secretary of Mawkisyiem dorbar shnong

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Headman of Mawpen village.



Headman of Mawryngkneng village.



Rangbah dong Mission of Mawryngkneng village.



Rangbah Dong of Jaroit village



Forest owner of Mongalgre village



Forest owner of Mawmang village



Collected MOU from the beneficiary of Pomblang village



Collect MOU at Bataw and Lumshnong village

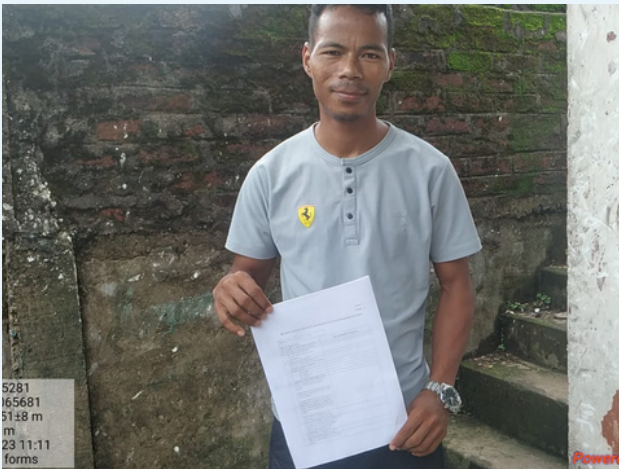
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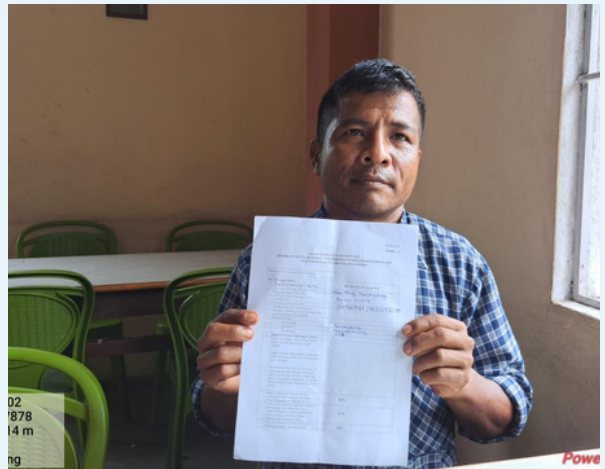
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Collected MOU at Tallingre village.



Collected MOU at Nongjaiaw village.



Collected MOU at Mawionsung village.



Collected MOU at Damit Aga Matchakolhre village



Collected MOU at Chigitchakgre village



Collected MOU at Asingre Nokma village



Collected MOU at Laitshuthim and Nongblai village

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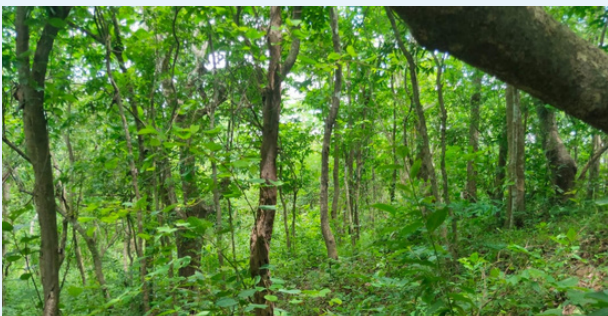
PES verification at Myrjai village.



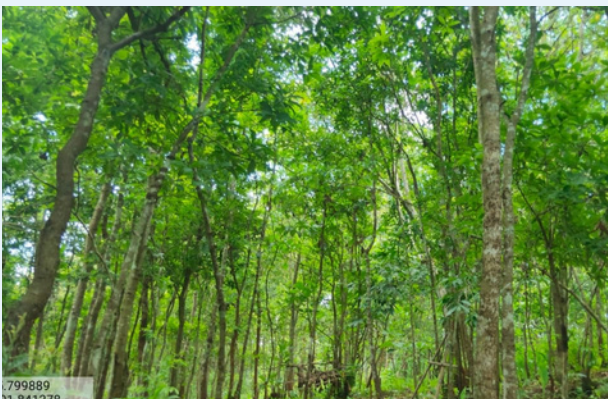
PES verification & boundary mapping at Ritekpara Community Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Amokgre village.



PES Verification at Reni Badimagre community Reserve ,SGH Chokpot



PES verification under Umsning block



PES verification at Rangweng village

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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 today by Mawjatap VPIC



Kremlymbit, Pashang VPIC



Wahpipa, Umsning Block lifted 3600 saplings today from Marngar Nursery.



Plantation at Weibthuh ,Mawsir Village



Lifted seedlings from Samgong



plantation site at Mawsir village

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PLANTATION



Plantation at Pomlahier village, EKH.



Plantation at Mawjatap village, EKH



Plantation going on at Sanaro village. Male and female participate for a day



Plantation at Siangkhnai village, EKH



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



Lifting of saplings from Soil Nursery, Bolong Atimbo Dakopgre and Wegara 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, EWKH



Planting at Ajasiram
village started but halted
due to heavy rain.



Plantation at Saipung
Village, Saipung Block



Lifting of tree saplings by Siangkhnai
VPIC under Mawkyntew Block. It was
lifted from Silviculture Permanent
Nursery located at Sangmeim Upper
Shillong.

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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.



Tebisokgre village completed repairing their damaged nursery due to wind



Nursery at Mawsir Village



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 community hall at Pdieniadaw village, Thadlaskein Block

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. The total of 24 farmers from Batch 1 villages attended the training.



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



VPIC Meet at Zikzak Block SWGH



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)

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



Site inspection at Moothlongrim village Laskein Block, WJH district and follow up for electrification works, putting up sign board and UC submission.

Site Electrification for Community Hall Lighting at Pomshutia, Pynursla Block, EKH district.



CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



A site visit inspection was conducted at the completed check dam, along with extracting data from rain guage at Khlieh Umtrew, Umsning, Ri Bhoi district.

CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)



Bio-Resource team visited Khliehmawlieh village, under Nongstoin block, WKH district for Monitoring of geranium plantation and Installation of portable Field Distillation Unit (FDU) to farmers of Marngar group.



The Bio-Resource team conducted an interactive Awareness programme cum site feasibility inspection at Barato Village, Laskein block, WJH district to promote the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic plants.



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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

ISC & ED



On June 26, 2023, a Multi-Stakeholder Platform was conducted at Dombo Rongjeong Block, East Garo Hills, under the ISC & ED component of MLAMP. The program focused on the piggery value chain and involved active participation from Producers Group, Service Providers, and Traders. The program focused on the piggery value chain and featured speeches by Dr. Tara Sangma, an AH&Vety Officer, and Shri Lingdo Marak, a Master Trainer. Topics discussed included breeding management, care for piglets, and productivity enhancement. Producers actively participated, addressing constraints in pig farming.



On June 20, 2023, a Multi-Stakeholder Platform was held at Tyllilang IVCS in Myriaw Village, South West Khasi Hills District. The event involved the identification of Service Providers (SP) who can contribute to the progress of the community.

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ISC & ED

On June 27, 2023, a Multi-Stakeholder Platform was held at Mangsang Bamil Community Hall, Dambo Rongjeng Block, East Garo Hills, focusing on the Rice value chain. The platform aimed to address challenges in paddy cultivation and promote sustainable practices.



Shri Nathan Shadap, the District Agriculture Officer (DAO), discussed issues in paddy cultivation and the rice value chain, including insights on obtaining Organic farming certification. Shri Hirok K Sangma, the Agriculture Development Officer (ADO), highlighted recommended cultivation practices and the benefits of crop insurance.

Smt. Cheana S Sangma, the Block Technology Manager (BTM), shared knowledge on the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and the advantages of Paddy cum Fish culture, promoting sustainable and integrated farming practices. Shri Paul D Sangma, a Trader/Progressive farmer, shared his experiences and expertise in paddy cultivation.



On June 27, 2023, a Workshop-cum-Meeting took place at the PRIME Hub in Umdihar, focusing on the pineapple-producing Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) of Ri Bhoi District. The workshop was attended by Sir A. Suting, DPD, MLAMP, and Ms. Varsha, a Consultant from NISG.

The primary topic of discussion was the establishment of a pineapple processing unit, specifically an Individual Quick Freezing (IQF) facility, in Umdihar.

The plan involved a partnership between EARMACS and Umdihar IVCS Ltd., along with other pineapple-producing IVCS in the district.

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RURAL FINANCE



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 awareness program on IVCS formation phase III at Rangblang village



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Awareness programs on the formation of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under Phase III were conducted in different villages.

One such program took place at Kyrдум village under Mawshynrut C & RD Block, WKH on June 20, 2023. Similarly, an awareness program was held at Bansamgre village in Samanda block, East Garo Hills District on June 21, 2023. Officials from the Corporation Department and MLAMP Staff organized another awareness program at Rangblang Sohnyiang village on June 24, 2023.

Furthermore, an awareness program on the formation of IVCS under Phase III was conducted at Jongksha Village under Mawkynrew C&RD Block, with Shri. Pikar Kurbah serving as the Resource Person, on June 27, 2023. These initiatives aimed to engage the community and promote the establishment of IVCS for socio-economic development.

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RURAL FINANCE



On June 20, 2023, a workshop on Credit Linkage for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was held at the PRIME Hub in Umdihar, Ri Bhoi District. The workshop specifically targeted the members of the Managing Committees of IVCS under Ri Bhoi.

Officials from the Office of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies (ARCS), Ri Bhoi District, delivered the key note

address, emphasizing the significance of Credit Linkage. Representatives from the MCAB (Meghalaya Cooperative Apex Bank) also addressed the participants, providing insights into the various products and services offered by the bank. During the interaction session, officials addressed queries related to the processes and criteria for availing the services and products.



An Inaugural General Meeting was conducted by the South West Khasi Hills District SRCS, along with MLAMP staff, at Mawjai, Warsanlyngdoh IVCS on June 21, 2023. Similarly, an Inaugural General Meeting (IGM) was held for Nongrmai IVCS, located under Mairang Block in the Eastern West Khasi Hills District, on June 27, 2023.

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT**OTHERS**

Officials from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) conducted a field visit to Umwang Pyllun IVCS Ltd., Ri Bhoi District.



On June 26, 2023, officials from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) visited the Diengkynthong IVCS at the Prime Hub. The purpose of their visit was to engage in discussions and interactions with the members of the cooperative.

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