

# NEWSLETTER

**Updates of the Week**

19th June 2024



**THE MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT (MEGHA-LAMP)**



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**INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES (INR)**



**FARMERS' COLLECTIVIZATION FOR UPSCALING OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING SYSTEMS (FOCUS)**



**THE MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MBMA)**



**THE MEGHALAYA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MBDA)**

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

## Insights on meetings



A review meeting with the District Project Management Units (DPMUs) was held at Taj Vivanta, Shillong, from June 17 to 18, 2024. During this two-day meeting, various project interventions were discussed, including Megha-LAMP, FOCUS, and ADB projects. The agenda focused on developing business plans for PRIME Hubs across the state, reviewing the current status of the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB), assessing the status of Producer Groups (PGs) formed under the FOCUS project, and evaluating progress on the ADB project along with the integration of newly inducted Village DataVolunteers (VDVs).

Over the subsequent two days, discussions centered on the progress in financial and operational matters related to Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM), developments in Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development (ISC&ED), and financial aspects related to Rural Finance (RF). The district teams were tasked with creating a feasible AWPB plan for the upcoming financial year. Throughout the meeting, challenges were identified and addressed, providing clarity on various project matters.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

Insights on field visits, workshops and meetings

On 14th June 2024, an MC meeting was conducted at Nongkhroh IVCS. 9 MC members were present, and a re-election for SPs in Credit Linkage, Finance Committee, Business Committee, and Purchase Committee was held. Discussions focused on strategies to increase membership, savings, and loans. The MC was encouraged to hold monthly meetings to foster ongoing progress.



On 13th June 2024, Shri R. Majaw, RPM, MeghaLAMP project, SPMU went for a tour to Namdong A IVCS. He met with the MC members, sub-committee members, SPs, and GFs. During the MC meeting, an assessment of the IVCS was conducted, and targets were set for membership, loans, and savings. Discussions included strategies to support members in starting their businesses (dry ration) and other relevant topics. The objective was to empower all MC members and ensure responsibility for the sustainable development of the IVCS.



The 02-Days Block Level Workshop on Credit Linkage and Credit & Deposit Policy was organized by EFC Mairang from 10th June 2024 to 11th June 2024 at SGSY Hall, Mairang C&RD Block. The workshop featured resource persons Shri. E.B. Chyrmang (SCO, ARCS) and Shri. W. Diengdoh (BM, MCAB Mairang), and was attended by MC members, committee members, and SPs from all 7 IVCS under Mairang Block. Distinguished guests included Miss Evelyne K. Wahlang, AM from EFC Mairang, and Miss Deity Mary Soh, AM from EFC Mawthadraishan, along with the DPM in-charge of Eastern West Khasi Hills. A total of 150 participants actively engaged in discussions, showing strong interest in implementing credit linkage and Credit & Deposit Policy across all IVCS.

On 13th June 2024, a monthly meeting was held with MC members and the Business Committee to discuss CMC working capital, loans, and savings. It was decided during the meeting that Rs 2 lakh would be allocated to procure arecanut bagan from their village.





# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENCHANCEMENT PROJECT

### Field visit



Sir G.S. Yadav from the PMC team conducted a comprehensive visit to the Zikzak and Betasing blocks in SWGH on June 16, 2024, for the purpose of SWC site verification. He was accompanied by Field Engineers (FEs) from both Zikzak and Betasing, as well as Block Project Managers (BPMs) from both the Block and District Project Management Units (BPMU and DPMU). In addition to verifying SWC sites, the delegation also inspected community halls and a nursery.



SHG Gradation was conducted on June 15, 2024, at Kut village in Mawryngkneng Block for adoption under IVCS.



Transferring seedlings from the Community Nursery to the plantation site by the Simseng Wale VPIC.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

### IVCS Awareness Session



An awareness and inquiry session for the newly registered Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under the MegLife project was held on June 18, 2024, at the office of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Shillong. The session, led by Madam J. Warlarpih (JCO) and her staff, addressed members' doubts and provided the newly joined members of Lawei ba Phyrnai in Mawmuthoh Village, Mawryngkneng Block, with a better understanding of how the IVCS operates.

### "Strength in the Face of Floods: Kurung's VPIC Displays Determination in Meglife Project"



The VPIC of Kurung in Tikrikilla block actively engages in various activities under the Meglife project, such as plantation, establishing a community nursery, and building a community hall. In 2023, they successfully implemented the ANR plantation and successfully completed gap filling this year. Unfortunately, recent heavy rainfall led to extensive flooding that submerged the plantation area. On June 19, 2024, a team member and Project Associate from Tikrikilla block visited to assess the plantation's condition, finding most plants underwater. Navigating the flooded village, they utilized a locally crafted raft made from banana stems, showcasing the team's resilience and dedication in challenging circumstances.



# Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)





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**PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA**


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Below are the summary of the visits by the Umiew and Ganol Catchment Management Units (CMUs) for the project awareness programme at various locations .

The Umiew Catchment Management Unit (CMU) visited:

- 1.Mawmyrsiang-Khatarshnong Laitkroh block on the 13th June 2023
- 2.Kharnongwah under Mawphlang Block and Marbaniang under Myllem Block on the 14 th June 2024
- 3.Rangsyiun Mawlmeng and Mawrashe village under Myllem Block on 18th June 2024
- 4.Dongiewrim- Mawphlang block and Shankhla- Khatarshnong Laitkroh on the 19th June 2024
- 5.Madan Lyngdoh & Swer Khatarshnong-Laitkroh Block on the 20th June 2024

And The Ganol Catchment Management Unit (CMU) visited:

- 1.Alotgre under Rongram Block on the 19th June 2024
- 2.Digrangre village and Asanang Village under Rongram block on the 20th June 2024



A brief meeting was held between the MegARISE team, the Additional Project Director (APD) of MegLIFE/MegARISE, and officials from Nagaland Shri Supongnukshi Ao, IFS, the CCF, PD of FBMP, Nagaland, Element Project Team Nagaland, GIZ officials and CICES. During the meeting, the APD delivered a short presentation which highlighted potential collaborations and provided insights into projects under MBDA/MBMA. The discussion also covered updates on various activities implemented under the Community-Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP) and ongoing initiatives of MegLIFE & MegARISE. Additionally, the meeting included discussions on awards and recognition, as well as the applications of Management Information Systems (MIS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

# SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA (SLM)



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## SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA

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### Insight from a meeting and field visit



A meeting was held at the office chambers of Smt. Isawanda Laloo (IAS), PD of SLM on 14 June 2024 to discuss matters related to BRDC's role in SLM. Also present was Shri. Gunanka DB (IFS), Member-Secretary, BRDC and Shri. Augustus Suting, APD, SLM.



Interactions with farmers and data collection at Thangsning and Jongksha villages in EKH.

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# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

"Site Inspection Visits and Meetings by GFA"



ANR ,Gap plantation done at Ganipara reserve



The construction of an eco-footpath as part of community development efforts, funded by GREEN Meghalaya for Year 2, located outside the forest boundary at Dorbar Shnong Khlieh-a-sem in Mawkyntrew Block, East Khasi Hills.

SNIPPETS



Green Field Associates (GFAs) are presently in the process of collecting application forms and utilization certificates, demonstrating their active involvement in gathering comprehensive information from applicants.

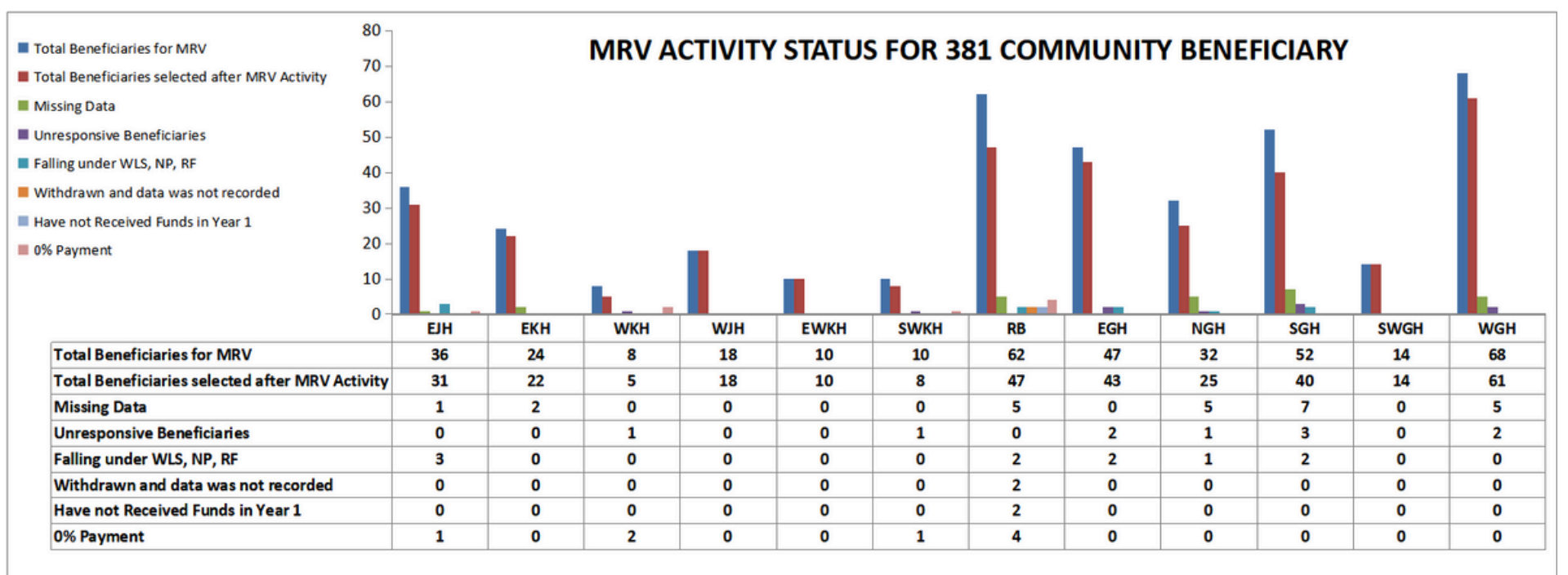


Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).

PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

MRV ACTIVITY FOR TOTAL 381 COMMUNITY BENEFICIARIES

District	Total Beneficiaries for MRV	Total Beneficiaries selected after MRV Activity	Missing Data	Unresponsive Beneficiaries	Falling under WLS, NP, RF	Withdrawn and data was not recorded	Have not Received Funds in Year 1	0% Payment
EJH	36	31	1	0	3	0	0	1
EKH	24	22	2	0	0	0	0	0
WKH	8	5	0	1	0	0	0	2
WJH	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
EWKH	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWKH	10	8	0	1	0	0	0	1
RB	62	47	5	0	2	2	2	4
EGH	47	43	0	2	2	0	0	0
NGH	32	25	5	1	1	0	0	0
SGH	52	40	7	3	2	0	0	0
SWG	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
WGH	68	61	5	2	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL	381	324	25	10	10	2	2	8



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