

06th September 2023

# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

## Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



## MCLLMP

## DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



## West Garo Hills



The distribution of second installment cheque for the beneficiaries of PES scheme for restoring the Ganol Catchment area held on September 1, 2023, at SMELC Dakopgre in Tura. Last year, on April 2, 2022, Meghalaya Chief Minister Shri Conrad K Sangma launched the project in Asanang village in Rongram C&RD Block, with the first installment distribution held on October 17, 2022.

During the event, Chief Minister Sangma distributed Rs 64.82 lakhs in cheques to 103 beneficiaries, with the largest cheque of Rs 28,50,700.00 awarded to Shri Plainson A Sangma for managing 285.07 hectares of community forests under the PES scheme.

The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of the scheme in addressing ecological issues, enhancing livelihoods, and raising living standards. West Garo Hills Deputy Commissioner & Chairman MBMA-CLLMP Shri Jagdish Chelani, IAS, delivered the welcome address, Dr. S Ashutosh, IFS (Rtd.), provided an overview of the PES scheme, and Deputy Project Director – MBMA CLLMP Shri James Kharkongor proposed the vote of thanks.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



A two-day training for Green Field Associates (GFAs) on Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) took place on August 29 and 30, 2023, in the Garo Hills Region. Organized by the Centre of Excellence, Shillong, in partnership with the District Project Management Unit, MBMA, West Garo Hills District, the training aimed to equip GFAs with the skills to verify PES Green Meghalaya, select implementation areas, and calculate payments for beneficiaries.

Resource persons included Mr. Salgrik A Sangma – TS, Mr. Quisbirth Marak PA- CoE, West Garo Hills District, and Dr. Lavinia M Dkhar, Technical Specialist (NRM) from SPMU.



Participants, including Shri James Kharkongor, DPD-NRM, SPMU, Mr. Tengchim G Momin, GFA-SPMU, Mr. Chakrang Sangma – Assistant Manager (Social Management) from DPMU Tura, as well as Ms. Silangchi Sangma, Manager-KM, Tura, and Mr. Mark Marak, KM, SPMU, attended the training. There were 20 GFAs from the Garo Hills region and 8 staff members from SPMU and DPMU.



**MCLLMP**

**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**East Khasi Hills**



On August 29, 2023, Knowledge Management team embarked on a purposeful expedition to Saw Symper village within the Mawsynram Block. Their primary objective was to comprehensively document the multifaceted interventions that have been implemented and delve into the distinctive attributes that define the essence of Saw Symper.



On September 5, 2023, the KM team conducted a field visit to Mawlyngot, a village within the Mawkynrew Block, in order to gather additional video documentation on water conservation efforts and the ODF (Open Defecation Free) models implemented in Mawlyngot village.



**Ri Bhoi**

On August 30, 2023, EE- accounts visited Sohkyrbam Domphlang, Nongsier, and Nongwah Mawleiñ in the Jirang Block. Their primary objectives were to collect utilization certificates related to the Forest Management Plan, update the books of accounts, and ensure compliance with the plan and proper fund utilization across VNRMCs.

MCLLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



West Jaintia Hills



General Body meeting was held with the DPMU team, VNRMC (Village Natural Resource Management Committee), and the residents of Iongnoh village. The main topic of discussion was the CLLMP (Community-Led Landscape Management Program) project, and today's meeting served as a highlight to provide information about the project and its benefits to the community.

The welcome speech was delivered by the Chairman of VNRMC. Detailed presentations were given by Mrs. Wansa Pyrbot and Seinmiki, who emphasized the importance of this project and its schemes for their village. They also sought feedback from the villagers regarding the project.



GB meeting was conducted with the committee members of VNRMC, accompanied by the village residents. The project began in 2018 and was initially planned for five years, but it has been extended until the next year, 2024. Funding is received from the World Bank, and 16 projects have already been completed. VGA has signed and sent funds. Committee members are aware of the implemented activities. Signboards will be displayed after the completion of each project, with 70% already finished.

## MCLMP

## DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



## South West Khasi Hills



DPM, FE, and AM-Social conducted a visit to Tynnai and Hilland villages to review record books and inspect the traditional meeting hall and community nursery. They found that 80% of the construction work on the traditional meeting hall had been completed. In Hilland village, DPM and FE inspected the half moon terrace plantation project.



FE, AM-SM, and TS visited Wahsiej to review record books, inspect the permanent nursery, and assess the construction of the retaining wall. It was discovered that most of the records were in order, reflecting sound financial management practices. A few errors were identified and duly noted for correction. The permanent nursery is completed and well-maintained, with healthy saplings. A substantial number of saplings have been sold and planted. The extension of the retaining wall is currently under active construction, and the project will be completed soon, as it plays a crucial role in ensuring continued area protection.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Gapfilling plantation in Mawlangwir village forest.



On September 1, 2023, GFA Jingshisha Bareh, along with the village secretary and Mr. Fullmoon, inspected the Lumskhen village forest and verified that the fencing work in the area had been finished.

On September 1, 2023, Fire Line Control and Forest Boundary Demarcation took place at Baksapara Community Forest Reserve, Katuligre Individual Reserve, and Balwa Achu Community Reserve.



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Rajasimla reserve gap filling activity.



Eradication of invasive plants and the installation of a fence occurred at Dorakgre Community Reserve on September 1, 2023.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

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).



Khatarshnong Block.



Khliehriat Block.



Mawsynram Block.



Dadengre Block.



Shella Block.



Mairang Block.

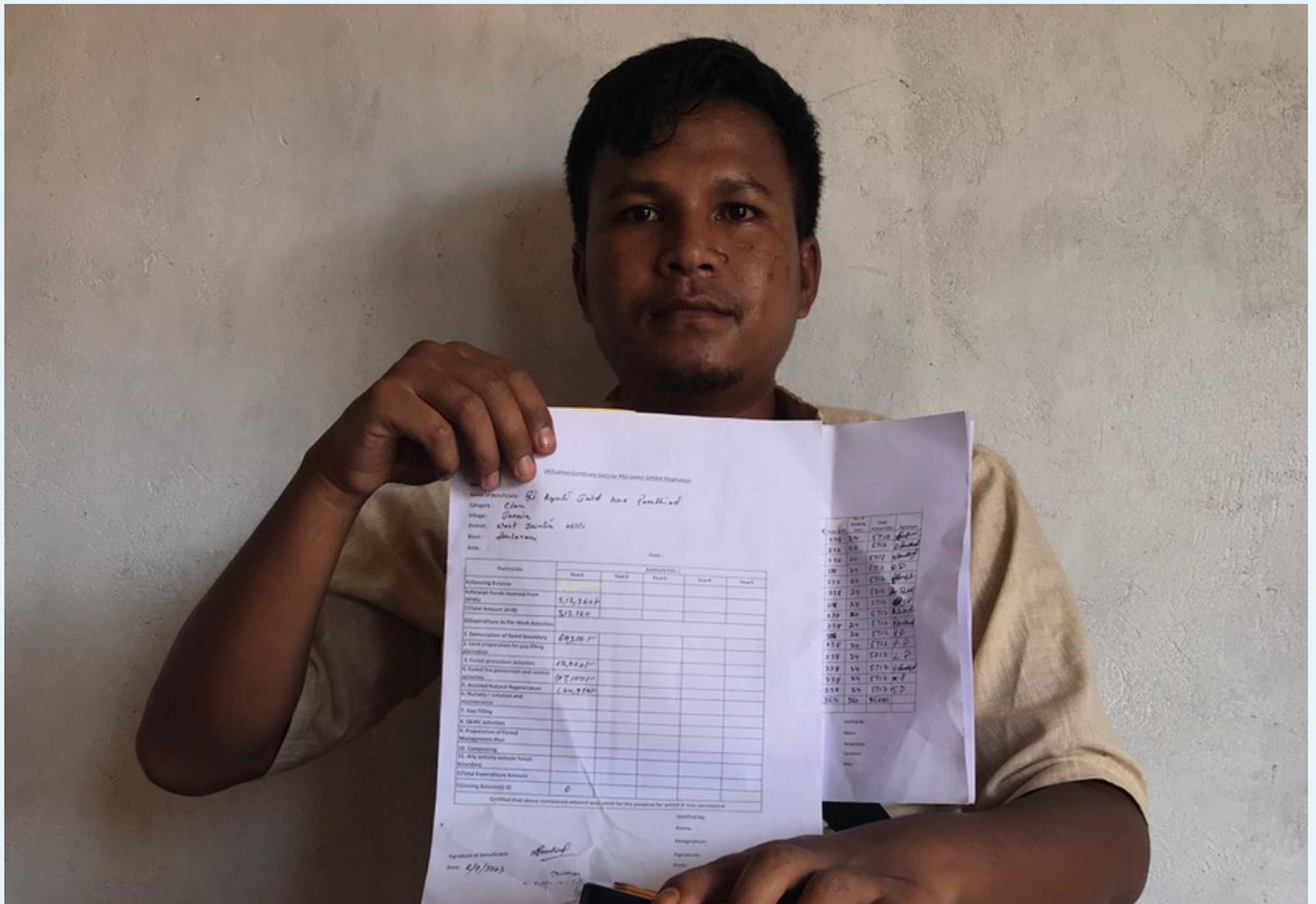
# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Collection of Application Forms and Utilisation Certificates



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**Samanda Block.**



**Amlarem Block.**

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## Verification and Boundary Mapping



PES verification at Mooriap village.



PES verification at Rangweng village.



PES verification at Chyrmang nein village.



PES verification at Pamtadong village.



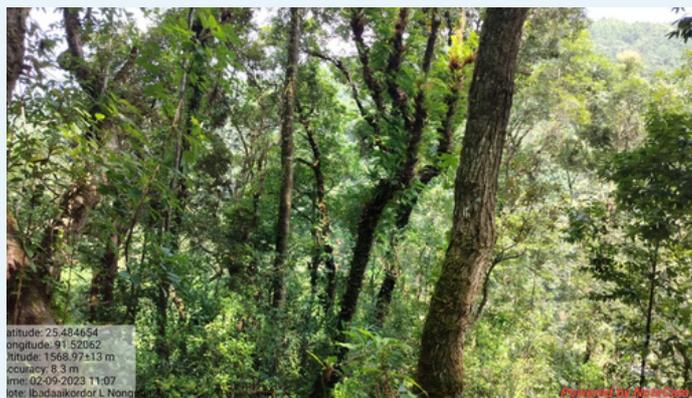
PES verification at Khlaw Nongbah village.



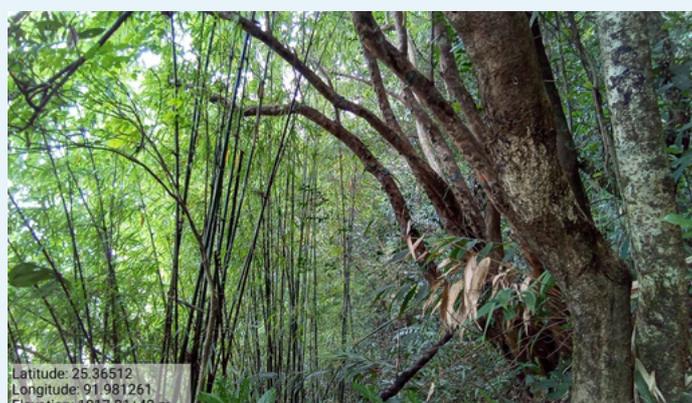
PES verification at Nongkhroh village.



# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification at Mawkyllei village.



PES verification at Wahmawleñ village.



PES verification at Wahsohra village.



PES verification at Sakhain village.

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



PES verification completed at Najokgre (B) village by VCFs.



Gabil Mahari Reserved forest.



PES verification at Lurniang village.



PES verification at Mawpat dongkiingding village.



PES verification at Mawshang village.

MEGHALAYA  
LIVELIHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH  
FOREST  
ENHANCEMENT  
(MegLIFE)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

## PLANTATION

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Plantation of saplings is currently underway.

### West Garo Hills



Resurvey of plantation sites in the village of Silsekgre commenced on August 31, 2023.



Gindopara plantation's resurvey concluded on August 30, 2023.



Anogre village plantation re-survey concluded on September 4, 2023.



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East Jaintia Hills



Lura village.



Fencing work at Tuituk village.



On August 2, 2023, a site inspection was conducted in Tlangpui village by the BPM.

South Garo Hills



On September 5, 2023 first weeding going on for Citronella and Lemon grass plantation

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

## COMMUNITY NURSERY

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries.



### West Garo Hills



Dorengre village.



Preparing land for nursery extension in Anogre village.



On August 30, 2023, MegLIFE team visited Gambarigre, Balupara, and Chibokgre community nurseries.



Bawagre village.

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**North Garo Hills**



Initiated the germination process in the expanded nursery of Nanil Apal village.



Expansion of the nursery in Rongpetchi village.



Expanding and extending nurseries in Rongpetchi village.

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Dokasaram village.



**East Garo Hills**



Rapdikgre village.



Dagal Nokat village.



Dagal Nokat village.



Chibilbang village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



**South Garo Hills**



Latitude: 25.236903  
Longitude: 90.779262  
Elevation: 76.54422 m



Latitude: 25.237013  
Longitude: 90.779237  
Elevation: 73.54420 m

Rona Agal village.



Latitude: 25.22533  
Longitude: 90.77439  
Elevation: 72.64812 m  
Accuracy: 1.4 m  
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Site: Nengsra Community Nursery



Nengsra village.



Attabenga village.

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The strong winds experienced on September 4, 2023, caused significant damage to several nurseries located in the Gasuapara Block.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY**

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.



**West Garo Hills**



SALT farm of Shri. Brijith B. Marak from Silsekgre village.



SALT farm of Shri. Romison Sangma from Rencha Apal village.

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East Jaintia Hills



Witnessing germination alongside specific farmers within the Khliehriat Block.



East Garo Hills



SALT farm from Amalgre village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL**

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.

**West Garo Hills**



Nayapara village.



Sasatgre village.



On August 30, 2023, MegLIFE team visited Gambarigre, Balupara, and Chibokgre community Halls.

**South Garo Hills**



Rongkandi Songgital village.

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East Garo Hills



Kalak Songgital village.



Kalak Dorek village.



Simseng Bolma village.



Simseng Aringga village.



Dagal Nokat village.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**North Garo Hills**



Nanil Apal village.



Nokatgre village.



Dokongsi village.

**East Jaintia Hills**



BPM's site visit to Tlangpui community hall on August 2, 2023.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**PLUP And Microplanning Exercises**



PLUP and Microplanning initiatives are currently underway in Khonshnong Laskein Block (Group II village) on August 29, 2023.



The Microplanning exercise commenced in Kantangre village on August 31, 2023.

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)

### MIS and Procurement Training



The four-day VCF training at Mendipathar Cooperative Society in the Resubelpara Block of North Garo Hills concluded on August 1, 2023.

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



The four-day residential training for MegLIFE VCFs concluded on September 1, 2023, in Mawkyrwat, South West Khasi Hills, with certificate distribution by BDO Shri. I. Lawrynniang.

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**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)****Soil and water activities**

On August 30, 2023, the MegLIFE team visited Soil & Water Conservation Nurseries in Dakopgre & Damjonggre villages.





Institute of  
Natural Resources  
(INR)

## CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & MITIGATION (GREEN ENERGY)

**Site Verification and Electrification at different sites under the Decentralised Green Energy Development Project.**

### 📍 South Garo Hills District



The Green Energy Team carried out a site inspection at the flood-damaged location in Siju Duramong village, situated within the Baghmara block. This inspection was conducted to assess the progress of the site's reconstruction.

### 📍 South West Khasi Hills District



Verification of the site and completion of the electrification work were undertaken at Jakhong village under Mairang block.

 East Khasi Hills District



Installation of Hydroger machine carried out by the Green Energy team along with the VECs (Village Energy Committee) of Laitlum Village, Mawkynrew Block.

**CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES**



A site survey was conducted at the OLC site in Laitmawsiang, along with the implementation of planting Vetiver plants to enhance water quality.

## CENTRE FOR BIO- RESOURCES (Megh Aroma Mission)

### Monitoring of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants ( MAPs)



Follow up and Monitoring for newly plantation at Mawpiah, Mairang Block, EWKH and Sohkympkor Village, Wapung Block, EJH

### Capacity Building on “Pre & Post Processing of MAPs for extraction & marketing of essential oil”



A training workshop focused on cultivation, primary processing, and establishing market linkages was organised for farmers under the Megh Aroma Mission. The event took place on 31st August 2023, at Sanchongre village, West Garo Hills District. Dr. Bansal (Ex Principal scientist CSIR CIMAP), a resource person from the Bio-Resource team, conducted the training, emphasizing the cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic plants as well as strategies for market integration.

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Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## ISC & ED



The District Program Management Unit (DPMU) of East Khasi Hills District, led by Shri. Ivan Marbaniang, DPM, conducted a visit to one of the Producer Groups in Mawryngkneng Block on August 29, 2023. This field visit was organized to hold a meeting and engage in an interactive session with the members of the Producer Group. The primary objective of the visit was to monitor the progress of Iamonlang Producer Group, which had received a Support Fund of Rs 50,000 for its 10 members.



A Meeting with Shri. P. Tariang, Service Provider, Piggery, under Shella Bholaganj Block, and members of Wahkaliar IVCS to follow up on various activities undertaken by the IVCS on the 29th August 2023.



Soil Testing Kits were distributed as part of the MLAMP project initiative to 12 Progressive IVCS in East Khasi Hills on August 30, 2023. The distribution took place in the presence of esteemed guests, including Smt. R.M Kurbah, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Shri R. Wahlang, ADC, Smt. R. Dkhar from the Agriculture Department, and the DPMU team, East Khasi Hills District.



## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

### ISC & ED



A field visit to Laitiam IVCS in Shella-Bholaganj Block involved a meeting with the Secretary and Group Facilitator. The purpose of this visit was to follow up on various aspects, including Producer Groups, Service Providers, the Collective Marketing Centre, and the Know Your Household initiative, on August 31, 2023.

### *CIP: International Potato Centre*



**Autumn Planting:** Distribution of ARCs and Inputs, along with Hands-on Training for Quality Potato Seed Production, took place at the Nongur IVCS net houses. This initiative is part of the Potato Landraces Cleaning and ARC Technology program, Sohiong C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District on August 31st 2023.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



A series of Special General Meetings were conducted across various districts with the common objectives of amending new bye-laws and strengthening the Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS). On August 30, 2023, meetings took place at Mukhaialong IVCS, Mutong IVCS, Cham Cham IVCS, Lumshyrmit IVCS, attended by DPMU staff and Shri. E Syngkon, Senior Cooperative Officer (SCO), ARCS, East Jaintia Hills. At Lower Rajapara IVCS, the meeting was attended by the SCO, and Sohrarim IVCS Ltd, along with Shri. F.D Momin, Senior Cooperative Officer from the Office of Sub Registrar of Cooperative Societies Sohra Sub-division, and staff from Laitkroh block. Simultaneously, Phlangdilion IVCS held a meeting in Phlangdilion Village, with Shri. Yesterday Lyngdoh, SCO, SRCS, and Iamonlang IVCS met in Langpa Village, Ranikor C&RD, West Khasi Hills. On August 29, 2023, Keniong IVCS in South West Khasi Hills and Tillagao IVCS conducted separate Special General Meetings, both aimed at amending the new bye-laws and featuring SRCS officials. Mawpud IVCS convened on August 31, 2023, at Mawpud Community Hall. Lastly, on September 1, 2023, Pamdaba IVCS in South West Khasi Hills District held a Special General Meeting with SRCS officials to address bye-law amendments. Additionally, discussions covered reports on IVCS activities and IVCS Accounts, emphasizing the crucial role these meetings played in shaping the cooperative societies and revising their bye-laws.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



The Multi-Stakeholders Platform Programme and the Annual General Meeting for the amendment of bye-laws were held on September 1, 2023, at Kremmysiang IVCS, with the presence of Shri W.B Pariat, Senior Cooperative Officer, ARCS Jowai.



A meeting was held with Wahsohliat IVCS under Mawplang C&RD Block, attended by the entire managing committee, including the Chairman, Secretary, and all IVCS members. The meeting focused on discussions regarding the Bye-Law and Resolution for Online Registration, as well as a follow-up on various activities to be undertaken by the IVCS.



Meeting with Suktia and Nongduh IVCS Committees on September 1, 2023, at Suktia and Nongduh Village, focusing on Roles, Responsibilities, Deliverables, Know Your Households Concept, and Data Collection.



Monitoring of Sodorkura Khasiadop IVCS activities, including managing the cash book and gathering data for Key Performance Indicators.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## INRM



Two meetings were conducted on August 29, 2023, to discuss the utilization of INRM Funds and accelerate activities in different locations. The first meeting took place at Lenpdengshnong in Sohiong Block, involving members of the INRM committee and the Village Council. The second meeting occurred at Lummawskhen in Shella Bholaganj Block, East Khasi Hills District.



Two INRM meetings were conducted to review progress and activities. The first meeting, held on August 31, 2023, at Mawpyllun, involved discussions with the Village Employment Council regarding pending tasks, UC submissions, and VEC Performance Assessment. The second meeting took place on September 1, 2023, at Rudu A, focusing on similar topics related to INRM progress, VEC work, and assessments.



A comprehensive review meeting on INRM activities was held on August 29, 2023, at Ranikor Civil Sub Division, South West Khasi Hills. This meeting included the Village Employment Councils, the Block Development Officer, Ranikor C&RD Block, INRM team from SPMU and DPMU. The review encompassed discussions on

activity status, work progress, UC submissions, and other pertinent matters.

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