

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

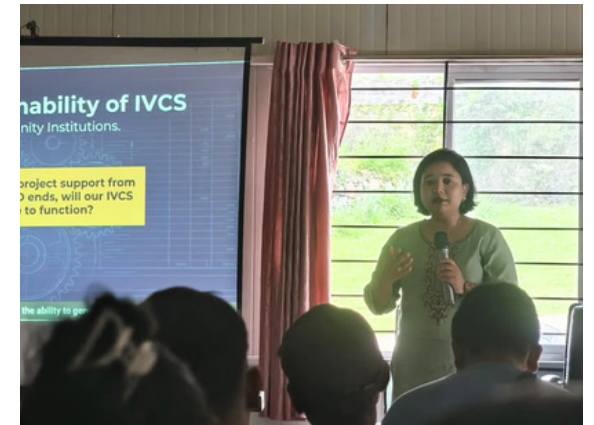
RENEWABLE ENERGY

Decentralised Green Energy Development Project

STATE PROGRAMMES

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



TRAINING ON STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINABILITY OF IVCS

A one-day training and workshop on Strengthening and Sustainability of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) for Managing Committee members was held on 13th August 2026 at PRIME Hub, Umdihar. The programme was attended by IVCS representatives from the MLAMP and MegLIFE Projects, focusing on strengthening cooperative institutions and promoting their long-term sustainability.

SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



TWO-DAY ORIENTATION FOR NGO'S AND BLOCK NODAL PERSONS

A two-day orientation programme under the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project was conducted to strengthen coordination among NGOs, district teams, and GIS and MIS teams in working with farmers and communities. The sessions focused on community-led geofencing, farmer baseline surveys, accurate data collection, GIS mapping, and MIS-based monitoring, with emphasis on capturing complete landholdings and resources while separately identifying land voluntarily proposed for SLM activities.

The programme also highlighted the importance of strong IVCSs, collective action, market linkages, institutional ownership, and convergence with other programmes. NGOs were encouraged to increasingly serve as facilitators, enabling IVCS managers and communities to take greater ownership of project processes. The orientation reinforced the importance of better data, stronger community institutions, and greater local ownership for improved planning, investment, and sustainable farmer livelihoods.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA STATE BAMBOO MISSION



NEW OPPORTUNITIES EXPLORED FOR BAMBOO VALUE ADDITION

7 August 2026: A visit to ESES Bio Wealth Pvt. Ltd. at Jagi Road, Assam, was conducted to explore engineered bamboo processing, its applications and potential markets for Meghalaya's bamboo sector. The visit highlighted opportunities to move beyond traditional bamboo products and develop value-added products for construction, furniture and other uses, while expanding market linkages with neighbouring States.

On the same day, an MoU was signed for the operation and technical support of a community-based bamboo pellet production unit at Pillingkata-B VDK, Ri-Bhoi. The partnership between Pillingkata-B VDK, USTM and Rural Connect Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd, with technical support from IIT Guwahati, aims to convert locally available bamboo into value-added pellets and create new livelihood and enterprise opportunities for local communities.

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

Lamjingshai SHG Showcases Food Processing Products at Farmers' Market

The Lamjingshai Self-Help Group (SHG) of Rangphlang Village showcased its food processing products at a farmers' market on 8 August 2026, organised by 1917 iTEAMS, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. The participation demonstrated how the group is translating skills gained through its ongoing food processing training into market-ready products, while creating opportunities for product promotion, consumer engagement and market access.



Mawkorblang VPIC Reaffirms Commitment to MegLIFE Activities

13 August 2026 – Mawkorblang VPIC representatives engaged with the BPM and staff to discuss the progress of MegLIFE activities and strengthen community participation and ownership. The discussion also covered the maintenance of the 2023 plantation, including the required weeding activity. Despite financial constraints, the VPIC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the activities and ensuring their continued sustainability.



IVCS Conduct Value Chain Mapping and Ranking Exercises

11-13 August 2026: Aruak IVCS Ltd, Tarapara IVCS Ltd and Wagipara Chadembe IVCS Ltd conducted cluster-level value chain surveys and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with IVCS members from different villages. The sessions focused on identifying key value chains, understanding production and marketing practices, assessing the role of middlemen, and discussing opportunities to improve value chains and strengthen market linkages. The discussions also helped members identify areas where further support and improvement are needed.



Bookkeeping Training Builds Financial Management Skills among SHG Members

7 August 2026: A bookkeeping training was conducted for Self-Help Group (SHG) members at Abendagre, Gambegre Block, to strengthen their financial management and record-keeping practices. The training covered cashbook entries, savings and loan registers, and meeting records, equipping members with essential skills to maintain accurate and transparent records and manage their group activities more effectively.



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Seasonal Vegetable Harvest Highlights Progress of AGF Plot in Nongrimumksih

12 August 2026 – The plot owner under Nongrimumksih VPIC, Umsning BPMU, harvested seasonal vegetables from the Agroforestry (AGF) plot, marking a positive outcome of the intervention. The harvest reflects the productive use of the plot and demonstrates the potential of integrating seasonal crops within the agroforestry system while promoting sustainable and diversified land use.



Workshop Strengthens IVCS Sustainability in Ri-Bhoi

A one-day training and workshop on Strengthening and Sustainability of IVCS was conducted by DPMU, Megha-LAMP, Ri-Bhoi, under MBMA, at Umdihar Prime Hub. Managing Committee members from three IVCS under MegLIFE's Umsning Block—Umtasor Mawdkhar IVCS, Nangroi Myrdon Nongbah IVCS, and Nongsangu IVCS—participated in the workshop.

The sessions covered IVCS sustainability, financial management, insurance of assets, and performance assessment. The workshop provided members with practical insights into strengthening the functioning and long-term sustainability of their IVCS, with active participation and interaction throughout the day.



KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



22 PARTICIPANTS COMPLETE SCIENTIFIC PIGGERY FARMING TRAINING AT UPPER SHILLONG

A 3-day Piggery Farming Training Programme was successfully conducted from 5th-7th August 2026 at the Veterinary Vocational Training Centre, Upper Shillong, facilitated by Umiew CMU.

The sessions were conducted by Veterinary Experts, covering key aspects of scientific pig farming, including breeding, housing, feeding, disease prevention, vaccination, and farm management. The training was highly interactive, with participants actively engaging in discussions and sharing their experiences.

As a precautionary measure due to the prevailing disease situation, participants were unable to enter the farm premises but had the opportunity to interact directly with the farmer, gaining valuable practical insights into farm management and real-life farming challenges.

The programme concluded with a valedictory session and certificate distribution, encouraging all 22 participants to apply their learning to improve pig farming practices and enhance livelihood opportunities.

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TRAINING NEED ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED ACROSS FIVE MEGARISE PROJECT VILLAGES

A Training Need Assessment (TNA) was conducted from 3rd to 7th August 2026 across five MegARISE project villages—Demthring, Rngi Shyllong, Kyrdemkhla, Laitpynter Lumpata, and Pomkaniew. The assessment was facilitated by Sir Amba and Sir Adrian Marbanang from the Implementation Consultant (IC) Team, in collaboration with the SPMU and CMU teams, through consultations with VPIC members and other community stakeholders.

The assessment aimed to identify existing capacities, knowledge and skill gaps, priority training requirements, and challenges faced by VPIC members and communities in implementing project activities. The findings will inform the design and delivery of need-based, context-specific capacity-building programmes to strengthen community institutions and enhance the effective, efficient, and sustainable implementation of project interventions.

SNIPPETS

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



PRA PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT MAWSING VILLAGE

The CMU Team successfully conducted a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Programme at Mawsing Village on 12th August 2026, with active participation from community members, particularly women and youth.

The programme utilized various PRA tools, including SWOT Analysis, Problem Analysis, Seasonal Calendar, Transect Walk, Resource Mapping, and Social Mapping, to gather information on the village's natural resources, socio-economic conditions, livelihood activities, challenges, and development priorities.

The interactive exercises encouraged community members to share their knowledge, experiences, and perspectives, fostering inclusive discussions and collective decision-making. The information generated through the PRA process will serve as a valuable resource for community-based planning and the identification of future project interventions.

Overall, the programme was successfully completed with enthusiastic community participation and provided meaningful insights to support sustainable village development and project implementation.

SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



GREEN MEGHALAYA+ ORIENTATION STRENGTHENS BENEFICIARY AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION

10-12 August 2026: Orientation programmes on the Green Meghalaya+ Scheme were conducted for beneficiaries across several blocks of Meghalaya, including Rongram, Selsella, Demdema, Dadenggre, Umsning, Khliehriat, Shella, Mairang, Mawthadraishan, Dalu, Thadlaskein, Mawshynrut, Jirang, Dambo Rongjeng, Resubelpara, Kharkutta and Bajengdoba. The programmes provided beneficiaries with a better understanding of the scheme, its implementation process and their roles and responsibilities. The sessions also helped new beneficiaries and different batches prepare for effective participation, while providing an opportunity to clarify key requirements and understand the support available under the programme.



PES FIELD ACTIVITIES STRENGTHEN BENEFICIARY ENGAGEMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

August 2026: Green Field Associates carried out PES field activities across several villages in Jirang, Mairang, Umsning, Songsak, Samanda and Baghmara Blocks. The activities included meetings with beneficiaries at Patharkhmah, Lumdam and Umsong for signing of declarations, collection of declarations from Raid Nongtham, and collection of AR from Bolmoram Angkekol, Mawdem and Emangre villages. A field visit was also conducted at Nengkra village, Samanda Block. These activities helped the team engage directly with beneficiaries, complete necessary declarations, collect AR and gather required field information for the implementation and monitoring of PES activities.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 1 NO POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms, everywhere.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

SDG 1 aims to ensure that everyone has access to basic needs, resources, opportunities and social protection to live a life of dignity.

KEY FOCUS AREAS



ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES AND ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

Ensure everyone has access to safe housing, clean water, healthcare, education and other essential services.



BETTER LIVELIHOODS AND INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

Create sustainable jobs, support entrepreneurship and promote decent work for all.



SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND SMALL FARMERS

Empower the most vulnerable and small-scale producers to improve their lives and build resilience.



SOCIAL PROTECTION AND RESILIENCE AGAINST ECONOMIC SHOCKS

Provide social safety nets and protection to help people withstand crises and recover stronger.



EQUAL ACCESS TO LAND, FINANCE AND PRODUCTIVE RESOURCES

Promote equal rights and access to land, financial services and resources for all.



HOW SDG 1 CONNECTS WITH MEGHALAYA



State SDG Framework

Meghalaya has developed an SDG Monitoring Framework with 195 indicators, baselines and 2030 targets aligned to national SDGs.



District-level Planning & Targets

District SDG Action Plans are prepared with local targets and interventions to address poverty and ensure no one is left behind.



SDG-linked Schemes & Programmes

Convergence of schemes across departments in areas such as livelihoods, rural development, social protection, health, education and housing.



Sustainable Livelihoods

Promoting sustainable agriculture, value addition, skills, entrepreneurship and market access to strengthen incomes and reduce poverty.



Monitoring & Partnerships

Regular monitoring of progress and partnerships with communities, civil society, private sector and development partners.



The Goal:

**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES
SO THAT NO ONE IS
LEFT BEHIND.**



BY 2030:

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS, EVERYWHERE.



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