

Newsletter

30 September 2025

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) and Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) implement citizen-centric, community-driven projects to improve the quality of life for Meghalaya's citizens, bridge developmental gaps, and promote natural resource management, catchment area protection, forest management, agroecological practices, and market development. Incorporated under the State's Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development Department, MBMA and MBDA partner with multilateral agencies, banks, non-profits, UN organizations, government departments, and community groups to implement their works.

Coverage spans across Meghalaya through Externally Aided Projects (EAP) such as the IFAD-supported Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP), the JICA-funded Project for Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement in Meghalaya (MegLIFE), and the KfW Development Bank-funded projects - the Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project (SLM) and the Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Area in Meghalaya (MegARISE) Project.

State programmes being implemented include the Promotion and Incubation of Market-Driven Enterprises (PRIME), the Farmers Collectivization for Upscaling Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS), the Smart Village Movement (SVM), the Grassroot Level response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing (GREEN Meghalaya), the Cluster Development Programme (CDP), the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) in Meghalaya, and the Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission (MSBM).

EXTERNALLY AIDED PROJECTS

Megha-LAMP
Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project

MegLIFE
Project for Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement in Meghalaya

MegARISE
Protection of Vulnerable Catchment Areas in Meghalaya Project

SLM
Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

WORKS

PRIME

Promotion and Incubation of Market Driven Enterprises

FOCUS

Farmers Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems

SVM

Smart Village Movement

GREEN Meghalaya

Grassroot Level response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing Meghalaya

CDP

Cluster Development Programme

PMJVM

Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission in Meghalaya

MSBM

Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission

STATE PROGRAMMES



MeghaLAMP
Meghalaya Livelihoods Access to Market Project
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GREEN
MEGHALAYA
Grassroot Level Response towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing Meghalaya

Smart Village Movement™
In Alliance With Berkeley Haas



PRIME
MEGHALAYA



KEY UPDATES

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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



Community members, both IVCS members and non-members, actively participated in the Village Level IVCS Mobilization Drive organised on 24th September 2025 at Jalaphet Bri Sutnga under Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills District.

KEY UPDATES

30 September 2025

PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT IN MEGHALAYA



174 community halls have been constructed across Meghalaya under the MegLIFE Project. These halls serve as spaces for participation, local governance, and project implementation. Selected villages have also received Entry Point Activities (EPAs) to strengthen community involvement in development initiatives and promote collective growth and empowerment.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



From 17th–19th September 2025, 164 Executive Committee members from 24 villages attended trainings to strengthen leadership and village-level planning. Sessions were held at Rongram Horti-Hubs, Nokatgre LP School, West Garo Hills, and Madanlyngdoh, East Khasi Hills. These trainings strengthened leadership and operational skills, equipping members to better drive village-level initiatives.

PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT IN MEGHALAYA



SHG Engagement in Mairang Block

6 SHGs - 2 at Dongki Ingding and 4 at Umniangriang, engaged with the SPMU team on 23rd September 2025. The groups shared updates on their businesses, IVCS awareness, ongoing initiatives, and challenges. The team also visited the bamboo Community Nursery, strengthening community-based development efforts.



6 of 10 beds at Umden Nongtluh Nursery now hold around 6,000 bamboo seedlings, with remaining beds in preparation to support next year's plantation drive and rural livelihoods.



33 new street lights have been installed in Myriem Village, Mawkyrwat Block, as reviewed by the SPMU team. This initiative improves public safety, accessibility, and community well-being, particularly in villages without community halls, reflecting continued efforts to enhance local infrastructure and quality of life.



14 SHGs in Kharkutta Block were monitored by the SPMU from 15–20 September 2025. Activities in piggery, ginger, banana, and broomgrass are underway, marking the start of sustainable livelihood initiatives.

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



Umiew CMU & SPMU Staff Trained on Soil & Water Conservation

From 16th–19th September 2025, MegARISE conducted a 3-day training for Umiew Catchment Management Unit and SPMU staff on Soil & Water Conservation and Water Harvesting Structures, strengthening technical skills for sustainable natural resource management.



9 villages participated in the 1st batch of procurement training at Ganol Catchment on 20th September 2025, held at the MegARISE Conference Hall, Tura, West Garo Hills.



7 FPA contests were held across Umiew Catchment from 15th–23rd September 2025 in eight villages under Myliem, Mawryngkneng, and Khatarshnong Laitkroh Blocks. The events, which included 9 participants in Contest 2 and 6 in Contest 3, promoted financial awareness and community engagement.



A Village Level Micro Action Plan (VLMAP) exercise was held on 18th September 2025 at Aguragre VPIC, Rongram Block



A two-day orientation programme for newly recruited Integrated Cooperative Society staff was held on 11th–12th September 2025 in West Garo Hills, organised by Clover under Chichang and Rongtenabak IVCS.

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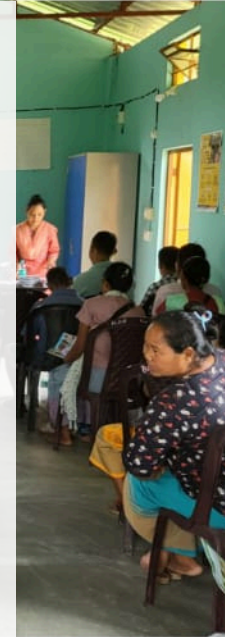
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On 17th September 2025, interviews were held for the recruitment of ICS staff under Mawlyndiar Integrated Village Cooperative Society. The same day, farmers from Sohkynduh village attended a training on organic production practices and awareness of National Programme for Organic Production certification.

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAMMES



On 23rd and 24th September 2025, LIFCOM conducted comprehensive loan-related programs at Selsella Orchid, Dadenggre C&RD Block, and Tikrikilla Block Migasal IVCS. The programs focused on ensuring timely repayment of past due loans, verifying effective utilization of loan funds through field inspections, providing guidance on fresh loan options, and collecting Utilization Certificates (UCs). Individual discussions with Presidents and Secretaries further strengthened understanding and compliance. These initiatives aim to improve loan repayment, enhance fund utilization, and raise awareness of LIFCOM services among participants.



MBDA/MBMA PROGRAMMES



GREEN Meghalaya

Field visits covering 9 villages in Ri Bhoi, East Jaintia Hills, South Garo Hills, West Khasi Hills, and East Khasi Hills were conducted to assess deforestation impacts and strengthen forest monitoring. Alongside, boundary demarcation exercises were carried out in 24 villages to maintain clear forest boundaries and support sustainable land management, contributing to conservation and community engagement efforts.

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The Mynsngat IVCS Story

350 households across Mynsngat, Moolyngkdein, and Nongsutnga villages are benefitting from the services of Mynsngat IVCS, which has disbursed **₹1.18 crore** in loans to **168** members and mobilized **₹1.42 crore** in savings from **484 shareholders**, including **323 women**. The society supports livelihoods through its Custom Hiring Centre, Collective Marketing Centre, Agricultural Resource Village services, and a Food Processing Unit, **trading 40 MT of raw ginger and 30 MT of processed ginger**, generating a net profit of **₹4 lakh**.

The Food Processing Unit, operational since December 2024, **employs 24 people** and has **generated ₹1 crore in revenue**, improving **price realization** for ginger **by 67%**, from **₹15/kg** in the market to **₹25-30/kg** via the CMC. Beyond financial services, the IVCS enhances agricultural productivity, livestock growth, and market access, **impacting over 1,000 farmers**. Members highlight the difference the IVCS has made: easier access to loans, better savings management, subsidized inputs, and collective marketing that secures fair prices. With strong governance, women's participation, and innovative initiatives like the 0.7-acre ginger demo plot, Mynsngat IVCS continues to drive rural enterprise, inclusion, and sustainable livelihoods in West Jaintia Hills.



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