

1st November 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 October 27th, the Earth Care team, in collaboration with the SPMU and DPMU teams, embarked on a visit to Mawkyrdep VNRMC, Nongthymmai (Kyrdem), and Umiet, all located in the Bhoirybong Block. The visit commenced with an inspection of intervention sites in Mawkyrdep, focused on natural resource management (NRM) to combat climate change and promote environmental sustainability. They then proceeded to the Stephan Shandap Bee Museum and Training Center to learn about beekeeping and its ecological importance. Their final stop was at Umeit Upper Primary School, where they engaged with students through the seedball initiative. All these activities revolved around NRM, with a strong emphasis on addressing climate change while fostering sustainable livelihoods and environmental conservation. This visit reflects their unwavering dedication to preserving the environment and instilling responsible practices in the communities they visited.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**West Garo Hills**



On October 27, FE and PA- Social Management teams conducted a visit to Upper Bamonpara and Moropgre under Dalu Block and Saka Boldamgre under Gambegre Block to inspect the ongoing CDF activities. During the visit, various instructions were provided to the masons concerning the enhancement of the structures, and environmental concerns related to these structures were also addressed. Additionally, it was decided that additional retaining walls would be constructed in Upper Bamonpara and Saka Boldamgre Cluster Villages. Furthermore, the Field Engineer at Upper Bamonpara took measurements of the pipelines.



**West Khasi Hills**



A General Body meeting was convened at VNRMC Mawruksoin to address the excess utilization of funds under the 75% outlay. Additionally, discussions were held regarding an awareness program on the Community Mobilization on Working Scheme in the village.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**South West Khasi Hills**



PA-EM conducted a field visit to Kshekohmoit to assess the progress of the Forest Management Plan (FMP) and the implementation of the community nursery and spring chamber. Unfortunately, after the MSSAT hearing, no saplings survived in the community nursery. Nevertheless, the VNRMC has taken the initiative to revive the community nursery and has begun the process of rebuilding it.



**West Jaintia Hills**



DPMU conducted an orientation session for the PES (Payment for Ecosystem Services) beneficiaries in Laskein Block.



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On October 27, 2023, an orientation program for PES beneficiaries from batch 2 and batch 3 in the Saipung Block was led by GFA Eveningson Shadap.



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On October 30, 2023, GFA Kid Alfred M Sangma conducted an orientation program for the Dalu and Rongram block at SMELC Tura.



On October 30, 2023, GFA Smarthe G Momin, in collaboration with the DPMU team, conducted an orientation event at SMELC Tura.



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



On October 31, 2023, an orientation program was held for Kharkutta Block beneficiaries at the Dekachang community hall. The program was led by GFA Suman Jakria D Marak.



On October 31, 2023 an orientation program was organized by GFA Deliverance Plain at Laskein Block.

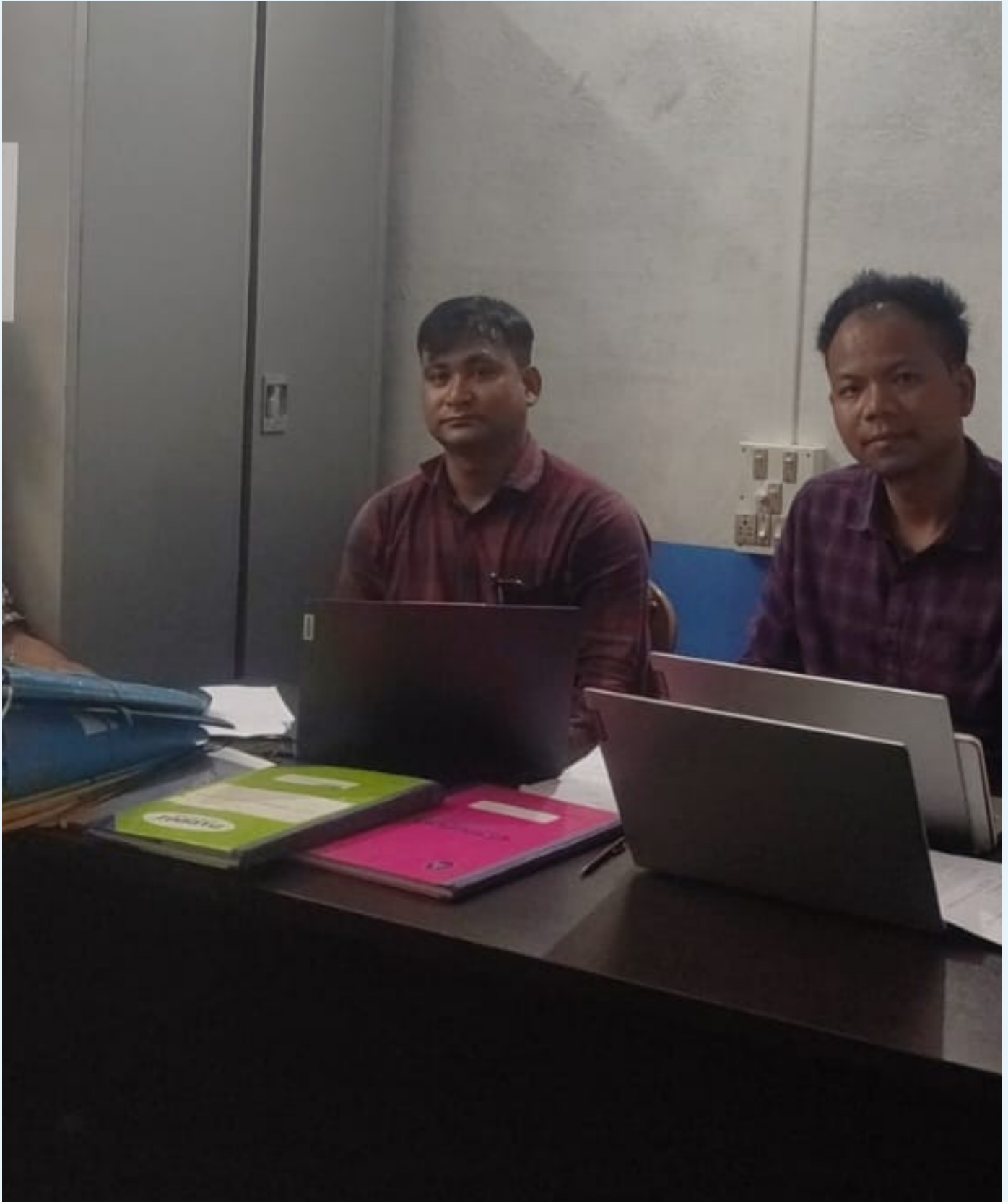


**On October 31, 2023, an orientation program was organized by GFA Jingshisha Bareh at Khliehriat Block.**



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

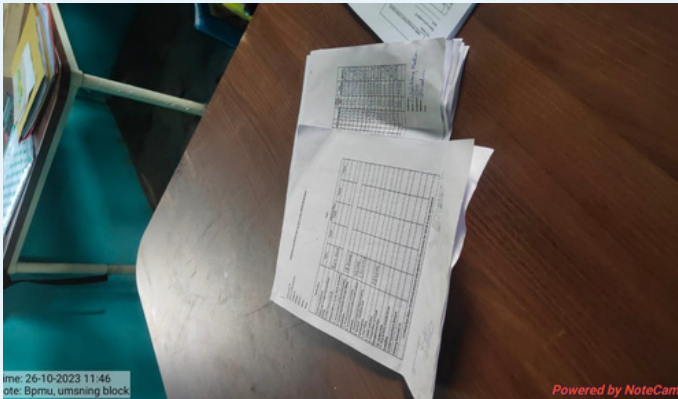
Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



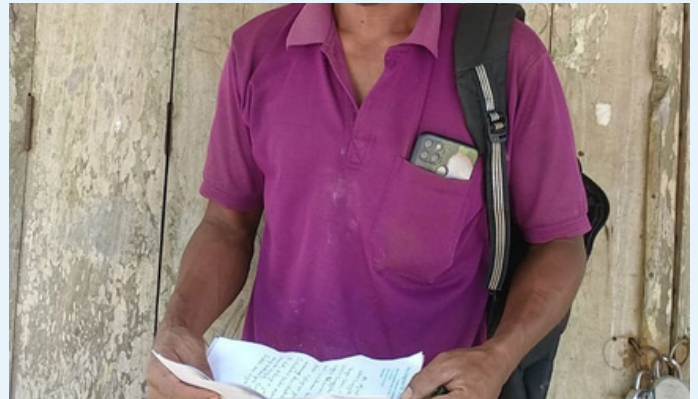
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# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Collection of Application Forms and Utilization Certificates



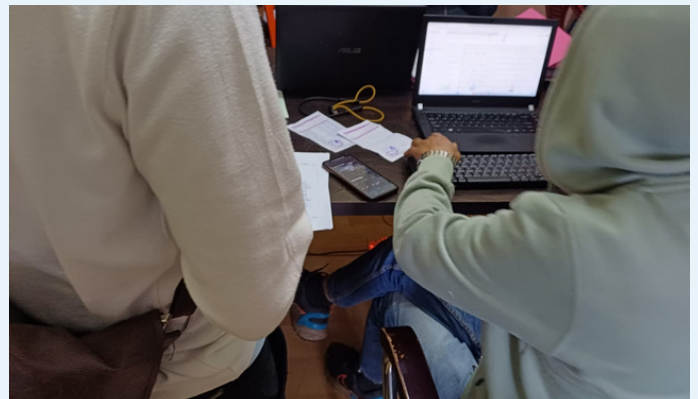
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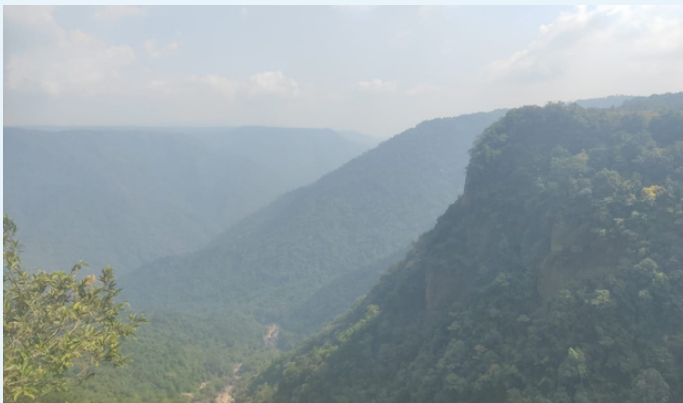


# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Verification and Boundary Mapping



Verify PES in Mr. Pynshai Khongsni's forest reserve in Khongtim village.



PES verification in Pynter village.

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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.



### West Garo Hills



A VCF review was conducted on October 30, 2023, to evaluate the status of Register preparation, Demarcation planning for the 2024 plantation, timely worklog submissions, and other activities related to the Rongram Block.



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On October 25, 2023, the PA inspected the boundary zone in preparation for the 2024 plantation in Ading Nokat Rongram village.



 **East Garo Hills**

In anticipation of the 2024 plantation project, BPM Savio Garey Marak paid a visit to Aberamgre village in October 2023. During this visit, he gathered the community's support for the upcoming plantation initiative and tackled issues related to land disputes with the department. Additionally, he conducted informative sessions about the CM Elevate scheme in several villages, including Aberamgre, Rongreng Nokat, Resagre, and Rongrong Songgitcham VPIC villages.



Simseng Bolma village.



Aberamgre village.



Rongreng Nokat village.



Rongrong Songgitcham village.

 **South Garo Hills**



VPIC meeting scheduled to address new plantation land allocation.



 **South West Khasi Hills**

An activity to mark the boundaries of plantation areas is planned from October 7th to 12th, 2023, in the villages of Domtynrong, Mawiong, Laitjynrai, Demnar, Awro, and Mawjarain for the financial year 2023-24.



Establishing boundaries for agricultural plots in Kharew, Photjalei, Mawksiar, Mawkylung, Mariem village, and Mawjarain village for the financial year 2024-25.



On October 28, 2023, a meeting was convened by DPM Bansuklang Syiem, where the main agenda was the deliberation of additional land distribution for farming, attended by representatives from Pawphlang VPIC, clan elders, and clan managers.



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

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**

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



**East Garo Hills**



Dagal Nokat village.



Gindil village.



Simseng Minol village.



Miktongjeng village.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

 West Garo Hills

On October 24, 2023, the Teksragre VPIC Rongram Block demonstrated generosity by clearing the Community Hall plot and filling empty polybags for the community's welfare. The secretary proudly revealed a stock of 10,000 saplings, and the incoming VPIC leaders committed to maintaining the community nursery and handling associated projects with unwavering dedication.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



## North Garo Hills



In the community nursery in Ajasiram and Chorepahar villages, *Tectona grandis* trees have been plagued by a pest problem. To resolve this issue, the PA has suggested utilizing Ustad insecticides.



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



Thapa Dajonggre village.



Nanil Apal village.



Rongpetchi village.



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

 **East Jaintia Hills**



Tympiahkasu village.

 **South Garo Hills**



Rongkandi Nengbrekgittim village.

Darang Akep Gittim 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.



**North Garo Hills**



SALT farming of Benjamin Sangma from Nokatgre village.



**East Garo Hills**



SALT farming of Shri Kremikson Sangma from Simseng Rongal village.



**Ri Bhoi**



On October 30, 2023, Sir David Gandhi and Miss. Jill collaborated with ICAR scientists to discuss the necessary soil parameters and sampling techniques for monitoring SALT-induced alterations.



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

 **South Garo Hills**



**SALT farming of Pillash M Sangma from Chramgre village.**



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**SALT farming of Seldin D Sangma from Songital 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.



Goeragre and Adugre village.



**West Garo Hills**



**South Garo Hills**



Rongkandi Songital village.



Darang Akep Gittim village.



Darang Dura village.



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

East Garo Hills



Jingamgre village.



Sawilgre village.



Imsembal village.



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

**North Garo Hills**



Rongpetchi village.



Thapa Dajonggre village.



Bangsi A'ga village.



Rompa village.



On October 31, 2023, Tarime M. Marak conducted an inspection of the Community Hall construction progress in Bangsi Aga, Bangsi Minol, and Bangsi Dogru.



Dokasaram village.



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

**PLUP And Microplanning Exercises**

**Completed & On going PLUP and Microplanning exercise in group 2 villages:** Ongoing Participatory Land Use Planning (PLUP) and microplanning efforts are underway in Group 2 of Ionglang village within the Laskein Block of West Jaintia Hills District. Furthermore, on October 31, 2023, BPM Chengrang led an introductory meeting for Group II Microplanning in Bollonggre village under the Selsella Block, West Garo Hills District.



Ionglang village



Bollonggre village.

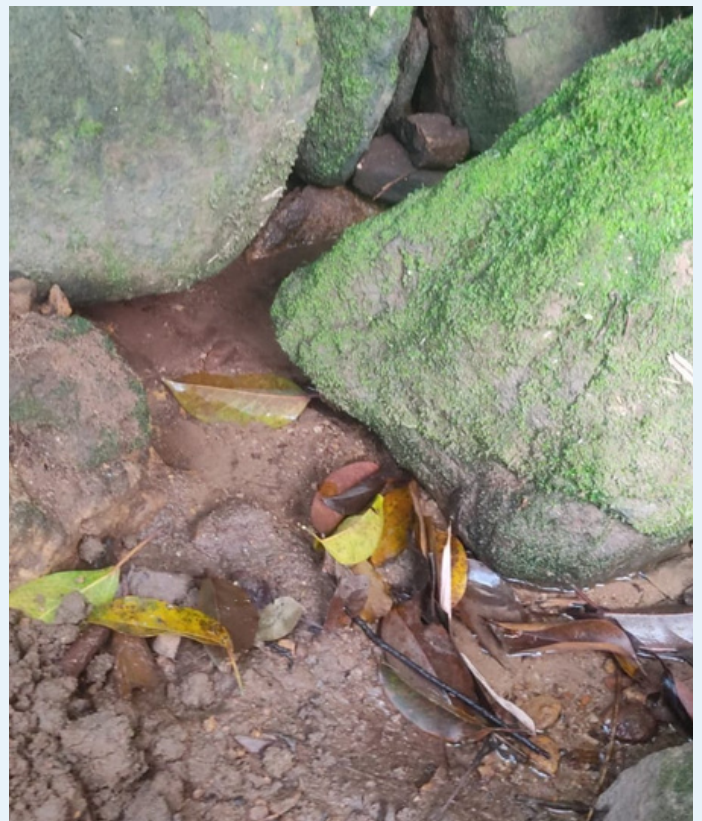


**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**Soil & Water Conservation Activities**



On October 25, 2023, Field Engineers from West Garo Hills District conducted visits to Goeragre and Adugre villages to oversee the progress of the 2024 SWC activities.



Site visit to assess the spring chamber and RCC water tank in Miktonjeng village.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)



On October 31, 2023, a significant milestone was reached by the SWC activities when they completed the construction of a spring-tapped chamber in Dijingro Apal village, situated in the Rongram block of West Garo Hills. This chamber now serves more than 15 households, with its usage increasing, particularly during dry periods when other water sources are scarce. This construction has made sure that the community has a reliable and safe supply of clean water, contributing to the overall improvement of their well-being.





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## CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES



On October 27, the Green Energy team conducted a joint site inspection with JE PHE and concluded with meeting the VEC members of Khlieh Umtrew & Tdoh Umsiang Village under Umsning Block.

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

 South Garo Hills District



Joint site inspection conducted by the Green Energy team with NABARD DDM at completed site Darengre village, Chokpot Block.





Electrification and Verification works at Rongma Kakija and Rekmangre village, Chokpot Block,

 **West Garo Hills District**



Electrification and Verification works at Dilsigre Village, Darengre Block.

 **East Garo Hills District**



Electrification and Verification works at Sokadam rongkabok and Rongdolgre village, Songsak Block.



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Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)



# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED



*October 26, 2023:* Field visit to Ginger Processing Unit located in Mawlai C&Rd Block, **East Khasi Hills**.



*27th October 2023:* Cross learning event for Women folks and beneficiaries of Megha-LAM Project of Mawshynrut C&RD Block, **West Khasi Hills District**.

*26th October to 28th October 2023:* A three day training for farmers' on Soil Testing was conducted at Diengkynthong Primehub, Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, **East Khasi Hills**.





# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED



**October 28, 2023:** Training session on Vegetable Plantation at Nonglang IVCS Farmers' Field School in **West Khasi Hills**. The training was conducted by the Service Provider of Nonglang IVCS.



**October 31, 2023:** Quality Improvement program focused on Ginger cultivation was held at Umthlu IVCS in **West Khasi Hills District**. Officials from the Spices Board of India participated as resource persons during the program.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### RURAL FINANCE



*26th October 2023:* Meeting cum Training on Community Procurement for IVCS' of Laitkroh Block on Procurement of Machineries for Food Processing Unit for IVCS under Laitkroh & Shella Bholaganj Block, **East Khasi Hills**.

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*31st October 2023:* A meeting was conducted with the District Horticulture Office, **West Khasi Hills** on matter relating to convergence under Mission Organic, 10 IVCS' have been shortlisted to avail benefit from this scheme.

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# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



The **India Knowledge Management Workshop for IFAD projects** was organized by the Knowledge Management (KM) Unit of the Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP) in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The workshop, which focused on Capacity Building of Knowledge Management for IFAD projects in India, took place at Taj Vivanta, Shillong from **26th to 28th October, 2023**.

Teams from IFAD India projects in Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and Odisha attended the workshop in person, while other project teams participated virtually. The workshop had the objective of providing guidance on the overall KM and communication aspects of projects. Knowledge management and communication experts from IFAD led the workshop, and project teams actively participated, both physically and virtually.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for sharing best practices and discussing challenges with project management units within IFAD India project teams.



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT**

**OTHERS**



**CM Elevate Program - The follow up**

**26th October 2023:** Registration process have started at Mawkyrwat C & RD Block, **South West Khasi Hills District** for availing various scheme under the CM-ELEVATE program to individual, entrepreneurs, registered societies and others. Registration was done with the assistance from FOCUS Team and PRIME Team based at Mawkyrwat C & RD Block.



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