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Updates of the Week

28th November 2024



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



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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT



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Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project
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The **71st All India Cooperative Week celebration** concluded with a closing ceremony held in Baghmara, **South Garo Hills**, on **November 20, 2024**. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri Richard Yanthan, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of South Garo Hills, and attended by officials from the Cooperation Department, various government departments, the MBMA team, and representatives from cooperative societies in the district.

A key highlight of the program was the experience-sharing session, featuring representatives from cooperative societies, including those from MLAMP IVCS, who discussed their journeys from initial struggles to becoming recognized by various departments. Additionally, tablets were distributed to IVCS Managers under MLAMP during the event.

Highlights of Workshops & Meetings



A **two-day workshop for IVCS Board Members, IVCS Managers, and SP Credit Linkage** was organized by DPMU, **East Jaintia Hills District**, on **November 19th and 20th, 2024**, at Khliehriat West Community Hall.

The workshop focused on key issues including the preparation of monthly reports for IVCS and CMC, Financial Literacy programmes, Annual General Meetings (AGMs) for IVCS, provisional accounts, and audit compliance. Participants also discussed the preparation of final accounts for CMCs, CHCs, and processing units, business planning for IVCS,

loan disbursement and overdue management, SP credit linkage, and the use of Micro ATMs.

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Highlights of Workshops & Meetings



A **one-day workshop on the computerization of PACS, online registration, and First Hand Report/Field Verification Report** was organized by the District Project Management Unit, North Garo Hills at Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society Hall, Mendipathar, on **November 21, 2024**. The workshop saw the participation of Secretaries from all IVCS in **North Garo Hills**. The sessions also addressed topics such as loan disbursement and recovery. During the interactive session, discussions focused on challenges related to Business Correspondence, Micro ATMs, IVCS Managers, and the importance of conducting Annual General Meetings (AGMs) for all IVCS.



District-level meetings with IVCS Managers were conducted in **South West Garo Hills and West Khasi Hills** to review progress and distribute tablets. The first meeting, held on **November 20, 2024**, at Trysem Hall, DC Office, Nongstoin, was

organized by the RF and M&E teams for IVCS Managers in West Khasi Hills. The second meeting took place on **November 22, 2024**, at the DPMU in **South West Garo Hills**, Ampati, led by the DPM, M&E, and RF teams. During both sessions, Acer tablets were distributed to IVCS Managers to enhance their operational efficiency.

An **orientation program on Integrated Farming Systems** was organized by Skill Meghalaya and Meghalaya State Skill Development Society in collaboration with EFC at Mawkyrwat C&RD Block on **November 26, 2024**. The program covered various topics, including piggery, poultry, mushroom cultivation, compost manure, and organic fertilizers, and was tailored for Producer Groups in Rangthong-Nongbah Village. The training is set to commence on **December 2, 2024**, and will span a total of **252 hours**.



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Highlights of Training



As part of the capacity-building programme, a **two-day training on "Efficient Production and Management Practices in Pig Farming"** was conducted for **Agri-Allied Entrepreneurs (AAEs)** and lead farmers under the **Transforming Agriculture through Market-led Interventions in the Northeast Region (TAMINER) Project**. The training, organized in collaboration with the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) and Institut du porc (IFIP), was held on **November 19th and 20th, 2024**, at the Vocational Training Centre, Upper Shillong.

Participants included AAEs and service providers (Piggery) from various IVCS under **East Khasi Hills District**, along with officials and staff from MBMA and the TAMINER team. The sessions were led by Edouard Bienassis and Patrick Chevillon from IFIP, who engaged participants in interactive discussions. Topics included disease prevention, meat quality comparison, and strategies for quality improvement.

Highlights of Exposure Visits, Inspection and Mobilisation



On **November 21, 2024**, a **demonstration on installing and operating drip irrigation systems** was held at a demo plot in Lower Rajapara, **South West Khasi Hills**. Conducted by a team from Rep Suk Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., the session highlighted the system's functionality and benefits. The program was attended by representatives from various IVCS, aimed at equipping them with the knowledge to manage and utilize the irrigation system effectively in their own demo plots.



On **November 25, 2024**, the Rem Songgital Mothers' Producer Group from Kharkutta Block, **North Garo Hills**, distributed chicks to their group members. The chicks were purchased using additional funds recently received from FOCUS.



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Meghalaya Livelihood
Improvement through Forest
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



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Weeding activities



Mulching completed at Thapa Dangre, weeding underway at Thapa Darenchi

Microplanning Activities Held in SWGH and South Garo Hills



Microplanning activities were successfully conducted at Sanjengpara VPIC, Dalu Block, and Malmua Village, Zikzak Block, SWGH District on November 21st, 2024. Additionally, the Batch-2 micro plan field activities wrapped up on November 23rd, 2024, at Asakgre VPIC in South Garo Hills District.

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Spring Monitoring



PA GIS conducted spring monitoring activities in Bolsal Dobokgre, Betasing Block, and Zikzak Block.

FMP activity



The evaluation of the FMP was held in Chiringpara village, within the Betasing Block.

SHG Activity



On November 22nd, 2024, the IGA nodal team engaged with 3 SHGs and IVCS members at Malchapura, Betasing Block, focusing on SHG re-gradation, member mobilization, and business planning. This followed an earlier session at Nayapara VPIC, where the team helped SHGs develop strategic business plans for sustainable growth. These efforts are crucial for empowering communities and driving long-term progress.

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EPA



3rd Phase progress of Community Hall, in Bangsi Minol VPIC



Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



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Highlights of 1st Day Exposure Visit by VCFs & VPICs Members of Ganol & Umiew Catchment



Day 1: Field Visit to ICAR, Umiam, and Fisheries Training to gain insights into engineering interventions crucial for sustainable agriculture and water management in catchment areas including detailed knowledge on advanced agronomic practices, emphasizing soil fertility, crop productivity, and the integration of sustainable techniques in farming systems. Agroforestry (Low Land Site). The day ended Processes and techniques for implementing fishery-based livelihood components. Opportunities for integrating fisheries into the broader scope of sustainable livelihoods.

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Highlights of 2nd Day Exposure Visit by VCFs & VPICs Members of Ganol & Umiew Catchment



Day 2: Visits to RRTC Centre, Primary Processing Unit, and MegLIFE Plantation Sites the team was introduced to diverse livelihood initiatives, including Nursery and livestock management. Composting techniques to enhance soil fertility. Apiculture and beekeeping for sustainable honey production. Mushroom cultivation holds great potential for income generation. The participants gained practical insights into value-added product creation, including Pickle making. Winemaking. Sweets, jams, and powdered food production.

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Highlights of 3rd Day Exposure Visit by VCFs & VPICs Members of Ganol & Umiew Catchments


Day 3: The last day of the exposure visit was at Bethany Society to learn about the Vermicomposting, Bokasi Poultry Unit, Vegetable Farming, etc Post lunch the group headed out to Rngi Myllem Village under Myllem Block to see water conservation structures such as check dams, plantation area, seed banks, and gabion wall. The day ended with positive responses from the VPIC and VCFs taken from both the Catchments as a part of the feedback during their 3-day exposure visit.

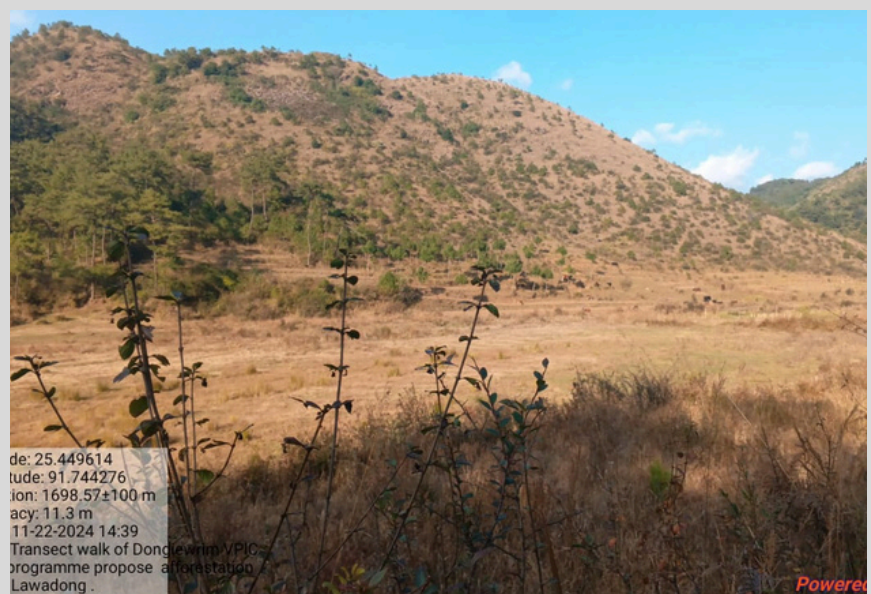
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Highlights of PRA exercise of Umiew Catchment

PRA exercise conducted at Mawlynnei Nongkrem Myllem VPIC on the 20th Nov 2024



PRA exercise conducted at Dongiewrim VPIC under Mawphlang Block on the 22nd Nov 2024



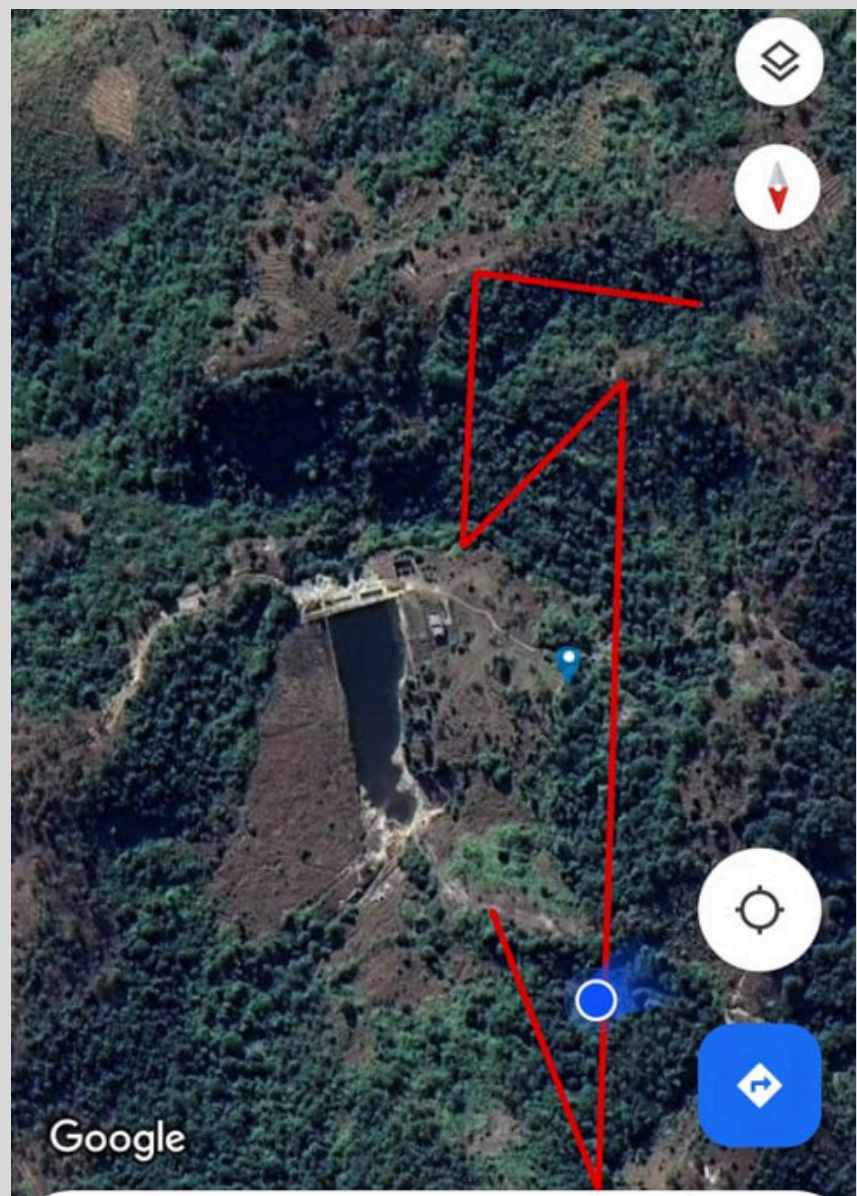
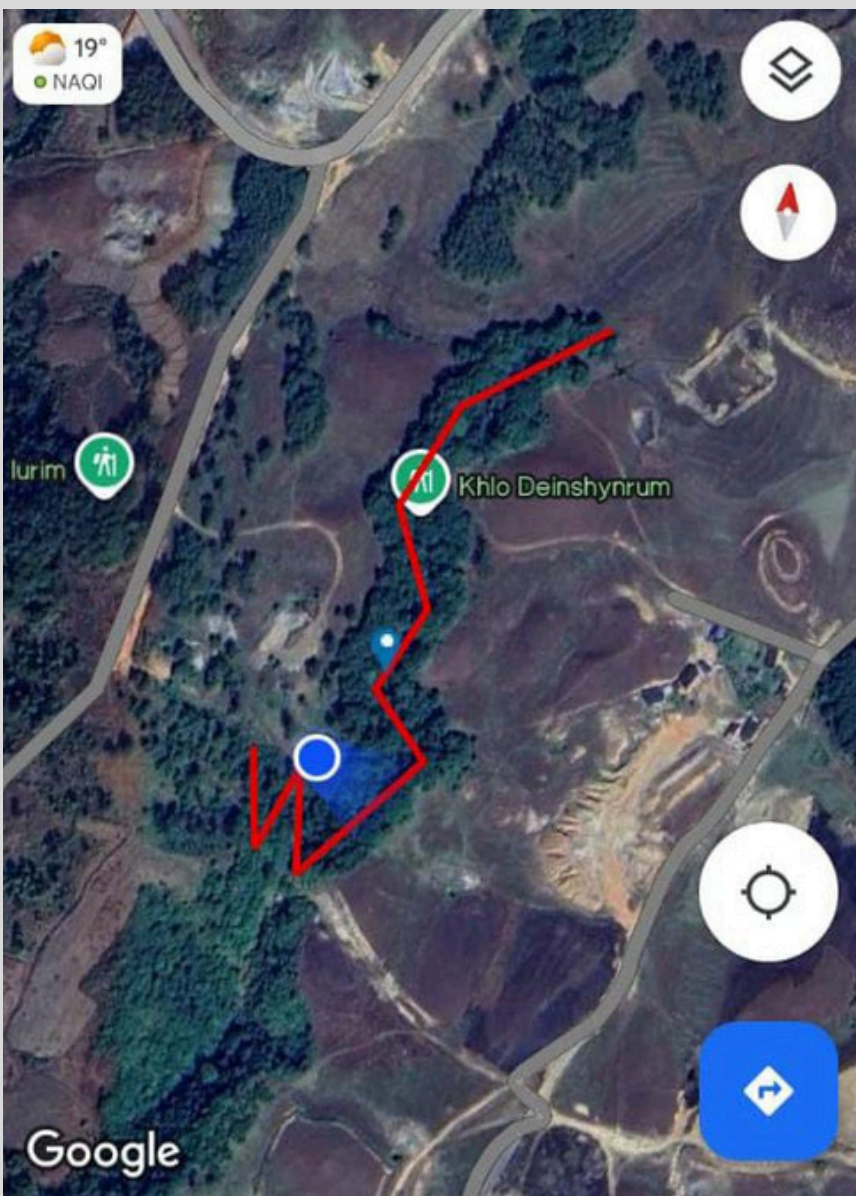


Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

MRV activities in different Blocks and villages conducted by the GFAs



MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification) in action at Iapmala and Dienchynrum villages

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