

4th October 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)



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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



Ri Bhoi



On September 26, accounts team visited Tdoh Umsiang and Kdohhati in Umsing Block. Firstly, they collected UCs related to the Forest Management Plan, likely documenting resource usage or services provided. Secondly, the team focused on the maintenance and updating of financial accounts, ensuring accuracy and transparency in financial management for these areas.

These activities underscore the significance of proper financial management in the context of resource utilization and environmental initiatives within Umsing Block.



On September 30, 2023, DPM Ri-Bhoi conducted inspections in the following villages under the Umling block for specific purposes: Saiden & Quinine Village: The visit aimed to check the condition and content of information boards in these villages. Information boards are essential for communicating important updates to the local community. Mawdiangum Village: The purpose of this visit was to assess the progress of the construction of an NRM (Natural Resource Management) library. Such a library is seen as a unique intervention that can benefit the community by providing resources and information related to sustainable resource management.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



DPM-Ri-Bhoi conducted a follow-up visit on September 29th, following a meeting with key stakeholders from Mawpun VNRMC in Bhoiryembong Block. During the visit, the DPM found that the work in Mawpun VNRMC had been successfully completed, and an information board had been installed. Additionally, DPM visited Nongtraw Village, which falls under the catalytic funds project in the same block. In Nongtraw Village, the work was reported as completed, with the only pending task being the installation of a signboard, which was still in progress. These visits reflect the DPM's proactive approach to monitoring and ensuring the progress of various projects in Ri-Bhoi District, with a focus on timely completion and effective communication through signage.



The District Project Manager and their PA EM met with the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Jirang Block to secure space for an automated weather system. After discussion, the BDO agreed and offered storage space. This agreement enhances the community's weather system installation.

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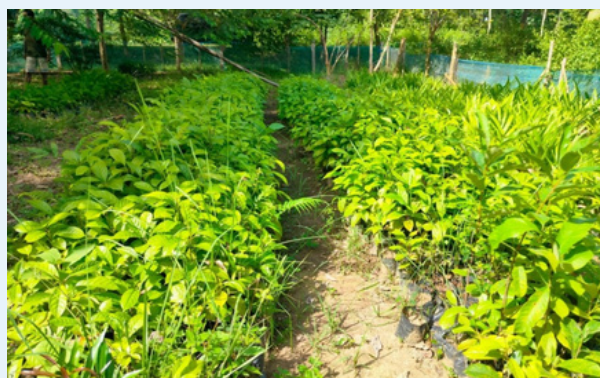
DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



On September 28, 2023, the DPMU team, led by the District Project Manager, toured various VNRMCs in Jirang Block with interns for practical experience in CLLMP. Highlights include assessing vermicompost production, inspecting the FMP Nursery, visiting intervention sites, and ensuring proper fund utilization. The tour demonstrates commitment to supporting sustainability in Jirang Block.



North Garo Hills



On September 29th, a joint field visit took place in Ronggopgre Songma, involving a team from both the DPMU and SPMU. Shri. Jyswill K.R.L Nongpui, Manager of Environment Management, was present during the visit. The teams explored various sites and engaged in conversations with the local villagers regarding the management of interventions, such as agroforestry, afforestation, check dams, spring chambers, and community nurseries. The villagers expressed their willingness to cooperate and take necessary actions to maintain the intervention sites based on the discussions held during the visit.

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DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



South West Garo Hills



On September 28, a General Meeting was held with the community members and VNRMC Committee members to confirm and kickstart the site for constructing the Community Hall in Songma Gittim. The meeting encompassed the signing of the MOA and discussions regarding the ownership of the Community Hall.



East Khasi Hills



On September 29, 2023, the Knowledge Management team, GIS team, DPM, Environment team, and Event Management team conducted a field trip to Saw Symper. The purpose of the trip was to capture video footage and conduct a survey of the designated location for an upcoming program or event.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On September 28, 2023, a site inspection was carried out by GFA Kitborlang Madur in Pamlaban village.



On September 30, 2023, GFA Kitborlang Madur led a training session for GV (Green Volunteers) on PES verification in Umsning Block.

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).



Khliehriat Block.



Bhoirymbong Block.



Rongram Block.



Mawkyntew Block.



Resubelpara Block.



Baghmara Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



Resubelpara Block



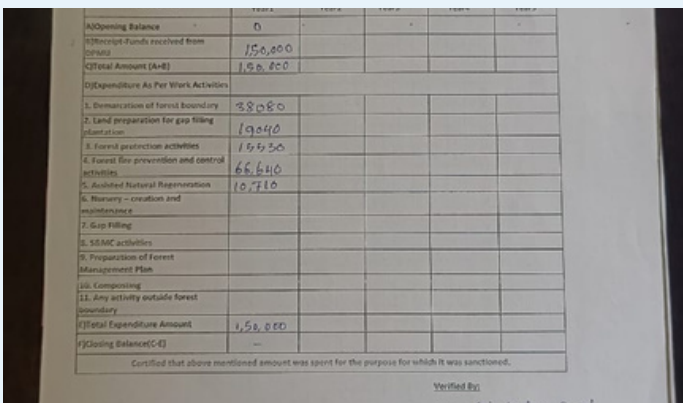
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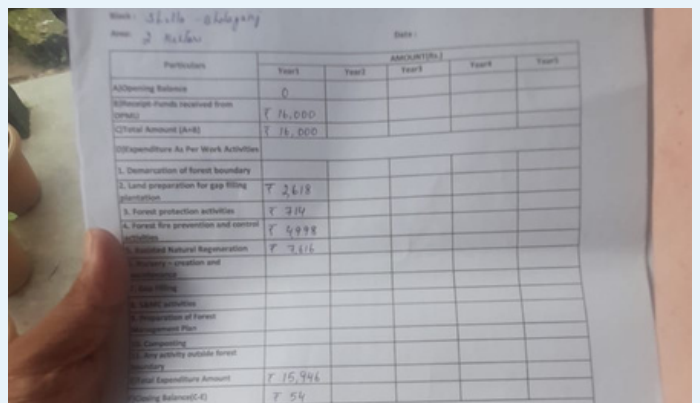
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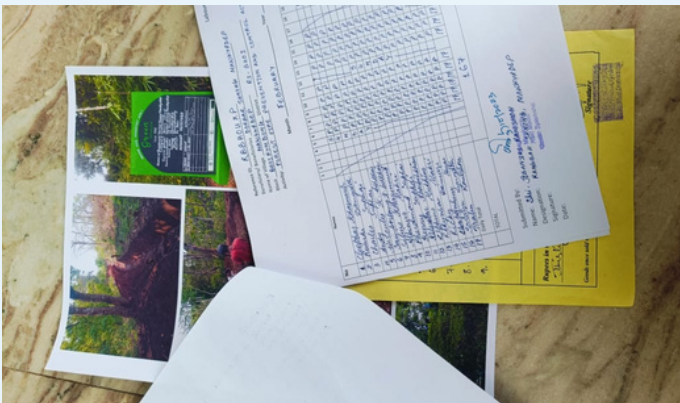
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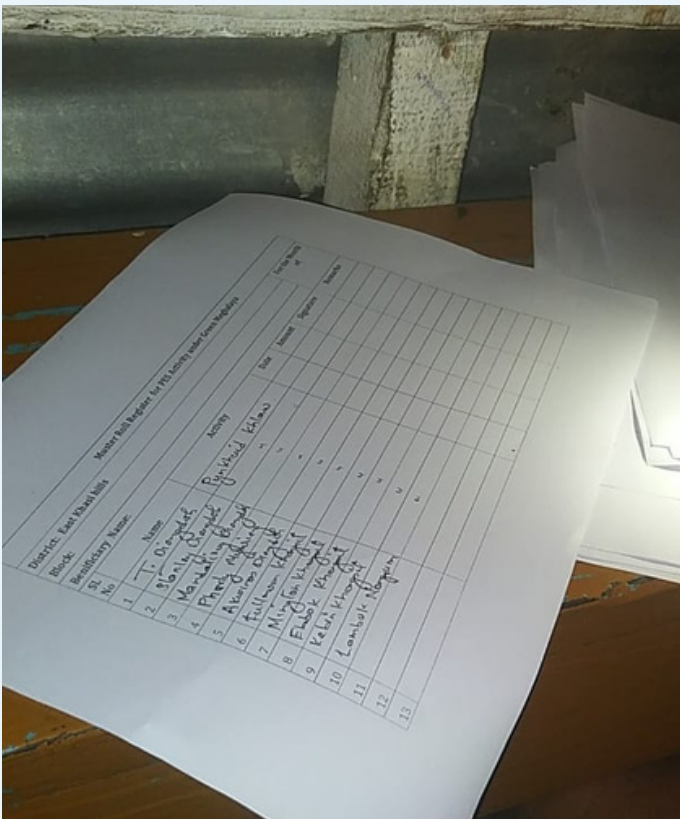
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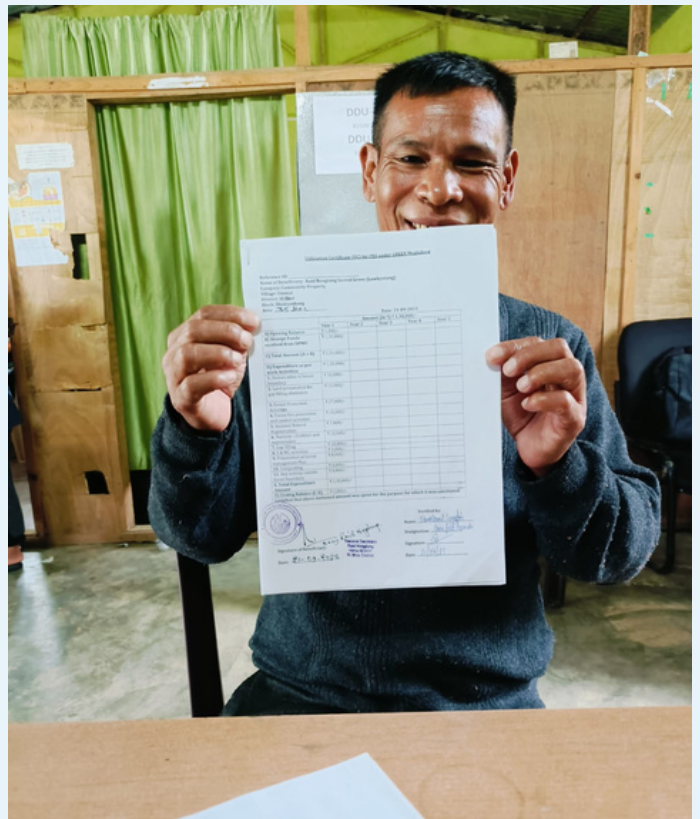
Bhoirymbong Block.



Samanda Block.



Khatarshnong Block.



Bhoirymbong Block.

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Verification and Boundary Mapping



PES verification and boundary mapping at Jelbongpara Reserve



On September 28, 2023, PES verification was completed in Rakmanpara B village.



PES verification at Thapa Ragolgre village.



PES verification at Sokadam Agalgre village.



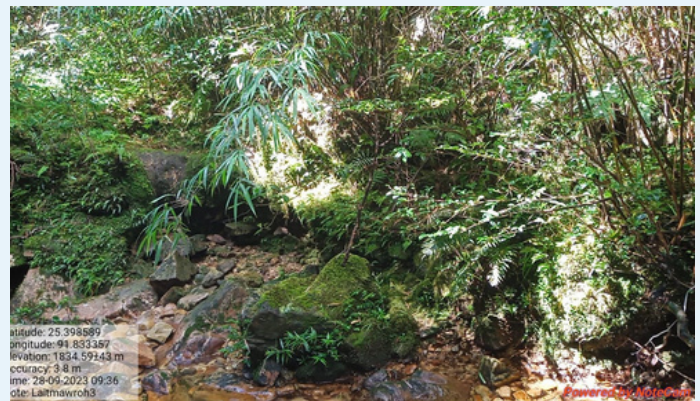
On September 28, 2023, VCFs Rakma Marak, Akilson Momin, and Aiban Sangma verified the PES of Malchibin Areng, Hawat Sangma, Dalsang Sangma, Jenibirth Sangma, and Sengchang Sangma.



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Jelbongpara Community Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Laitmawroh village.



PES verification at Mawpon Myrkhew village.



PES verification at Pedaldoba Rabha village.



PES verification at Sonamite village.



PES verification at Wari Mandal village.



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PES verification at Nengitchakgre Reserve and Wari mandal village.



PES verification at Mawroh village.

PES verification at Mawshang village.



PES verification for Imsambal and Werison Momin's Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Songsak Agalgre Community reserve.

PES verification at Upper Chisikgre village.

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Pes verification at Dandarigri village.



PES verification at Mawrah village.



PES verification at Imbanggi village.



PES verification for Kraidistar and Kelbirth's Forest Reserve.



PES verification at Kraikojam village.



PES verification at Skagre Community Reserve.

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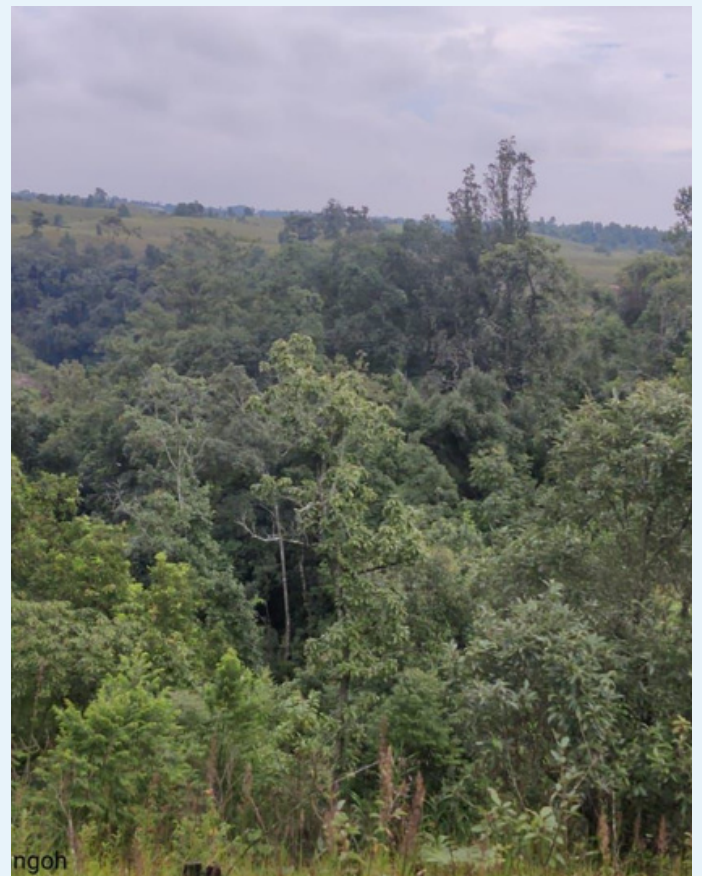
PES verification at Rongap Songgital village.



PES verification at Dinamingre village.



PES verification at Lympung Markhap village.



PES verification at Khlieh Rangnah village.

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(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 are currently underway.

South Garo Hills



Citronella plantation in Agrengittim village.



Pre-survey for the 2024 plantation in Gare Nengjabing village.



Second weeding in Bolchugre village.

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South West Khasi Hills



On September 29, 2023 Bansuklang Syiem held a meeting with VPICs under Mawkyrwat Block, South West Khasi Hills to discuss the 2024 plantation area.

East Khasi Hills



On September 29, 2023 Darity Khongthaw held a meeting with VPICs under Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills to discuss the 2024 plantation area.



On September 29, 2023 Ilene M Paila held a meeting with VPICs under Mawkyrnrew Block, East Khasi Hills to discuss the 2024 plantation area.

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Eastern West Khasi Hills



On September 29, 2023 Daffica Bakordor Khongstia held a meeting with VPICs from Mairang Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills to discuss the 2024 plantation area.

Ri Bhoi



On September 29, 2023 Pynshaibor Nongsiej held a meeting with VPICs from Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi Distict to discuss the 2024 plantation area.



Second weeding at Umshit village.

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Fencing work at Umshit village.

 **East Garo Hills**



On September 29, 2023 Raisabao A Momin held a meeting VPICs from Simseng cluster to discuss the 2024 plantation area.



Second weeding at Thaugittim village.

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West Garo Hills



On September 29, 2023, Raisabao A Momin held a meeting with VPICs from Gambegre Block to discuss the 2024 plantation area.



Second weeding at Sandongpara VPIC.



Second weeding at Kopogre village.



Second weeding at Abendagre village.

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On September 30, 2023, Raisabao A Momin held a meeting with VPICs from Rongram Block to discuss the 2024 plantatation area.



Second weeding & ring cleaning at Manggakgre village.



Rencha Apal village.

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Second weeding at Abendagre village.



Second weeding at Anogre Rongram village.



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Second weeding at Mejlgre Nokat village.

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North Garo Hills



On September 30, 2023, NGO staff visited the Agroforestry in Khaldang Tunaturam (Agitok) village.



Second weeding at Khaldang Tunaturam (Agitok) village.

On October 2, 2023, Parsist K Marak held a meeting with VPICs from Bangsi Minol village to discuss the 2024 plantation area.

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West Jaintia Hills



On September 30, 2023, Balentina T Lamare held a meeting with VPICs from Gambegre Block to discuss the 2024 plantation area.

East Jaintia Hills

Ongoing 2024 pre-survey for plantation in Lura and Tlangpui villages.



Lura village.



Tlangpui village.

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COMMUNITY NURSERY

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

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Mejolgre Nokat village.



Miktongjeng village.



Simseng wale village.



Mejolgre Nokat village.

East Jaintia Hills



Daistong village.



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West Garo Hills



Dorenggre village.



Rajinpara village.



Nalnpara village.



Danal Nokat village.

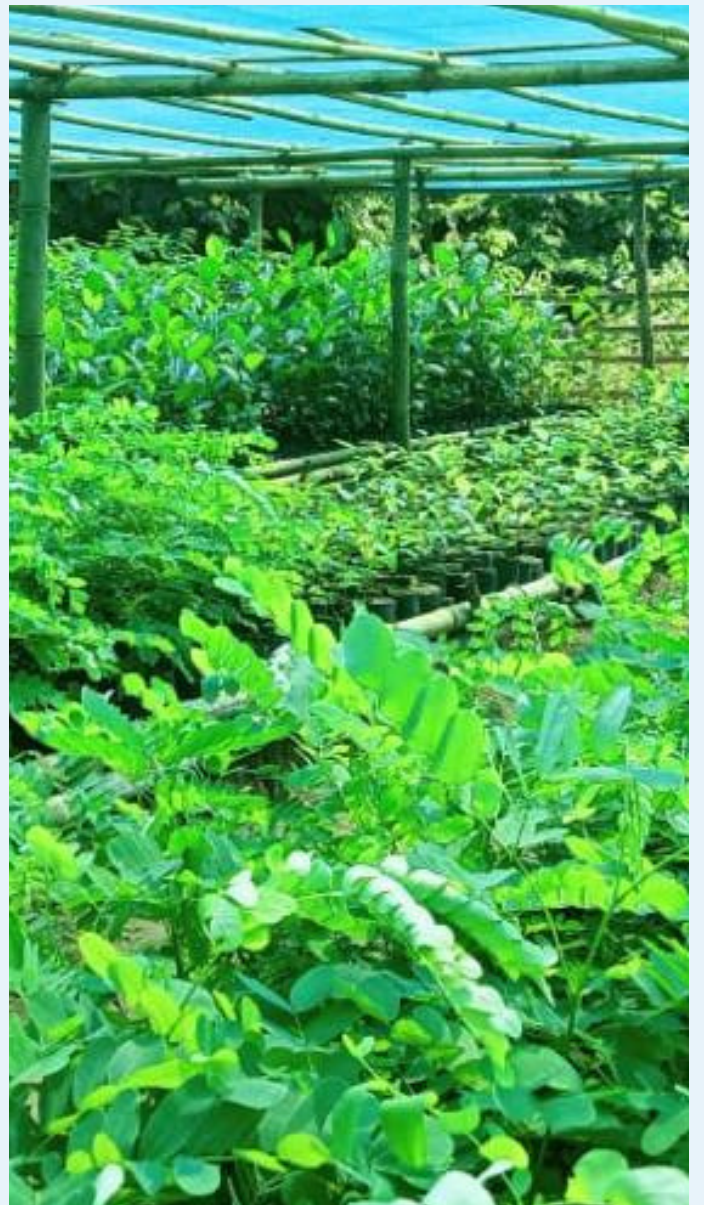
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Thapa Dangre village.

 **South Garo Hills**



Dobakol Chengalgitim village.

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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.



North Garo Hills



SALT Farm of Mr. Phillip Sangma from Bolchugre village.



West Garo Hills



SALT Farm of Mr. Enter Ch. Momin from Rajinpara village.

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SALT Farm of Mr. Tricebirth from Rajinpara village.



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SALT farm at Gitokgre village.

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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.

West Garo Hills



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Anogre Rongram village.



Adugre village.



Dogeggipuram village.

Ri Bhoi



Niangdai village.

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PLUP And Microplanning Exercises

On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 village: On October 2, 2023, PLUP & Micro Plan field exercises were completed in Chisrengre village (Chokpot Block, South Garo Hills District) and Shallang Sohbar-A village (Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills District).



Chisrengre village.



Sohbar-A village.

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MIS and Procurement Training

A 4-day residential training program for MegLIFE Village Community Facilitators in West Garo Hills, focused on accounting, record-keeping, MIS, and community procurement, concluded successfully on September 29, 2023.



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Soil and water Conservation



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A spring-tapped chamber in Sisogre village.



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CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)

Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

East Khasi Hills District



Demonstration on the propagation of geranium at Laitniangtlong village, specifically *Pelargonium* species commonly known as geraniums, can be done through methods including seeds, stem cuttings, and division.



Field visit at Wahlang village, for site feasibility and mapping for the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.

East West Khasi Hills District





Demonstration for trimming and follow up the plantations and Nursery of Geranium, Lavender, Sweet Basil and Tulsi at Nongshillong, Umkrem and Mawphanlur, Mawthadrishan Block,



 **West Jaintia Hills District**

Field Monitoring to new plantation sites at Khliehrangnah Village

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

Site Verification and Electrification works conducted by the Green Energy team under the Decentralized Green Energy Development Project

North Garo Hills District



Site Inspection conducted by DDM of NABARD at Hydroger site at Ronggopgre village, Bajengdoba Block, North Garo Hills.

East West Khasi Hills District



Site Electrification and Verification Work at Nongthliew Village Mairang Block,

 **South West Khasi Hills District**



Hydroger Installation at Rangmaw Village , Mawkyrwat Block,



Site Electrification Work cum Installation of Street Lighting at Mawthawpdah village Mawkyrwat Block,

 **East Khasi Hills District**



Site Electrification Work For Community Hall Lighting at Wahumlien Village, Pynursla Block,

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In September 2023, a series of Multi Stakeholders Platform programs were conducted in various locations. These programs aimed to raise awareness and mobilize members, shareholders, savers, and loans for IVCS activities. The locations included Nayapara Village (Koltapara IVCS), NWE Rangasora IVCS, Old Moilam IVCS, and Phlangdiloin IVCS, each focusing on different aspects of IVCS operations and community involvement.



September 26th to 27th, 2023: Dr. O.N. Tiwari, Principal Scientist & PI of a D.S.T Project in the Division of Microbiology at ICAR, New Delhi, conducted a two-day training and demonstration on crop-based biofertilizers. This informative event took place at MAMETI in Upper Shillong.

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Farmers' Field School Training on Off Season Vegetables, Apiculture, Bio-fertilizers and Black pepper cultivation across the Districts.



Nayapara village, Koltapara IVCS.



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Nongkdait Nongthaw IVCS.



Lower Rajapara IVCS.



Old Moilam IVCS.



Namdong A IVCS.



Kremmysiang IVCS.



Mawpud IVCS.



Wahsohlait IVCS.

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On September 28, 2023, a district review meeting took place at the DPMU-Training hall in West Jaintia Hills. This meeting aimed to engage group facilitators and provide orientation on the collection of utilization certificates.



25th September 2023: Workshop cum review meeting was organized for Service Providers by the Megha LAMP Team, DPMU, South West Khasi Hills District. The focus of this event was on livestock, and the resource persons were experts from the Veterinary Department.

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On September 27, 2023, a visit was made to Sodorkora and Khasiadop IVCS to collect Utilization Certificates (UCs) for Producer Groups, assess Collective Marketing Centre's working capital, settle the Farmers' Field School training, provide assistance to the Service Providers with report writing, and follow up on IVCS activities.



On September 3, 2023, Smt. Shienta Kharryngki, a member of Iatreilang Producer Group from Shilliang Dongki Village, was selected for an Azolla cultivation demonstration facilitated by Mawphlang EFC and conducted by ATMA, Sohiong, East Khasi Hills.

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FOCUS: Farmers Collectivization For Upscaling Production and Marketing System.



27th September 2023: Visit and Follow up to Tiewjapang and Deitylang Producer Groups from Umsawmat and Laitjem Villages, East Khasi Hills, respectively.

RURAL FINANCE



Several Special General Meetings were held in different locations. On September 26th, Laitlyndop IVCS gathered to discuss Bye Law amendments, followed by Khrang IVCS on the 27th for a similar purpose. On the 29th, Mawthlong Mynsain IVCS held a meeting to adopt PAC's Bye Laws, with the presence of Smt. Lakiang, Circle Officer ARCS. Concurrently, Swer IVCS also met on the same day to discuss amendments to their Bye Laws.

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RURAL FINANCE



A five -day Orientation and Training on Book Keeping was held at R.R. Colony Community Hall in Rynjah, Shillong, East Khasi Hills, for newly registered IVCS office bearers under Phase III.



October 2, 2023: Field visit and meeting with Shri. A.S. Suting, Deputy Project Director, MeghaLAM Project, EFC Laitkroh, Sohrarim Dorbar Shnong, and Sohrarim IVCS to discuss the establishment of a cafe and homestay for tourism in Sohrarim Village.

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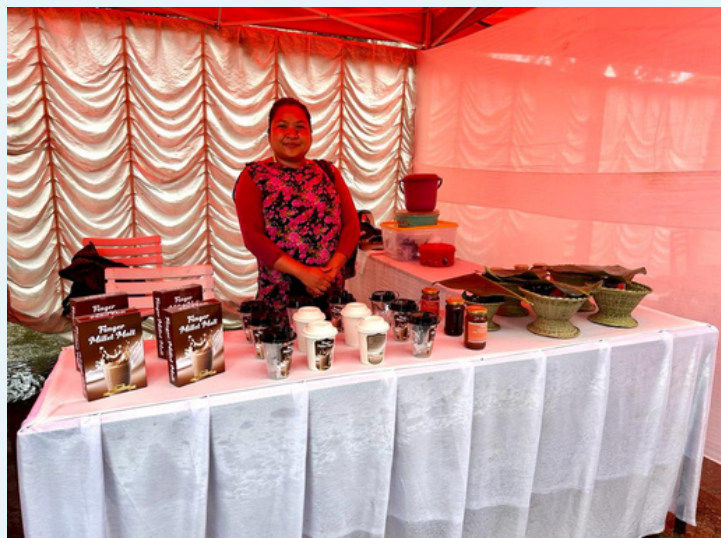
26th September, 2023: Visit to Mookyniang IVCS for verification of books of accounts, which included shares, savings, loan records, and cash balances.



3rd October 2023: Inquiry and IGM at Pynter Village for Pynter IVCS.

OTHERS

27th September, 2023: Nongtraw Village's MBDA Stall is on display at the State Central Library as part of a millet workshop and exhibition.



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