

# Newsletter

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## 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 KW 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



# KEY UPDATES

## MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



### Strengthening Workplace Awareness on Sexual Harassment Prevention

Training sessions on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 were conducted from 12 to 19 May 2026 for employees of MBDA and MBMA across Garo Hills. Led by the SPMU Human Resource Team, the programme focused on strengthening awareness on workplace ethics, prevention of sexual harassment, roles and responsibilities of the Internal Complaint Committee, and grievance redressal mechanisms.

The sessions brought together staff from MeghaLAMP, KfW, Asian Development Bank, FOCUS, and MegLIFE Projects, including Drivers, Multi Tasking Assistants, Farm Managers, Office Assistants, Incharges, Technical Teams, and Administrative Associates. The training highlighted the importance of maintaining a safe, respectful, and inclusive work environment, while encouraging collective responsibility towards prevention and redressal of workplace sexual harassment.



# SNIPPETS

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



### PROJECT REVIEW MEETING HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS UNDER UMLING BLOCK

A recent project review meeting under Umling Block highlighted the steady progress of ongoing development initiatives, with discussions focusing on implementation updates, key achievements, and upcoming targets across various activities. The meeting emphasized the importance of timely execution, strong coordination, quality monitoring, and regular field level documentation to ensure effective delivery of community focused interventions. The review also reflected continued efforts to strengthen implementation practices, improve accountability, and support sustainable outcomes for local communities.



### Encouraging Progress in Agroforestry Livelihood Activities under MegLIFE

Agroforestry activities under MegLIFE in Umden Khasi village, Umling Block, are beginning to show visible results, with the recent turmeric harvest reflecting the benefits of sustained plantation efforts and community involvement. The initiative is helping farmers strengthen their livelihoods through climate resilient farming practices while also improving local productivity and encouraging greater participation in agriculture based livelihood activities.



### ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN COMMUNITY MANAGED LEMONGRASS PLANTATIONS

Community managed lemongrass plantations in Selsella Block are showing encouraging progress, with healthy crop growth and improved field conditions recorded this season. Supported by favourable weather and active participation from local communities, the initiative reflects how sustainable farming practices can strengthen rural livelihoods, improve local productivity, and support climate resilient agricultural development.



### PLANTATION MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY IN GHILAJURI AND MANDADROP VILLAGES

Plantation maintenance and preparatory activities are currently underway in Ghilajuri village under Zikzak Block and Mandadrop village under Kharkutta Block. The ongoing efforts are supporting better plantation management while strengthening sustainable development initiatives across the region.

# SNIPPETS

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## SHG ASSESSMENT AND LIVELIHOOD INTERACTION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER UMLING BLOCK

On 19 May 2026, assessment and interaction activities with Self Help Groups were carried out across several villages under Umling Block in Ri Bhoi District. The visits covered handloom initiatives in Pahamjri Village, fishery activities in Umrang Rongkru Village, and bamboo handicraft enterprises in Umpyrdong Village.

The programme also included engagements at Umwang IVCS under the Meghalaya Livelihoods and Access to Markets Project in collaboration with SELCO Foundation and the Income Generating Activities SPMU Team. Discussions with SHG members focused on enterprise development, business planning, and livelihood opportunities, reflecting ongoing efforts to strengthen local entrepreneurship and support sustainable rural livelihoods across the district.

# KEY UPDATES

## SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



### ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON SLM-KFW PROJECT HELD IN NORTH GARO HILLS

A one-day workshop on the SLM-KfW Project was conducted with participation from IVCS members, line departments, including the Horticulture Department and MSRLS, as well as NGOs from North Garo Hills District. The workshop highlighted the objectives, activities and benefits of the project while creating awareness on sustainable land management initiatives. The session also covered land demarcation and identification of project villages, helping participants better understand the implementation process and project planning.



### SLM REVIEW AND COORDINATION MEETING HELD IN SHILLONG

A review and coordination meeting under the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project was held on 15th June 2026 at the Multi Facility Centre, Mawlai Umshing, Shillong, with participation from SPMU, district and block teams, NGOs, finance and MIS teams, and other stakeholders.

The meeting focused on strengthening coordination for SLM implementation, expediting geo-fencing activities, improving MIS and reporting systems, and strengthening IVCS operations in non-NGO areas. Discussions were also held on identifying eligible institutions for future investment and enterprise support under the project.

Participants reviewed geo-fencing progress, MIS synchronization, business planning opportunities, and enterprise interventions such as organic production, value addition and agro-tourism. An orientation on MIS and Appverse reporting systems was also conducted to strengthen monitoring and project implementation.

# KEY UPDATES

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



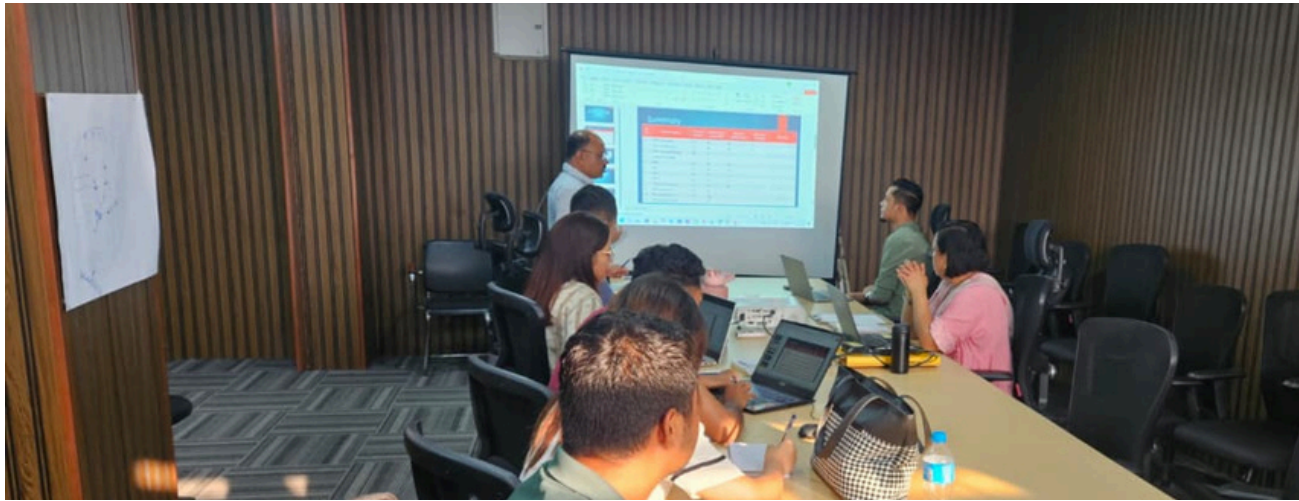
### HANDS-ON ESMP TRAINING AND FIELD VISITS ACROSS PROJECT SITES

From 12th-15th May 2026, ESMP (Environmental & Social Management Plan) training was conducted for Ganol facilitated by Shri Pradip Kumar and Shri Steffen Schuelein. The training combined classroom sessions with field visits to multiple project sites, including Wadagre, Rengsangre, Selbal Nokat, New Dengasi, Asimgre, Baghmara, and Selbalgre. Participants assessed ongoing RCC Check Dam works and discussed key environmental and social management measures such as soil protection, catchment conservation, embankment stability, plantation needs, and soil and water conservation practices. The programme concluded with productive discussions and valuable field-based learning experiences for all participants.

Similarly, the Umiew Team, in collaboration with the SPMU Team, conducted a three-day ESMP field training programme from 18th-20th May 2026 at Pomkaniew, Mawsawa, Mawjrong, and Demthring. The training focused on preparing Environmental & Social Management Plans (ESMP) for sites with proposed works exceeding prescribed dimensions, while ensuring environmental and social safeguard compliance. Participants were trained in site assessment, impact identification, mitigation measures, and technical justification of proposed works. The sessions were facilitated by Shri Pradip Kumar, SWC Expert, IC, and Shri Adrian Marbaniang, Deputy Team Leader, IC, benefiting a total of 28 participants from both batches.

# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### REVIEW MEETING ON PENDING WORKS AND TIMELINES

The Ganol-CMU team, along with Shri Riban (Sr. Manager, SPMU) and sector heads, held a review meeting on 13th May 2026 to discuss pending works, strategies for timely completion, and the establishment of clear deadlines.



### FPA CONTEST 1 CONDUCTED IN UMIEW CATHCHMENT

On 15th May 2026, the Umiew team successfully conducted FPA 1 at Mylliem Mawri Village Project Implementation Committee under Mylliem Block. About 34 Children participated in the contest.

And on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, held at Mawkning VPIC under the Khadarshnong-Laitkroh Block with a total of 68 participants.



### PRA Exercise Conducted at two villages under Rerapara Block

On 19th May 2026, the Ganol-CMU team conducted a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercise at Balnangre Village under Rerapara Block. And on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 another pRA conducted at Ronggek Mronggre Village under Rerapara Block



## PES ACTIVITIES ADVANCE ACROSS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

Green Field Associates carried out documentation, AR collection, bank statement verification, and certificate distribution activities across several villages in Meghalaya, including Pamphlang and Umta in Ri Bhoi District, Bataw and Suchen Dhana in East Jaintia Hills, Wahkaji in South West Khasi Hills, Sohmynting in West Jaintia Hills, and Danal Songgitcham in East Garo Hills. Certificate handovers and community coordination activities were also conducted in villages under Mawshynrut, Jirang, and Songsak Blocks, supporting improved documentation, transparency, and community participation in ongoing development initiatives.

# SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON HANDMADE PAPER PRODUCTION FOR VDK BENEFICIARIES

A four day Capacity Building Programme on Handmade Paper Production is being conducted at the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute for VDK beneficiaries under the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency. The 13 member team is receiving hands on training in handmade paper production and the development of value added paper products.

The programme also includes exposure visits to NABL accredited laboratories, nearby industries, and learning visits to Haridwar and Rishikesh to provide both industrial and cultural exposure.

As part of the initiative, a handmade paper processing unit will be established at Mawmaram, East Khasi Hills to support production of handmade paper and value added products, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and promoting local entrepreneurship.

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