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Newsletter

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Government of Meghalaya
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority | Meghalaya Basin Management Agency

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
14 September 2016-2020



GREEN
MEGHALAYA
Grassroot Level Response towards
Ecosystem Enhancement and
Nurturing Meghalaya

Smart Village Movement™
In Alliance With Berkeley Haas



PRIME
MEGHALAYA



KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



STRENGTHENING RURAL MARKETS: MEGHA-LAMP AT THE INDIA DAY EVENT IN ROME

At the India Day Event in Rome, the Government of India and IFAD reflected on their long-standing partnership and highlighted rural development models that are influencing programmes across the Global South. Project Director Dr. D. Vijay Kumar delivered a compelling overview of the Hub-and-Spoke model under Megha-LAMP, demonstrating how PRIME Hubs, spokes, and producer-led institutions are expanding market access for farmers across Meghalaya. Megha-LAMP was showcased as a strong example of inclusive rural transformation, supporting thousands of rural enterprises, strengthening IVCS-based community institutions, and developing value chains that connect remote producers to national and international markets. Its Hub-and-Spoke architecture and community-driven planning tools were recognised as innovations now being adapted in other IFAD-supported contexts.

The event also reviewed India's broader IFAD portfolio, one of the agency's largest, spanning climate-smart agriculture, women's economic empowerment, and rural enterprise development. It emphasized India's leadership in South-South and Triangular Cooperation, reflecting nearly five decades of joint investments. Current initiatives include major projects in Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttarakhand, all strengthening resilience, market systems, and local institutions.

Megha-LAMP at the India day Event in Rome



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



WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE BAMBOO MANAGEMENT FOR A GREEN ECONOMY

The Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission, in collaboration with MegLIFE and the National Bamboo Mission, organised a two-day workshop on Sustainable Bamboo Management on the 9th and 10th of December 2025 in Shillong. The event brought together scientists, forestry experts, research institutions, government departments, entrepreneurs, and community representatives to strengthen bamboo resource management and expand bamboo-based livelihoods. Shri. Dr. Shakeel P Ahammed, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, launched the Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission website and stressed the need for stronger technical support and research collaboration. Sessions covered bamboo forestry, sustainable harvesting, Forest Stewardship Council certification, ecological resilience, post-harvest processing, and community-led conservation. Key priorities included species selection, quality planting material, genetic improvement, restoration of degraded areas, improved logistics in hilly terrain, and integration of traditional practices. The workshop concluded with commitments to enhance convergence and support Meghalaya's green economy vision.

Workshop on Sustainable Bamboo Management

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



TWO DAY ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING FOR MEGARISE STAFF

The two-day review brought together catchment and SPMU teams to assess progress and outline the 2026 roadmap. The Deputy Project Director shared sector updates, followed by presentations from Catchment Project Managers (CPM) and SPMU on 2025 achievements, indicators, challenges, and plans for the coming year. The Procurement Specialist reported on procurement status, and the Technical Specialist presented the 2026 plantation update. Technical sessions included the Silt Sedimentation Study (Water Resource Department, Shillong) and Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (Project Scientist, INR-MBDA). The Implementation Consultant team recommended strengthening MIS, aligning the Results Matrix, and ensuring realistic planning. A key milestone was the joint preparation of the Annual Work Budget Plan (AWBP) 2026 (Plan A, B, & C) by the SPMU and Catchment Management Unit teams.

The review concluded with certificate presentations recognizing field-active staff and team-building activities including football, maw-point, tug-of-war, spoon race, and tambola.

Review meeting for MegArise Staff

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SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT



SLM PROJECT MOVES INTO LOAN PHASE: READINESS, LESSONS AND THE ROAD AHEAD

The SLM Meghalaya Project held a two-day retreat to review the grant phase and finalise preparations for Phase 2. Covering 24,000 hectares and reaching 48,000 households across 430 villages, the scale-up will address gaps in fund flow, UC quality, staffing, land availability, and market certification. Key decisions included revising tranche rules, engineer-certified payments, simplified UC templates, and parallel certification (NPOP, PGS, Meghalaya Naturals). Value-chain infrastructure will expand with 60+ CMCs, hubs, tertiary centres, and retail outlets. Financing will combine grants, matching grants, and revolving funds for smallholders and landless households.

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MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



LAITYRRA FARMERS' MARKET INSPECTION HIGHLIGHTS

A site inspection was conducted by the Block Development Officer (BDO), along with staff from Shella Enterprise Facilitation Centre (EFC), District Project Management Unit, and a representative from Sohbar Elaka, at Laityrra Farmers' Market on 10 December 2025. The visit reviewed the functioning of the market and identified additional requirements, including improved waste management, proper drainage, toilet facilities, water supply, and electricity. The team also discussed the formation of a management committee involving the Integrated Village Cooperative Society (IVCS), farmers, and the Elaka. During the visit, the market committee raised concerns about the contractor's slow progress and poor-quality work, which require urgent attention.



Ribhoi District Review Highlights

The District Review Meeting for IVCS was held at Umdihar Prime Hub, Ribhoi District on 3 December 2025. Key discussions covered IVCS operational data, UC status, mobilisation activities, PACS computerisation, credit linkage, SEED mobilisation, CM Elevate updates, PG repayment status, and final formats for CMC working capital and Service Provider proposals.



Review Meeting on MLAMP Implementation at Nongduh IVCS

A meeting was conducted by Shella EFC at Nongduh IVCS on 10 December 2025 with the Block Development Officer, District Project Management staff, EFC staff, and the IVCS team. The discussion reviewed the functioning and progress of MLAMP, followed by a site visit where the BDO inspected key activities such as the dry ration unit, tent house, Custom Hiring Centre, warehouse, and food processing centre.



Site Inspection Highlights at Phlangwanbroi Prime Hub and Warehouse

A site inspection was conducted at the Prime Hub and warehouse in Phlangwanbroi, East Khasi Hills on 8 December 2025. The review indicated that the Prime Hub construction will not be completed by 20 December, as the toilet, platform, and other finishing works are still pending. Progress has slowed because many workers have taken leave, delaying final completion.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



FIELD VISITS FOR FINANCIAL PARTICIPATORY APPRAISAL IMPLEMENTATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT

On 6 December 2025, the Umiew catchment engineering team visited Lumkyntung and Lyngkien Myllem to initiate the implementation of Financial Participatory Appraisal (FPA) -2 (Mushroom Cultivation) and assess site feasibility for Financial Participatory Appraisal-3 at Lyngkien Myllem. On 8 December, the team visited Lyngkynshieh to monitor construction progress under the Financial Participatory Appraisal-3 winning idea and discuss estimates and drawings with the community. The team also inspected Mawjrong village to initiate Financial Participatory Appraisal-3 implementation and conduct site verification for the Financial Participatory Appraisal-2 winning idea.



Multi-Village Inspection on FPA Implementation and Village Level Micro Action Plan (VLMAP)

On 9 December 2025, Umiew Catchment engineers visited Mawkathein to initiate Financial Participatory Appraisal-2 and Financial Participatory Appraisal-3 implementation and discuss plans with community members, while another team inspected Mawkhanpasir and Rangsyuin Mawlmeng to review VLMAP. On 10 December, an engineer visited Mawblah to monitor construction under the Financial Participatory Appraisal -3 winning idea.



Field Inspection Across Ganol Catchment Villages

On 9 December 2025, engineers from the Ganol catchment visited Cherangre, Aranggre, Babadamgre, Bokda Apal, and Jendragre to inspect ongoing works and take measurements for Financial Participatory Appraisal-2 and Financial Participatory Appraisal-3 implementation. On 10 December, the team visited Sangkarigre, Mukdangra, and Dopatchigre to monitor progress and proceeded to Chisregre to conduct measurements required for the upcoming proposed works.



FPA-2 & FPA-3 Contests Promote Village Development Ideas

On 10 December 2025, FPA-2 and FPA-3 were conducted at Alotgre Village in Selsella Block, where 13 participants presented ideas, with winning entries in horticulture, piggery, bee keeping, and water and soil conservation structures. The same contests were also held at Waram Songma in Rongram Block, engaging 24 participants, including 20 contestants contributing development ideas.

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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAMMES



GREEN MEGHALAYA+ CONDUCTS TWO-DAY STRATEGIC REVIEW RETREAT

Green Meghalaya+ held a two-day review retreat on the 4th and 5th of December 2025 at The Ratson Pavilion, Mawiong. Senior leadership, District Project Managers, members from IEIC (Inclusive Economics India Centre), and the project team attended, including Shri Sachin Gavade Shankar, IFS, Executive Director, MBDA; Shri James Kharkongor, General Manager; and AGMs Shri Rodonald Majaw and Shri Fettleman Dohling.

The retreat opened with a welcome address by Senior Manager Shri John Wanniang. Sessions delivered a focused review of achievements, operational gaps, and priority actions. The programme closed with team-building activities conducted by Veveane Sayo, Senior Manager, Knowledge Management, to strengthen coordination and field readiness across districts.

Two-Day Strategic Review Retreat

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