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3rd July 2024



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THE MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MBMA)



THE MEGHALAYA BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MBDA)

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Rural Empowerment Initiatives: Highlights from Recent Tribal and Loan Melas



On June 28, 2024, the CM ELEVATE Loan Mela was organized in East Garo Hills District in collaboration with the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Tourism, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, and partner banks including SBI, MRB, and MCAB. A total of 69 beneficiaries under various schemes such as Agri Response Vehicle, CFC, Warehouse, Piggery, and Goatery attended the mela. Pending documents were submitted, scrutinized by banks, and many are currently under process.



The Tribal Artisans Empanelment Mela (TAeM) was held on June 28, 2024, at New Jirang in Ri Bhoi District. The program was organized by MBMA, Ri Bhoi District, in collaboration with TRIFED and the BMMU, MSRLS, Jirang. Representing TRIFED were Shri S.T. Lamkhogin, DM, TRIFED Delhi, Shri Abhijeet Dutta, JA, TRIFED Guwahati, and Shri Asif Ekbal Hussain, Senior Program Executive, TRIFED Guwahati. A total of 22 artisans participated in the program, with 21 artisans being empaneled by TRIFED and 1 artisan recommended for further training.



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Rural Development Initiatives in East Garo Hills District



On July 2, 2024, Jamge IVCS, Bolchurani IVCS, and Dechakki IVCS from East Garo Hills transported 7.768 tonnes of pineapple at a rate of Rs 19 per kg to the Umdihar Processing Unit in Ribhoi District.



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 Longitude: 90.677487
 Elevation: 399.09±17 m
 Accuracy: 3.2 m
 Time: 01-07-2024 13:09



Latitude: 25.636625
 Longitude: 90.677413

On July 1, 2024, Jamge IVCS, Dechakki IVCS, and Bolchurani IVCS of East Garo Hills District started aggregating pineapples for supplying to the Umdihar Processing Unit, Ribhoi District.



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 Note: Mawlyndiar



The inspection of the Arecanut & Pepper Processing unit took place on June 28, 2024, at Mawlyndiar. The IVCS will commence procuring the raw materials immediately to initiate operations.

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Cluster Level Multi-Stakeholder Platform Training on Cashew for sorting, grading, and quality checking of cashew nuts was conducted. CMC members participated along with local cashew aggregators. This training cum buyer-seller meet proved very fruitful as participants gained insights into the classification and quality standards of cashew, as well as understanding the grading based on size and standard criteria. Cashew kernels can be graded as either scorched or unscorched, and further categorized into white or scorched whole pieces, splits, butts, etc., based on the kernel's shape, size, and color. Technical experts from Palladium Training and Consultancy Ltd. conducted the training, which benefitted 44 IVCS MC and CMC members from 12 IVCS in the district. The training was held at Chapahati Prime Hub, which also serves as a rural hub for training and houses a cashew processing unit at Chapahati village, SWGH District.

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District-Level Consultative Meeting and Initiatives



On July 1, 2024, a district level consultative meeting was held in the DC's chamber, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Madam Hema Nayak IAS. The meeting included the District Horticulture Officer, District Agriculture Officer, HDOs, GM DCIC, District Weaving Officer, and DPM in charge of MBMA.

The agenda and points of discussion included the "One District One Product" initiative. The DC highlighted interventions by concerned departments in agricultural and horticultural products, while also emphasizing the exploration of unique non-farm sector opportunities. As a result, the DLC committee decided to focus on promoting the traditional backstrap loom known as the loin loom, as a local product to support local weavers. Discussions included aspects such as yarn, threads, and market opportunities. The establishment of a local outlet shop was also deliberated upon by the DLC committee.

The DC mentioned plans for joint visits to engage with local weavers, groups, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to promote and provide financial assistance for traditional weaving in South West Garo Hills District.



A Beekeepers' Meet was held at Diengkynthong Primehub under Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block on June 28, 2024. The objective was to introduce beekeepers to the Honey Processing Unit recently established at Diengkynthong for processing honey. Discussions covered topics such as honey production, collection, branding, marketing, and challenges faced.



MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood
Improvement through Forest
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENCHANCEMENT PROJECT

Seedlings Transported for ANR Plantation



The Bangsi Minol VPIC has transported seedlings from the Ajasiram Community Nursery for the purpose of Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) plantation.



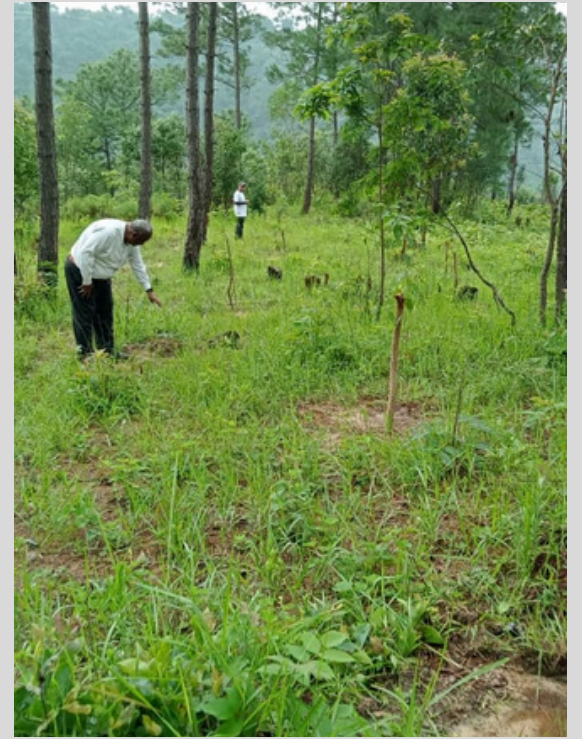
Training for newly recruited Project Associates under the MegLIFE project from June 26th to 28th, 2024



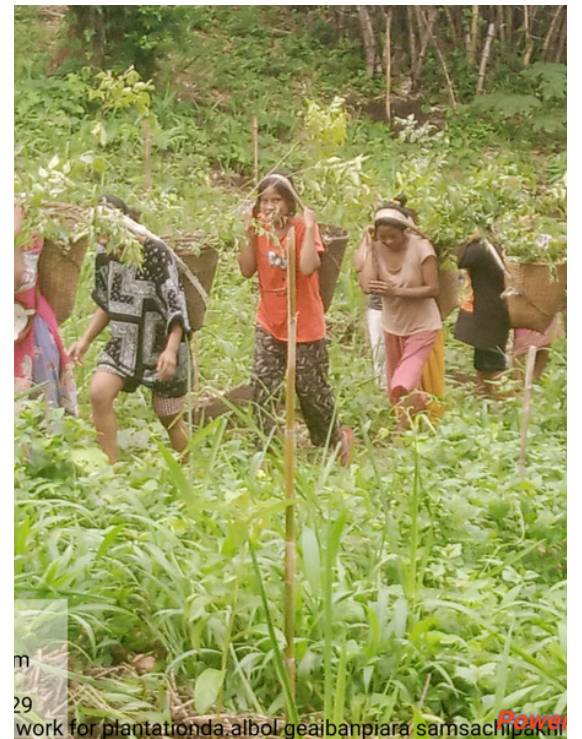
The newly established Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) under the MegLIFE project were reviewed with active involvement from staff and members of the Danal Integrated Villages Cooperative Society Ltd in Songsak Block. This significant event featured 75 members attending the Inaugural General Meeting and acquiring shares. Guided by the Junior Cooperative Officer, this gathering signifies a promising beginning for community-led economic initiatives.

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Field Visits



On June 28, 2024, Sir Ravi conducted a field visit to the nursery and plantation site in Mawryngkneng Block, which has sparked numerous great ideas within the team.



Plantation efforts are currently underway in Rajasimla Songgital and Rangsa villages within the Kharkutta block.



Sir Ravishankar Thupalli from PMC MegLIFE & Division, FC, visited Patharlyndan and Umniangriang villages in Mairang block, providing invaluable support, guidance, and deep knowledge. His expertise will greatly assist the team in guiding the community towards achieving enhanced success in plantation and nurseries.



Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



 PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA



On the 5th and 6th June 2004, Umiew Catchment Management Unit organized two-day training on Community Nursery Management for all the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) involved in nursery activities within their respective villages. This training was held at the Vocational Training Centre (VTC) of the Veterinary Office in Upper Shillong. On the second day, participants visited the nursery at Sangmein in Upper Shillong to gain practical insights and hands-on experience.

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The Umiew Catchment Management Unit visited Demthring Village in the Myllem block on 6th June 2024 to raise awareness about their project. Demthring is one of the five pilot villages under the Umiew catchment area. During the visit, the Catchment Project Manager (CPM) and his team introduced the project, emphasizing its objectives and outlining the initial activities. These activities include forming the Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC), conducting Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises, and organizing Forest Protection Awareness (FPA) contests.



On June 11, 2024, the MegArise project, MGNREGA, IORA (Carbon credit), and PES -Ganol Catchment collaboratively organized a meeting cum awareness program on convergence at Bibagre village in the Rongram block. Following that, on June 12, 2024, a similar meeting cum awareness on convergence with line departments took place at Wadagre village, also under the Rongram Block. The purpose of this meeting was to enhance the quality of life for the community living in the catchment areas by introducing various schemes through these projects. Additionally, it aimed to offer them the opportunity to transition from Jhum cultivation to alternative sources of income. The program was attended by a diverse group, including the project team, officials from MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) including the Additional Programme Officer (APO) and technical assistants from the Rongram block, West Garo Hills District .

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"Strengthening Rural Communities: Promoting Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Agriculture in Garo Hills"



A meeting was held at the Office of the Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project (SLM) in Jingkieng, Shillong to review the projected expenditure and disbursement till November 2024 and work plans over the next quarters. The meeting was chaired by Smt. Isawanda Laloo (IAS), Project Director, SLM. Also present were Shri. Augustus Suting, Addl. Project Director, SLM, Shri. Jun JG Momin, Deputy Project Director, SLM, and the team from MBMA.



Seed treatment and line sowing demonstration training at Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills



Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



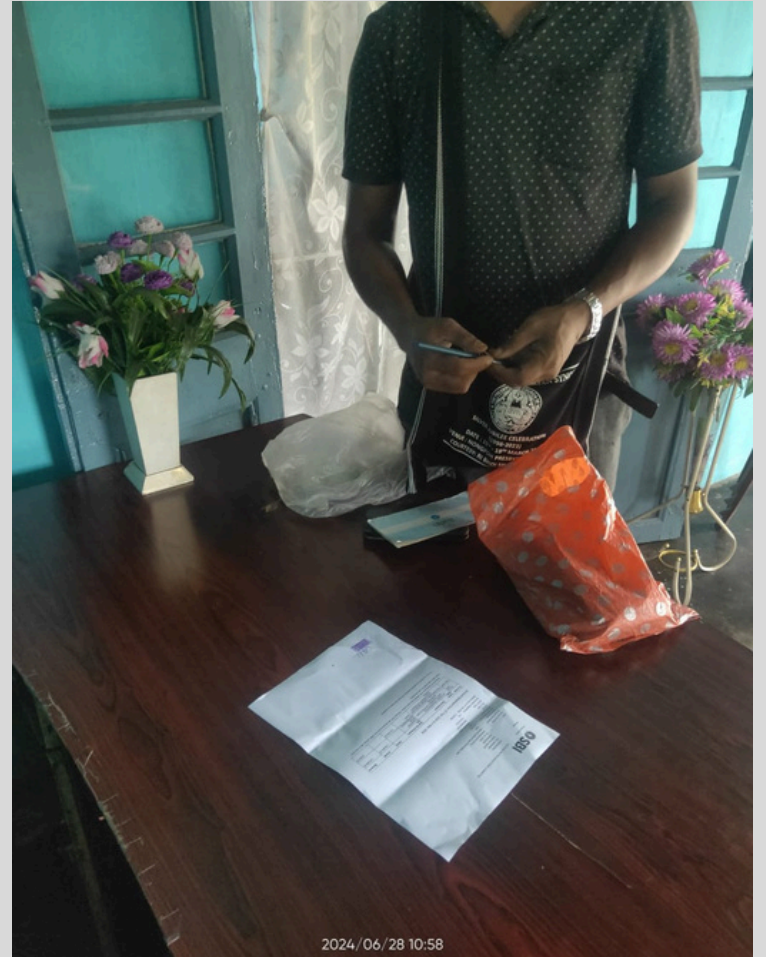
PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

"Site Inspection Visits and Meetings by GFA"



2nd year PES activities carried out by Dubagre community

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.

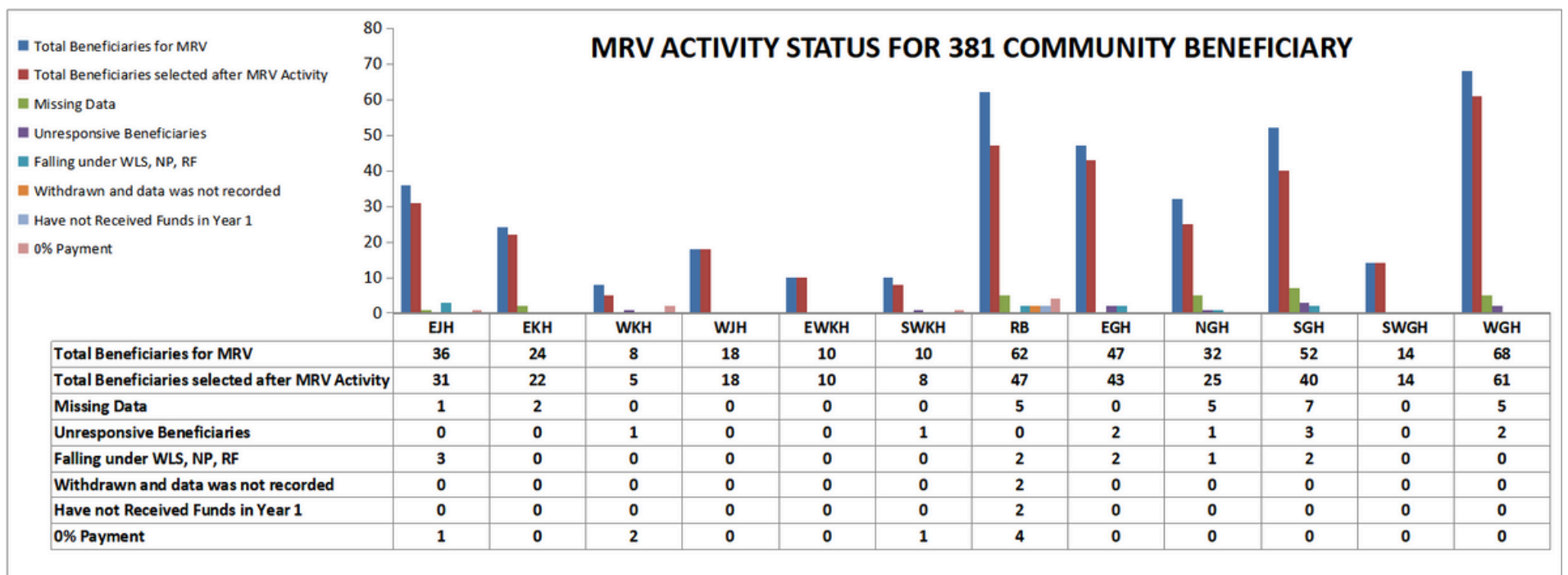


Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).

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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