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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



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



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



4 KEY DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO KEEP DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON TRACK

The Deputy Commissioner, South West Garo Hills, reviewed the progress of ongoing construction activities across the district.

While most projects are advancing as scheduled, a few sites have experienced slower progress or temporary pauses. To ensure the smooth continuation of development works, necessary directions were issued for closer coordination with district law enforcement authorities and for maintaining proper documentation of workers at all project sites.

Enhanced coordination and systematic documentation will help prevent unnecessary disruptions and ensure that development initiatives remain on track.

In addition, the Deputy Commissioner along with the Block Development Officer, Zikzak, visited Chapahati Prime Hub, and the Kentrikona IVCS arecanut processing unit, where they interacted with Managing Committee members and the IVCS Secretary to review operations and field-level progress.

KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



JOINT SITE INSPECTION FOR VLMAP FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT AT UMIEW CATCHMENT

On 11th, 12th & 13th February 2026, a joint site inspection was carried out in collaboration with the Water Resources Department at Mawkhanpasir and Marbaniang, both under Myllem Block, and to Laitpynter Lummane under Mawphlang Block to assess site feasibility for the Village-level Micro Action Plan (VLMAP) activities.

The technical assessment was conducted by Field Engineer E. Nongdhar and Junior Engineer I. Thabah from the Water Resources Department. The inspection focused on evaluating site conditions, technical suitability, and overall feasibility of the proposed interventions.

A total of 9 proposed activities were assessed in Mawkhanpasir, and 7 proposed sites were evaluated in Marbaniang village.

SNIPPETS

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



12 FEBRUARY 2026 | FIELD INSPECTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

A one-day field inspection by the Project Management Unit team at Tuidam Village, Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills, reviewed progress of ongoing activities. A brief meeting assessed Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC) implementation and community challenges, followed by site visits to plantation works, Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) measures, and Entry Point Activities (EPA) to strengthen field-level monitoring and execution.



FIELD VISIT | PLANTATION MONITORING AND SITE PROTECTION

A field visit to the plantation site at Nolbari village, Selsella Block, West Garo Hills, reviewed implementation progress and site conditions. Evidence of prior elephant movement was noted; however, the plantation remains largely secure and well-maintained.

Minor fencing damage led to limited cattle intrusion and grazing, with minimal overall impact. Corrective measures to strengthen fencing are being initiated to ensure continued protection and sustainability.

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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



12 JANUARY & 5-10 FEBRUARY 2026 | MULTI-VILLAGE ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS

Engineering teams conducted field visits to assess Village-Level Micro-Action Plans (VLMAP) across multiple sites. At Sanchonggre and Aranggre, 6 proposed interventions were reviewed, with 4 dugout ponds found feasible for implementation.

Subsequent visits across Mawkhanpasir, Mawñianglah, Mawblah, and Mawsawa focused on assessing, initiating, and monitoring FPA and VLMAP activities, while in Pomlakrai Mawbyinna and Myllem Mawwan, teams advanced the initiation and monitoring of FPA implementation.

5, 10 & 13 FEBRUARY 2026 | PLANTATION AWARENESS OUTREACH

Plantation awareness programmes were conducted across multiple locations by Ganol Foresters and Community Support Associates (CSA). On 5 February, sessions were held at Rongjigre and Boldamgre, Rongram Block, West Garo Hills. On 10 February, joint teams conducted programmes at Darechikgre and Rongregre, reaching 25 participants, and at Ganol Songma with 27 participants. The outreach continued on 13 February at Baghmara under Rerapara Block.



5, 9 & 13 FEBRUARY 2026 | PRA EXERCISES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercises were conducted across multiple villages to strengthen community-level planning. On 9 February at Abesalgre, Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills, 62 individuals representing 67 households participated, followed by a session on 13 February at Kanchikona Village with 60 participants from 58 households.

Earlier, on 5 February, the Umiew Catchment Management Unit team conducted PRA exercises at Nongbet Myllem Village under Myllem Block, East Khasi Hills further advancing participatory planning processes.



13 FEBRUARY 2026 | FIELD VISIT FOR MONITORING AND GEO-TAGGING

A field visit was conducted to Pomkaniew, Lumkyntung, and Mawmyrsiang villages, accompanied by the Catchment Project Manager (CPM), to inspect ongoing activities and carry out geo-tagging and mapping of project interventions.

SNIPPETS

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



5-14 FEBRUARY 2026 | FPA CONTESTS SCALE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

FPA Contest-1 was conducted across multiple villages under Rerapara, Rongram, and Selsella Blocks, engaging wide community participation. Key sessions included New Harigaon (30 participants), Sonanpara (34), Old Harigaon (30), Waribokgre & Samingre (25), Rongonagre (20), Wakantagre (36), Akkagigre (24), Dabakgre (27), along with outreach across several villages in Rongram Block between 12-14 February.

FPA Contests 2 & 3 were held across Ghatgre, Baladinggre, Boldamgre, Urenggre, and New Harigaon, with participation of 52, 33, and 15 on 5, 6, and 10 February respectively, followed by Sonanpara (13 participants) on 14 February.

The Umiew team conducted FPA Contests 1, 2 & 3 at Laitkor Rngi (6, 7, and 7 participants), followed by FPA-2 and 3 at Madanlyngkhi Nonglum (15), Lummawkong (35), and Mynsain (13) under Laitkroh Block.

FPA Contest-1 was also integrated into Children's Week activities, with 36 children participating at Lummawkong and 14 community members in storytelling. Additional sessions were held at Kyndong Nongkyntir (63), Jalynteng (34), Myllem Mawiong (38), Mawkyring (23), and Urmasi U Joh (23), further strengthening youth and community engagement.

SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



Latitude: 25.612598
Longitude: 92.473062



19 FEBRUARY 2026 | 321 FARMERS TRAINED ON ORGANIC CERTIFICATION (NPOP)

A one-day training on the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) was conducted at Umsning Community Hall, Ri Bhoi, organised by Sohpook Organic Grower Producer Company Ltd. under the SLM Project.

A total of 321 farmers participated, covering certification procedures, documentation, Internal Control Systems (ICS), inspection processes, conversion period, and certification benefits, including use of the India Organic logo and export opportunities.

The session also emphasised compliance requirements such as record-keeping, prohibition of chemical inputs, and maintaining buffer zones.



12 FEBRUARY 2026 | LAKADONG TURMERIC HARVEST FROM DEMO PLOTS

Farmers from Barato and Laskein began harvesting Lakadong turmeric from organic demo plots initiated by CLOVER under the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project. The harvest reflects effective adoption of organic practices and highlights the crop's potential as a high-value livelihood option.

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