

# NEWSLETTER

**Updates of the Week**

1st May 2024



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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  
In Partnership With IFAD

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKET PROJECT

## TRAININGS &amp; OTHERS



A training session on bookkeeping and preparation of final accounts for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was held at Khatarshnong, Mawphlang and Sheila Bhulaganj. The training was conducted in the presence of Senior Cooperative Officers (SCO) from both the Assistant Registrar Cooperative Society (ARCS) and the Sub Registrar Cooperative Society (SRCS).



A one-day training program on bookkeeping and the preparation of final accounts for Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) was conducted in collaboration with the office of the Sub Registrar Cooperative Society (SRCS), SWKH Mawkyrwat. The training took place at the Sngapsyiem College Women's Hostel Hall, Mawlangwir.



Field visits to Umdiengpoh IVCS along with MBDA staff and JICA official on 25.04.2024.

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TRAININGS & OTHERS



Site inspection for Prime Hub at Myllichem C&RD Block, followed by a meeting at the Block office, Myllichem on the 23.04.2024.



Primehub & Farmers Market site inspection at Pynursla C&RD Block- DPMU & EFC Team on the 25.04.2024



Site inspection on demo plot at Pyndenglitha village on the 26.04.2024.



Meeting with Mawlangwir IVCS to discuss on the CMC Business Plan was held on 26.04.2024.

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## TRAININGS &amp; OTHERS



Site inspections for demonstration plots of potato at Krang Nonglum and Jamynthlen IVCS with SPMU and CIP team along with IVCS incharge on the 29.04.2024.



On 01.05.2024, a field trip was organized to visit the prospective Nolikata Farmer's Market located within the Ranikor Block. The purpose was to observe and gain a deeper understanding of the operations of the newly installed 5MT Cold Storage facility.

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**INSPECTION**



At MegFARM-PRIMEHUB, WGH, they've geared up for the season with a tantalizing array of ice creams and candies infused with local fruit flavors. Indulge in the essence of jackfruit, dehydrated ginger, lychee, local coffee, and more. They're all set to delight every taste buds!



# MegLIFE

Meghalaya Livelihood  
Improvement through Forest  
Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

### Update on Field Operations Across Multiple Sites"



Advance work is underway at Dotrongre supervised by Assistant Manager Tikrikilla. On April 23, Manggakgre and Tosekgre, Rongram also began their advance work. Jungle clearance for agroforestry started at Rangtapgre VPIC on April 25. This work is happening at various locations including Lower Sari Awe Village, Chibrajambal Village, and Belguri VPIC. Fencing preparations at Derikgre Rongram and bamboo staking at Daljagre Rongram are ongoing. Nursery activities are progressing at Rongpetchi VPIC and Abendagre Village. Jungle clearance is ongoing at locations like Malchapara village and Simseng Bolma. Stake placement for agroforestry plots has begun at Sasatgre Rongram and other location.

### "Spring Shed Management Survey Highlights"



Field survey for spring shed management conducted with MLSC Team. In Kharkutta Block NGH, the team completed the 2nd village training on spring shed management at Mynkrem village. The session involved discussions on spring sources, challenges, number of springs available, benefits, active committees, intervention sites, and selection criteria. In Asil Songgital under Songsak Block, community interaction and the first day of field visit with MLSC team and Master Trainers occurred, focusing on identifying critical springs. At Nokatgre, spring testing for domestic use was conducted. In Demthring VPIC, a field survey for spring shed management took place with 22 participants, led by MLSC and SPMU teams. A similar survey occurred in Resubelpara Block at Nokatgre village. In Vill. Rongpetchi, spring tests were conducted with the MLSC team. The survey extended to Galwangitok VPIC in Gasuapara Block and VPIC Ionglang in Laskein Block, aiming to assess spring shed management alongside MLSC and SPMU teams



Community nurseries have been set up in different Blocks across various villages, managed by VPICs, to grow plants for the upcoming year 2024 in specified plantation areas.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROJECT



On April 24, 2024, the Block Program Manager (BPM) of Chokpot visited Rongma village to discuss the conversion of Jhum plots to Agroforestry plots. The community has consented to allocate 26 hectares of land from 15 individual households for this purpose. Fencing, cleaning, and preliminary work are scheduled to be finished by the first week of May 2024.

### "Community Visit: Bench Terracing and RCC Tank Construction"



On April 25, 2024, the Field Engineer (FE), along MTA and the Assistant Manager of Resubelpara Block, paid a visit to Rongpetchi and Nokatgre villages. Their agenda included demonstrating bench terracing techniques and conducting measurements for the construction of an RCC tank at the Community Hall. Meanwhile, progress continued on the Plastic Tank Platform project in Nepalgre village, Betasing Block, South West Garo Hills. Additionally, a team of officials inspected various springs in Galwangitok village, Gasuapara Block, South Garo Hills, accompanied by the MLSC team, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) experts, and a Master Trainer. Their objectives encompassed evaluating water quality, monitoring water discharge rates, and other pertinent parameters.

### Progress Report on Half Moon Terrace Implementations



Monitoring the half moon terraces (Bolchugre VPIC) (Rongara block). Work in progress for half moon terraces (Bolchugre VPIC) (Rongara Block) Half moon terracing at Rangtapgre VPIC . Visited Dokongsi C and Imsambal VPIC for demonstration of Half moon terrace, Kharkutta Block NGH. Dated 29/04/2024. Implementation of Half moon terraces with boulders at Taidang Community Reserve, Rongara block (Taidang VPIC)

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The Project Assistant in the Zikzak block conducted an assessment of SHG and PG awareness levels for the Wagepara Self-Help Group on April 29, 2024. Following that, on April 30, 2024, Mimasadora (PA) and AM visited the Thapa Darenchi Cluster to evaluate the advancement of SHGs.



On April 30th, 2024, a meeting was convened by the BPM team for the Teksragre Plantation.



On 30/04/2024, BPM held a Plantation meeting in Manggakgre to monitor their ongoing progress.



# Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya (MegARISE)



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 PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA
 

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MegARISE project staff went on field immersion to MegLIFE villages from April 29th to May 5th 2024. These visits included meetings with District Project Managers (DPM) and Block Project Managers (BPM), alongside stakeholders from MegLIFE and local district administrations.

Participants explored individual nurseries, villages, and project sites, witnessing initiatives such as community nurseries, plantation sites, training halls, fencing, and spring developments. They interacted with Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC) members, discussing project objectives, strategies, and the importance of sustainable land management.

Throughout the immersion, the emphasis remained on collaborative efforts between stakeholders, sustainable practices, and community empowerment. These visits provided valuable insights into ongoing efforts to promote rural development and environmental stewardship in Meghalaya under the MegARISE project.



# SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA (SLM)



## SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT, MEGHALAYA



Smt. Isawanda Laloo (IAS), Executive Director of MBMA & Project Director of the Sustainable Land Management, Meghalaya Project (SLM), conducted an orientation session on the project for the Deputy Project Managers of MeghaLAMP. Shri. A. Suting, the Addl Project Director of SLM, also provided insights into certain project components during the session.



# Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)



PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



An awareness program on the promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) at Zikzak Block on April 30, 2024.

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



Boundary demarcation and forest fire line activities at Meka Adu Community Reserve in Gasuapara block. Forest fire line activities were also conducted by Molmigre Community in SHG Gasuapara block, and work commenced by Wilnak Marak from Rondupara under Dadenggre block. Chiresil Marak's RF in Agonggre began forest protection efforts and installed sign boards. Additionally, Damdiloka PES under Zikzak Block and Jangnapara in Betasing block (SWGK) carried out forest fire control and prevention activities. Site visits were conducted by Green Field Associates (GFA) to discuss PES activities, including UC collections and monitoring of other PES activities in the area.

Various PES activities were undertaken across different blocks and villages, including the demarcation of forest boundaries at Rongkugre Community Reserve and Lunibia Sangma Reserve Forest, as well as the initiation of

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.



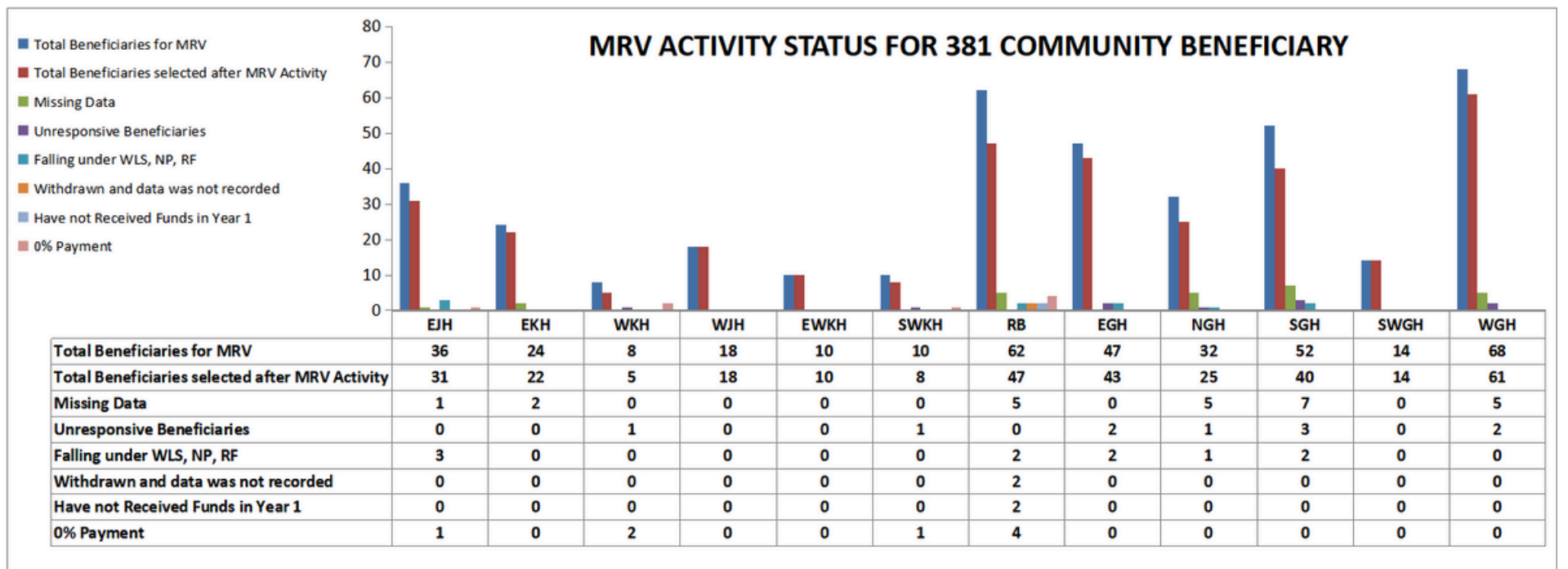
Meetings are underway with beneficiaries of the payment for ecosystem services scheme. The sessions encompass guidance on effective fund utilization and timely submission of Utilization Certificates (UC).



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



# Institute of Natural Resources

(INR)



INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
**CENTRE FOR BIO-RESOURCES**



On May 1st, 2024, marked a significant milestone at the Mawlong Nongtluh site in the Umling C&RD Block, Ri Bhoi, as the installation of the Fractional Distillation Unit (FDU) was successfully completed. Following meticulous installation, the unit underwent rigorous trial runs, showcasing promising results with a 1% recovery yield of essential oil. Meanwhile, efforts extended to Pamlaban, Umsning C&RD Block, Ri Bhoi, where preparations for the installation of another FDU were underway,

In a collaborative effort to empower local communities and promote women's health and hygiene, a capacity-building session was organized for Dabram IVCS at Baghmara. The focus of the training revolved around the formulation and production of Medicated Sanitary Napkins, a critical aspect in ensuring menstrual hygiene management. Facilitated by experts from CSIR-CIMAP Lucknow, participants were equipped with essential knowledge and skills necessary for initiating sanitary napkin production. This initiative not only underscores the importance of local empowerment but also highlights the synergy between grassroots organizations and scientific institutions in driving positive social impact.



# INSTITUTE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The ongoing series of awareness programs organized by the Bio-resources team of INR in collaboration with MegLIFE has extended to various districts including South Garo Hills, South West Garo Hills, East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills District, Eastern West Khasi Hills, and East and West Jaintia Hills. The objective of the programme is to promote the use of Medicinal and Aromatic plants in MegLIFE villages. The favorable reception and feedback garnered from each program serve to underscore the significance and effectiveness of these initiatives.



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