

# Newsletter

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS



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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

### MPOWER

Meghalaya Multisectoral Project For Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment And Resilience

### SLM

Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya Project

### IESALD

Integrated Eco-tourism and Sustainable Agri-based Livelihood Development 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

Horticulture Cluster Development Programme

## PMJVM

Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission in Meghalaya

## MSBM

Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission

## MAM

Meghalaya Aroma Mission

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Decentralised Green Energy Development Project

## STATE PROGRAMMES

# KEY UPDATES

## MEGHALAYA PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



### MTA INAUGURATED TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

The Meghalaya Teacher Training Academy was inaugurated on July 2, 2026, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Conrad K. Sangma. The Academy has been set up to provide regular training and professional support for teachers across the State, helping them improve classroom practice and keep pace with changing approaches to teaching.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that improving the quality of education begins with investing in teachers and creating opportunities for them to continue learning throughout their careers. The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Lakhmen Rymbui, said the Academy is part of the State's ongoing efforts to develop a skilled teaching workforce and improve the quality of education.

# KEY UPDATES

MBDA/MBMA



## POSH ACT AWARENESS PROGRAMME HELD IN KHLIEHRIAT

The Saipung Project Management Unit, with support from the Internal Committee of the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority and Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, conducted an awareness programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, on June 12, 2026, at Khliehriat, engaging State and District Internal Committee members alongside regional MegLIFE and MLAMP project personnel.

The session covered the provisions of the Act, including the responsibilities of employers, the rights of employees, and the procedures for reporting and addressing complaints. Case studies and videos were used to discuss workplace conduct and the role of the Internal Committees in handling complaints under the Act.

# SNIPPETS

## MEGHALAYA PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



### TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS INTRODUCED TO CK-12 DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM

The Education Department and State Project Management Unit, Meghalaya Program for Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment and Resilience (MPOWER), in collaboration with CK-12 Foundation, conducted a training programme for teachers and principals on June 23, 2026, at the Government College of Engineering, Kynton Massar, Mawlai, Shillong. The programme introduced participants to the CK-12 Learning Platform, including its interactive resources and digital tools for classroom teaching. Through live demonstrations and hands-on sessions teachers and principals explored how the platform can be used for lesson planning and classroom instruction.

# SNIPPETS

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



## JOINT FIELD VISIT REVIEWS SPRINGSHED MANAGEMENT WORK IN NONGDOM VILLAGE

Representatives from the State Project Management Unit, Basin Project Management Unit, PRASARI, and Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society conducted a joint field visit to Nongdom village in Mairang on June 26, 2026, to review a springshed management initiative led by local Self Help Groups.

The team visited the restored spring site and discussed the work carried out by the Self Help Groups to improve and protect the water source. The visit also provided an opportunity to review progress on the initiative and discuss its role in supporting water availability for the village.

## MegLIFE and Rural Finance Teams Visit Laitdiengsai Integrated Village Cooperative Society

The MegLIFE Project Management team, along with the Rural Finance Lead team visited Laitdiengsai Integrated Village Cooperative Society in Mawkynrew Block, East Khasi Hills District, on June 26, 2026, to review the Cooperative's business activities and discuss opportunities to improve its operations and support livelihood activities in the area.



## FIELD VISIT REVIEWS SALT MODEL FARM AND AGROFORESTRY PLOT IN UMLING

The MegLIFE Project Management team visited a Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) Model Farm and Agroforestry Plot in Umling region on June 25, 2026, to review the Integrated Farming System practised at the site, including the cultivation of high value cash crops through intercropping. The team also discussed crop management, identified immediate field requirements, and explored market opportunities for essential oil crops that are ready for harvest.



## BOOK KEEPING TRAINING HELD FOR SELF HELP GROUPS IN KHARKUTTA

MegLIFE supported Self Help Groups in Kharkutta took part in a book keeping training programme organised by Kharkutta Project Management Unit on June 25, 2026, at the training hall of Block Development Office. The training covered basic book keeping practices, record maintenance, and financial reporting to help participants maintain accurate financial records and manage their accounts.

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



## FIELD VISIT REVIEWS PROGRESS OF SALT AND AGROFORESTRY PLOTS

The MegLIFE Project Management team visited Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) and Agroforestry (AGF) plots to review progress under the project. During the visit, farmers shared their experiences of managing the plots, reporting better crop yields, improved produce quality, and easier day to day farm management after the plots were established closer to their homes.

The team also discussed the introduction of an Integrated Farming System featuring Japanese Bokashi piggery technology and a five day training programme for participating farmers.



## Self Help Groups Receive Training in Financial Records and Digital Reporting

Self Help Group leaders from Mawkyntew Block completed a two day training programme on financial record keeping and digital reporting on July 1, 2026.

The programme covered income tracking, maintenance of individual passbooks, and updating linked financial registers. Participants also received digital tablets and practical training on entering data into the Management Information System.

# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### FIELD VERIFICATION REVIEWS QUALITY OF SAPLINGS IN GANOL

The Monitoring and Evaluation and Environmental Management teams from Ganol visited Rengsangre, Aranggre (Dura Nursery), Boldamgre (Andreash Marak Nursery), and Dabakgre on June 17, 2026, to verify the quality of saplings supplied by vendors and gather feedback from community members.

The teams assessed cocoa, coffee, litchi, pineapple, black pepper, agar, lemon, and chukrasia saplings and found that most were healthy and suitable for planting. In Rengsangre, a few coffee saplings were found to be affected by pests, while the cocoa saplings were in good condition. Following discussions with the community and vendors, it was agreed that the affected coffee saplings would be returned and replaced.

At Aranggre, Boldamgre, and Dabakgre, the saplings met the required quality, and community members expressed satisfaction with the planting materials supplied.



### 155 VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TRAINED ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT

A total of 155 members from Village Project Implementation Committees attended Executive Committee and Local Purchase Committee training programmes conducted by the Umiew Catchment Management Unit and Ganol Catchment Management Units between June 16 and 29, 2026. Executive Committee training was held on June 16, 18, 25, and 29 for 50 members from 11 Village Project Implementation Committees. Local Purchase Committee training on June 17, 19, 25, and 29 brought together 105 members from 29 Village Project Implementation Committees. The sessions covered project implementation, committee roles and responsibilities, procurement procedures, financial documentation, Environmental, Social, Health and Safety, Gender and Social Inclusion, the Grievance Redress Mechanism, and practical procurement exercises.

# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD) CUM PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL (PRA) ON PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (PES)

The East Khasi Hills Catchment Management Unit and the Centre of Excellence team conducted a Focus Group Discussion and Participatory Rural Appraisal with communities from Mawmysiang and Tiewlieh under Laitkroh Block on June 23, 2026.

The discussions assessed the feasibility of a Payment for Ecosystem Services model to encourage community efforts in agriculture, agroforestry, forest conservation and restoration, soil and water conservation, and the protection of natural resources.

### FIELD VISIT ASSESSES CONVERGENCE OPPORTUNITIES IN UMIIEW

The East Khasi Hills Catchment Management Unit Engineering team, along with the Myllem Block Technical team, visited Pamlakrai in Umiew on June 19, 2026, to assess the feasibility of convergence based interventions.

The team identified the area, which forms part of the Umiew River catchment, for watershed protection, water conservation, and ecosystem restoration.



### VILLAGE MICRO ACTION PLAN PREPARED AT UMTYNNGAR

The Umiew Catchment Management Unit, along with MegLIFE Project Management and Implementation Consultant teams, conducted a Village Level Micro Action Plan preparation exercise at Umtynngar on June 15, 2026.

Village Project Implementation Committee members and community representatives reviewed and prioritised proposed village interventions. The team also visited the proposed Financial Participatory Appraisal site to review activities identified under the plan, including a spring chamber, retaining wall, stone peripheral bunds, Agroforestry, and Jalkund.



### LIVELIHOOD AND SPRING CHAMBER PROPOSALS SELECTED AT MAWKNING

Financial Participatory Appraisal 2 and 3 were conducted at Mawkning Village Project Implementation Committee under Khadarshnong Laitkroh Block on June 11, 2026.

Eleven participants presented livelihood proposals under Financial Participatory Appraisal 2, with piggery selected for implementation. In Financial Participatory Appraisal 3, six participants presented village development proposals, and the construction of a spring chamber was selected.

# SNIPPETS

## PROTECTION OF VENERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



### 39 PARTICIPANTS ATTEND BOOK KEEPING TRAINING IN GANOL

Thirty nine participants representing 26 Village Project Implementation Committees attended a two day book keeping training organised by the Ganol Catchment Management Unit on June 25 and 26, 2026.

The training covered financial management, muster roll preparation, maintenance of cash books and other financial records, followed by practical exercises to help participants apply the concepts discussed.



### 68 VILLAGE COMMUNITY FACILITATORS ATTEND REFRESHER TRAINING

A total of 68 Village Community Facilitators attended refresher training held in two batches at Umlympung and Sadew on June 25 and 26, 2026.

The sessions covered the roles and responsibilities of Village Community Facilitators, the Household Survey, the Grievance Redress Mechanism, honorarium, the importance of the Memorandum of Agreement and No Objection Certificate, and other project updates. The training also included discussions to address participants' questions.

# SNIPPETS

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



### Kerupara Integrated Village Cooperative Society Opens Retail Outlet at Ampati Market

On 2 July 2026, Kerupara Integrated Village Cooperative Society Limited opened its retail outlet at Ampati Market, becoming the first Integrated Village Cooperative Society in South West Garo Hills to establish its own sales outlet in the district headquarters.

Registered on 29 September 2019, the cooperative has been providing services to its members and neighbouring rural communities. It began processing farm produce, including cashew, arecanut and seasonal fruits, in 2023, and expanded into food processing in 2024.

The outlet will offer products processed by the cooperative, providing consumers with direct access to locally produced goods.



### Dimre Farmer's Market Begins Operating in East Garo Hills

The Dimre Farmer's Market began operating on 3 July 2026 under Dambo Rongjeng Community and Rural Development Block in East Garo Hills.

A programme was held at the market in the presence of the Deacon of Lower Baptist Church, the Pastor of Nongchram Baptist Church, and Smt. Pinkey M. Sangma, Deputy Manager, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, East Garo Hills. Village leaders, farmers, vendors, and residents from nearby villages attended.

The market will serve as a regular space where farmers and vendors can sell fresh produce and other local products.

# SNIPPETS

## INTEGRATED ECO-TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE AGRI-BASED LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



*On 30 June 2026, farmers take part in a training session on land preparation for Khasi mandarin cultivation at Byndihati, East Jaintia Hills*



*Field demonstration on land preparation for pineapple cultivation for farmers from Myntoilang Integrated Village Cooperative Society, Ladwah Wapung, East Jaintia Hills, on 1 July 2026.*



*Participants during a training on pineapple cultivation at Umkon, Ri Bhoi District, on 1 July 2026.*

# SNIPPETS

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## RAINCOATS DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGE COMMUNITY FACILITATORS UNDER PES INITIATIVE

Greenfield Associates distributed raincoats to Village Community Facilitators under the Payment for Ecosystem Services initiative in Kudengrim village, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills, and Umpdem village, Mairang Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills.

The distribution was carried out to support Village Community Facilitators in carrying out field activities during the monsoon season.

## PES FIELD ACTIVITIES COMPLETED ACROSS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS

Greenfield Associates completed field activities for Payment for Ecosystem Services across several districts in Meghalaya, including Samanda, Shella, Mawsynram, and Gasuapara.

Working with community leaders and traditional institutions, the team carried out boundary verification, beneficiary verification, and documentation for existing and new participants. The activities supported the processing of records required for Payment for Ecosystem Services implementation.



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