

# NEWSLETTER

**Updates of the Week**

29th May 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 Access to Market Project  
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## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

### Enhancing Community Empowerment through Capacity Building



A one-day training on dry rations was conducted on 23rd May 2024, at Mawphlang C & RD Block. The training was intended for the IVCS, Service Providers (SPs), progressive farmers of the Veterinary Department, Piggery Mission availing Society, and FOCUS progressive PGs. The event was represented by Smt. V. Waanbah (AE), EARMACS resource person, and the Chairman of the Mawphlang EFC Team.

Bookkeeping training and concept seeding was conducted for Group Facilitators, FOCUS Facilitators, and NGO Partners of South West Garo Hills on May 23, 2024, at the Additional DC Office Building in Ampati, SWGH. Following the training, participants left equipped with knowledge of PG Bookkeeping, UC Collection, and the selection of the best PG from their respective blocks.



On 23rd May 2024, a one-day training session on PGs bookkeeping for FOCUS Facilitators from both Mawkyrwat and Ranikor C & RD Block was conducted in the presence of Ms. Evanisha Pathaw, Manager, FOCUS, SPMU. The training was held at PHE Hall, Mawkyrwat, SWKHD, and had a total of 33 participants. Activities included concept seeding by Evanisha Pathaw and bookkeeping training led by Shanbor Marngar, CM.



On May 24, 2024, the District Horticulture Officer, in collaboration with EFC Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block, conducted an Awareness cum field visit program on Mission Organic 2.0 at Laitmawroh Ramkheng IVCS.

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On 24th May 2024, DPMU-NGH conducted Single Bud Technology Training on Ginger Demo Plot at Nangrime IVCS Ltd., North Garo Hills. The technical knowledge was supported by officials from the Horticulture Dept. The target audience comprised members of Nangrime IVCS. The demonstration was led by the SPs of the aforementioned IVCS, who underwent a week-long training at Laskein, West Jaintia Hills



Training on the POP of Ginger Cultivation was conducted by the SPs of the Ginger Value Chain, Shri Rikseng M Sangma and Shri Tengman Marak. The training took place on 24th May 2023, at the Ginger Demonstration Plot of Khonjoy IVCS, in the presence of the SPMU Team, Kong Evarista, Miss Sonenha, and DPMU staff.



An Awareness Cum Field Visit Programme on Mission Organic 2.0 was held at Nongthymmai Lumthangding IVCS on 24th May 2024, organized by the District Horticulture Department in collaboration with EFC Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block.



The INRM Component conducted an Awareness Programme for six new IVCS-CHC, namely Chapahati 1, Dimiligre, Digligre, Kerupara, Baksapara, and Balughat IVCS, on the establishment of a New Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) from 17th May to 25th May, 2024.

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A spree of Awareness Programmes was conducted by the INRM Team, South West Garo Hills, from May 17th to May 24th, 2024, regarding the establishment of new CHCs for the members of Dimiligre IVCS Ltd., Chapahati 1 IVCS Ltd., Kerupara IVCS Ltd., Balughat IVCS Ltd., Baksapara IVCS Ltd., and Digligre IVCS Ltd. under Zikzak C&RD Block, SWGH. The concept of CHC was well received by the IVCS and their members, and they look forward to setting up the CHCs in their respective IVCS.



Dry Ration Training for IVCS and SPs in the value chain (piggery) was held at EFC Khatarshnong Laitkroh C&RD Block on 27th May 2024, where Dr. S. Lyngri and Dr. M. Shylla from the Veterinary Department, along with Mr. M. Thabah, Chairman of EARMACS, served as the Resource Persons.



A three-day hands-on training program was conducted for the women members of Rongara Agro Food Processing Cooperative Society at Rongara Prime Hub, South Garo Hills. During the training, the participants were taught minimal processing and preparation of value-added products from raw jackfruit on a commercial scale. Twenty women successfully participated in the training.

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Training on Dry Ration and input supply was organized by EFC Sohiong at Sohiong C&RD Block. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. C. J. K. Warjri, BDO, staff from EFC Mawphlang, IVCS Managers, Chairman, and Secretary of IVCS, SPs Piggery, and progressive Farmers. The resource institute for the training was EARMAC, and the resource persons included Shri. M. Thabah, Vice Chairman of EARMAC, and Dr. S. Lyngwi, Veterinary Officer from EARMAC.



The conclusion of the five-day training for women on Digital Literacy Training held at the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute.



The Financial Literacy Programme, Batch VII, organized by Munaisora IVCS, took place in Chikonbari-B Village, Ranikor Block, SWKHD. The program was facilitated by SP credit linkage, with the Chairman and Secretary of the IVCS present. A total of 46 IVCS members actively participated in the event.

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Insights from inspections, field visits, meetings and others



On 23rd May 2024, inspections were conducted on the books and overall performance of MLAMP interventions at Dongiewrim IVCS under Mawphlang C & RD Block. The inspection team included Shri R. Majaw (ERM), Shri N. Das (WRM), Shri L. Lyngdoh (AGM, RF), Shri L. Marbaniang (SM, INRM), Shri S. Lyngdoh (SM, Primehub and Farmers' Market), Shri H. Blah (SM, FOCUS), and Smt. A. Khongjee (DPM I/c EKH), along with the Mawphlang EFC Team and the MC, CMC, and FPC members.



An Exposure Visit took place on 23rd May 2024, wherein members of Diengkynthong IVCS visited Tynnai village, SWKH. The purpose was to engage in Honey Processing interactions and share knowledge with Tynnai Beekeeping Multipurpose Cooperative Society.



A visit by the PRIME Meghalaya team was conducted at EFC, Pynursla, on 24th May 2024, for the survey of EFC staffs and assessing PRIME and its services, as well as Government schemes.



The MC meeting of Brinbawe Agro Food Processing and Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. was conducted on 24th May 2024, at Minnenggre Horticulture Hub, under Gasuapara Block, South Garo Hills District. Interestingly, all the members of the Managing Committee are women.

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Insights from inspections, field visits, meetings and others



On 28th May 2024, a meeting was held with the different committees of Wapung Shnong IVCS and SPs in the value chain, SpCL, addressing agendas including increasing membership, the role of different committees, SPs value chain, SP Credit Linkage, and Dry Ration.



On 29th May 2024, a field visit was conducted to Kuligre IVCS Ltd and Bollonggre B IVCS Ltd. During the visit, meetings were held with IVCS Secretary, President, and MC members to discuss topics including being active members of IVCS, loan overdue, outstanding repayment, data for dry ration, SP credit linkage-KCC loan, increasing membership, and checking of their registers.



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Meeting with the IVCS secretary and president of Hatibelpara IVCS Ltd and Bollongre B1 IVCS Ltd was held on 29th May 2024. The agenda included discussions on increasing membership, dry ration, SP credit linkage, the role of different committees, and follow-up on loan overdue, repayment, and KCC loan.



Preparation of Final Account for the Fin Year 2023 - 2024 by the Master Trainers was carried out for four IVCS at SMELC Building, Dakopgre, Tura for four IVCS.



In the quest to complete the statutory audit on time, the MBKs of South West Garo Hills were observed going from one IVCS to another, assisting them in updating their Books of Accounts during the month of May.

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## Insights from meetings



A Block Level Review Meeting cum Credit Linkage Orientation Programme was held for the IVCS President, Secretary, Group Facilitators, Service Provider Credit Linkage, IVCS Managers, and Finance Committee members under Dadenggre Block, WGH, at Songadinggre LP School. The session focused on discussions and briefings regarding various aspects, including IVCS loan overdue, strategies for loan recovery, setting up repayment schedules, the role of Service Provider Credit Linkage, and targets for credit linkages such as IVCS loans to members, loans for individual IVCS members, KCC loans, and Bulk loans. The meeting saw active participation from IVCS members, and it concluded with unanimous agreement to collaborate for the enhancement of their IVCS.



A meeting was held with the Sub Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Smt. B. Pathaw (SRCS), Sohra Sub Division, along with the DPM, to discuss the status of the audit of the IVCS under Khatarshnong Laitkroh and Shella Bholaganj C&RD blocks. Additionally, there was a discussion on the engagement of the DEO in the SRCS office. Following the meeting, a visit was conducted to the Honey Processing Unit at Diengkynthong IVCS.

A Meeting cum Orientation Program with the Service Cooperative Societies (SCS) was conducted at the ARCS office, East Khasi Hills. The Sub Registrar of Cooperative Societies, East Khasi Hills, Smt. J. Tariang, and the DPM, Smt. A. Khongjee, were present to discuss the adoption of SCS under the MLAMP Project. Basic information about the MLAMP Project and its interventions was also provided to the Service Cooperative Societies during the session.

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# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

### Ongoing work of Half moon Terracing activities



Ongoing halfmoon terracing work in Darengagre and Rangdapara Village, Dalu Block

### MegLIFE Review meeting for BPMs / DPMs under Garo Region

A review meeting for MegLIFE BPM/DPM of the Garo Hills region, chaired by the APD Shri Gunanka DB, IFS, took place in Tura on May 24th, 2024. The team discussed various MegLIFE project activities, including plantation, soil and water conservation (SWC), community hall construction, finance, IVCS (self-help groups), and spring initiatives, and established update timelines. The meeting proved to be highly beneficial for the team.



### "Nanil Apal VPICs Collect Lagerstroemia speciosa and Duabanga Saplings for Community Nursery Extension"



Nanil Apal Community Nursery Extension: Lagerstroemia speciosa and Duabanga saplings collected by the Nanil Apal VPICs

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

### MegLIFE Project: Empowering Women and Minorities through Employment in Betasing Block



The MegLIFE Project, funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, emphasizes the inclusion of minority groups and all genders in its execution. This dedication is particularly visible in Malchapara and Kolkatola villages in Betasing Block, where over 20 women have been employed in daily wage work for tasks such as staking and pit digging as part of the plantation activities. These small steps towards inclusion illustrate that social change is possible with gradual progress.



A meeting with VPIC members and the GB was held by the BPM on May 27, 2024, to discuss gap filling, following the burning of half of their Community Reserve by hunters. During the meeting, the importance of fostering a sense of ownership for the project was emphasized, as many villagers believed it was solely the responsibility of the VPICs.



# Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA



The Hon'ble Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma had a fruitful interaction with the Nokmas and Community members of the Ganol Catchment Area at Sakal Aduma yesterday. Through this interactive session, the CM and the Development Commissioner was appraised of the success and issues within the areas and the various conservation efforts undertaken, including PES, GREEN Meghalaya as well as MegArise Projects. The CM assured continued cooperation and support for these conservation initiatives in the Catchment Area including the Nokrek Biosphere Reserve.

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On 28th and 29th May 2024, MegARISE successfully conducted a Workshop on Training Needs Assessment and training on Monitoring and Evaluation & Knowledge Management Tools for Umiew Catchment, Ganol Catchment and SPMU staff.

On the First Day, the resource person Consultant Mr. Amba Jamir (TNA) took a session on Training Needs Assessment and Monitoring & Evaluation from SPMU ran through MIS, Appverse forms etc.

On the second day of the training programme, The MegARISE Knowledge Management Team including General Manager –Knowledge Management and Pool Experts collectively took a session on equipping the staffs to understand basic KM Tools which includes Photography, Videography, simple report writing formats and functionalities of Knowledge Management which is relevant to MegARISE operations. There were about 35 participants including Deputy Project Director- MegARISE, SPMU

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In Dura Kalakgre Village located at Rongram Block West Garo Hills district , the meeting were organized for Ganol catchment areas wherein 21 village Nokmas, VEC Secretary, and representatives attended the meeting in view to converge with departments of MGNREGA, PES, MegARISE, Carbon Credit focusing mainly to work on Natural Resources Management activities ( Plantation) in the catchment areas.

Dr. S. Ashutosh, IFS (Rtd) and Director & Co-chairman- CoE , Smt Cherim Winchi Momin, MCS, BDO, Rongram Block briefed the project objectives and informing the community to cooperate with the team . The meeting was concluded with active participation from the community and had a fruitful discussion about upcoming project ideas and the road map. About 92 communities attended the meeting including Regional Project Coordinator – MegLIFE /MegARISE , Catchment Project Manager- MegARISE, Training Specialist -CoE, PES- i/c TS and Rongram block official .

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# SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA (SLM)



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Insights from field visits and meetings



Field Inspection as per PGS-India standard conducted by Regional Council-BRDC in collaboration with MSRLS Shillong Meghalaya at Umkrem Village, Mawthadraishan Block on the 22/05/2024 at the field of farmers practicing Natural Farming.



A review meeting was held on 31 May 2024 at the SLM Office in Springside, Shillong to review progress of project activities and plan for immediate actions to be taken over the course of the next few weeks. The meeting was chaired by Smt. Isawanda Laloo, IAS, Project Director, SLM. Also present were Shri. Augustus Suting, APD, SLM, Shri. Jun J Momin, DPD, SLM, nodal officers from the partner departments, the IMC team, and the core team of MBMA



Visit to Doldengagre and Chongnapara villages under Dalu Block for geofencing and data collection

## SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA

Insights from field visits and meetings



Meeting with the Village Organisation (Tangdoang VO) of Ashugre village under Chockpot Block SGH discussion about marketing their product to EARMACS.



Hand on training on preparation of bio stimulants to shg's members held at mawshynrut block.



Harvesting of vegetables at Natural farming demo plot at Jongksha village, East khasi hills



Field inspection conducted by Bio-Resources Development Centre, Regional Council of PGS India organic certification system to farmers practicing natural farming in collaboration with MSRLS at Myriaw Village , Mawthadraishan Block.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### "Site Inspection Visits and Meetings by GFA"



Various site inspection activities were carried out, including a visit to Josipara PES, assisting with UC at Mawblang, mapping CRF boundaries in Samanda block, and inspecting sites of Damalgre Individual PES under Zikzak Block.

### "Forest Protection Efforts: Fireline Setup & Boundary Work in various Block"



Forest fire prevention and control measures are underway in Rimtangpara village as part of the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program. Beneficiaries from Sadolpara village have begun implementing initiatives such as constructing staggered trenches, aiding in the natural regrowth of plants, and erecting boundary pillars. Additionally, fencing has been completed around the Ganipara PES reserve.

### 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

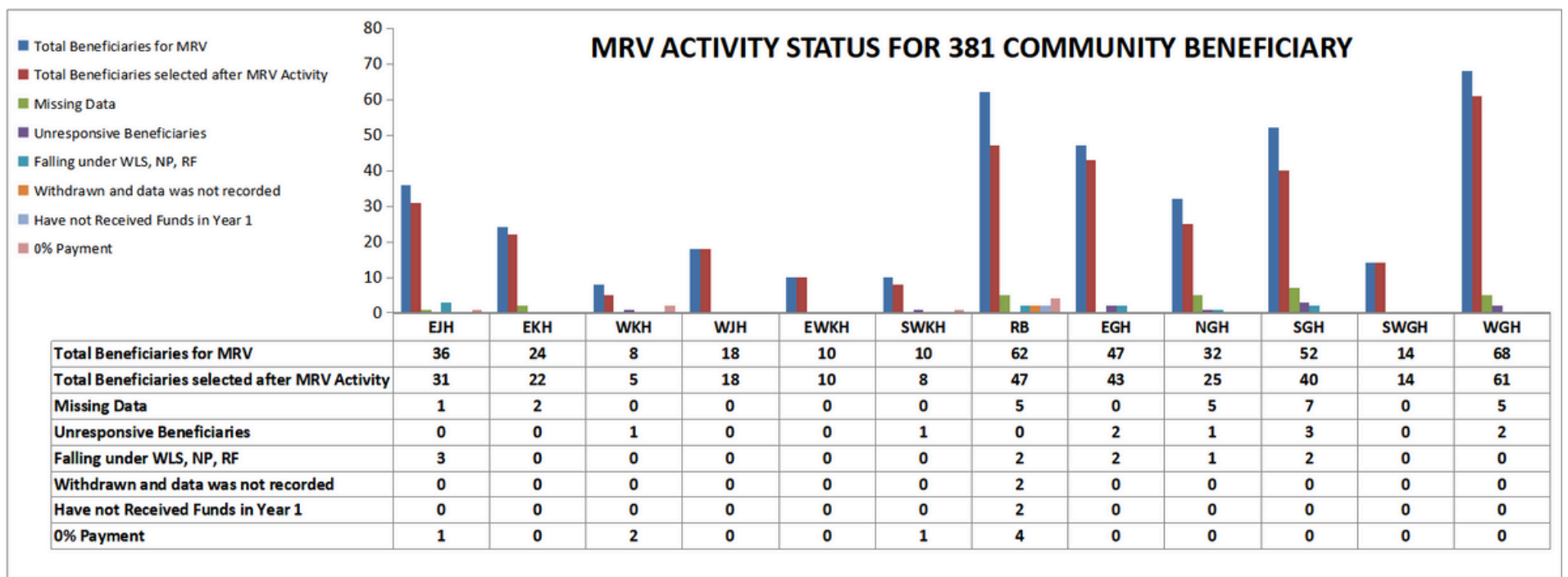
**"Community Reserve Orientation and Engagement in Meghalaya"**

Various orientation activities and reorientations on Community Reserve (CR) were conducted across different regions in Meghalaya. Programs included motivational speeches by officials like Sir Ganesan, IFS, and DFOs, as well as detailed explanations of CRF by officers like Smt Nazia D Marak. Attendance varied, with some beneficiaries expressing willingness to continue with CRF for environmental betterment, while others cited personal reasons or land distribution concerns. Despite challenges like rain affecting attendance, efforts were made to ensure comprehensive coverage and address beneficiary queries.

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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**BIO-RESOURCES TEAM**

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**On May 27, 2024, the Bio-Resource team conducted a comprehensive assessment to evaluate the feasibility and operational economics of installing a Field Distillation Unit (FDU) for citronella in Khasiadop, located in the Ranikor Block of South West Khasi Hills (SWKH).**

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