

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



EXPOSURE VISIT TO SONITPUR, ASSAM ON SCIENTIFIC PIG VALUE CHAIN AND ORGANIC SEED SYSTEMS

On 27 July 2026, Shri Augustus S. Suting, Deputy Project Director, Megha-LAMP and Additional Project Director, SLM, MBMA, along with Shri Nitul Das, Assistant General Manager and Regional Project Manager, Garo Hills Region, visited Sonitpur District, Assam to learn from established models in scientific pig farming, organic agriculture, natural farming and community-led seed systems. The team visited Symbiotic Foods Pvt. Ltd., where they interacted with Shri Manoj Kumar Basumatary on scientific breeding, feed management, biosecurity, farmer aggregation, processing and organised marketing. The delegation also visited Pabhoi Greens at Biswanath Chariali and discussed organic seed production, indigenous seed conservation, seed banks, Seed Villages and integrated farming systems. Both institutions expressed interest in collaborating with MBMA on scientific pig farming, feed development, organic cultivation, community-based seed production, farmer training, exposure programmes and technical knowledge exchange.

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DISTRICT REVIEW MEETING OF IVCS OFFICIALS AND MANAGERS HELD IN NORTH GARO HILLS

The District Review Meeting of IVCS Officials and Managers under DPMU North Garo Hills, MLAMP was held on 31st July 2026 to review the performance, sustainability, and operational challenges of IVCSs across the district.

During the meeting, IVCS Managers presented updates on their activities and achievements, followed by discussions on strengthening collective marketing, input supply, value addition, and enterprise development. Participants also deliberated on adopting the Seven Cooperative Principles, improving financial sustainability, addressing operational challenges, and enhancing governance, record-keeping, and member participation. The meeting concluded with an exchange of best practices and a renewed emphasis on building vibrant, self-reliant, and sustainable IVCS institutions.



MONTHLY REVIEW MEETING WITH IVCS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HELD IN SOUTH WEST KHASI HILLS

The District Project Management Unit (DPMU), South West Khasi Hills, conducted a monthly review meeting with IVCS Management Committee members on 5th August 2026 at the Multipurpose Hall, DC Office. The meeting focused on the implementation of the Seven Action Points, review of IVCS Managers' performance, preparation of Annual Plans and Budgets, and other key measures to strengthen the performance, governance, and sustainability of IVCSs across the district.



WORKSHOP ON MEMBERS' EDUCATION AND IVCS ASSESSMENT

A two-day workshop on Members' Education Programme and IVCS Assessment was held on 28-29 July 2026 at Lamjingshai Youth Centre, Pohkseh, Shillong, organised by the Megha-LAMP Project and the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA).

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



MPOWER LAUNCHES MASTER TRAINER TRAINING FOR LIFE SKILLS YEAR 2

The MPOWER Master Trainer Training – Year 2 commenced on 3rd August 2026 at the Meghalaya Teacher Training Academy (MTTA), Malki, Shillong, and is currently underway. The six-day training has brought together Master Trainers from seven districts to strengthen their knowledge, facilitation skills, and implementation strategies in Life Skills, Financial Literacy, Mental Health & Wellbeing, and Sexual & Reproductive Health. Through interactive sessions, practical demonstrations, and collaborative learning, participants are being equipped to effectively mentor and train teachers, ensuring the successful rollout of Year 2 interventions under the MPOWER Learning Mission and fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments for adolescents across Meghalaya.

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BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

The Meghalaya Programme for Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment and Resilience (MPOWER), in collaboration with the World Being India Foundation, organised the second Brainstorming Session on the development of the School Mental Health Policy for Meghalaya. The session brought together key government departments and school representatives to discuss policy priorities, align with national frameworks, and strengthen institutional coordination towards creating a comprehensive and inclusive school mental health ecosystem in the state.

SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



CAPACITY BUILDING ON NATURAL FARMING AND MARKET LINKAGES AT MAWKYLLEI

Farmers from Mawkyllei Village, Eastern West Khasi Hills, participated in a capacity building programme under the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Meghalaya Project to strengthen knowledge on natural farming and market linkages.

The programme reviewed the progress of natural farming while addressing key challenges faced by farmers. Sessions focused on sustainable agricultural practices, organic certification, financial literacy, market-oriented production, and the role of Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCSs) in promoting savings, credit, and financial inclusion.

Participants also received technical guidance on geo-fencing and geo-tagging, crop planning, grading and quality standards, and project support available under various intervention windows. The programme concluded with discussions on market opportunities and enterprise development, encouraging farmers to adopt sustainable and market-driven farming practices.



KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA STATE BAMBOO MISSION



FIELD VISIT STRENGTHENS MARKET LINKAGES FOR MEGHALAYA'S BAMBOO ARTISANS

From 3–6 August 2026, the Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission, in collaboration with PRIME Meghalaya, conducted a field visit across East Jaintia Hills, South West Khasi Hills, Ri Bhoi, and North Garo Hills to strengthen market linkages for bamboo artisans. The visit facilitated interactions between artisan groups and Baansuli, a sustainable fashion brand from Ahmedabad, Gujarat, to explore opportunities for product innovation, quality enhancement, and long-term production partnerships. The initiative is expected to enhance the market potential of Meghalaya's bamboo products, promote sustainable livelihoods, and create new opportunities for artisans to access wider national and international markets.

SNIPPETS

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

Assessment Conducted to Strengthen SHG Food Processing Enterprise

An assessment was conducted on 28 July 2026 at Pyngkya VPIC for Iohlynti Self-Help Group (SHG) under the collaboration between Mawkynrew BPMU and SELCO Foundation to assess opportunities for strengthening the group's food processing enterprise. The assessment reviewed the SHG's existing operations and identified support needs, including improved processing equipment, solar-powered energy solutions, market linkages, financial assistance, and technical capacity building. The findings will help guide future interventions to enhance the enterprise's sustainability and strengthen livelihood opportunities for SHG members.



SHG Members Sensitized on IVCS Membership at Nongsangu

An awareness meeting was conducted on 5 August 2026 at Nongsangu by BPMU Umsning in collaboration with the Pynjanai Village Organization (VO) to sensitize 10 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) outside the MegLIFE project on the benefits of joining the Integrated Village Cooperative Society (IVCS). The session highlighted the importance of IVCS membership, the share contribution system, and the long-term benefits of shareholding, while also creating awareness on opportunities for financial inclusion, collective growth, and sustainable livelihood enhancement. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing participants to clarify their queries on IVCS enrollment and livelihood development opportunities.



Bamboo Saplings Unloaded for Plantation Activities in West Jaintia Hills

Bamboo saplings were unloaded at the VPICs of Umbluhumsning, Lapangap, Pdeintaloo, Moobygni, and Madansynrang in Thadlaskein Block, West Jaintia Hills, marking another milestone in the ongoing plantation drive. The initiative reinforces efforts to restore degraded landscapes, enrich green cover, and promote long-term environmental sustainability.



Nongdewsaw VPIC Reviews Plantation Progress and Project Implementation

A review meeting was held on 6 August 2026 with Nongdewsaw VPIC to assess the progress of ongoing project activities. Discussions focused on the implementation of the 2026 plantation, the commencement of third-year maintenance for the 2024 plantation, and challenges arising from pending payment claims affecting project execution. Despite these constraints, the VPIC reaffirmed its commitment to continue implementation in close coordination with the BPMU to ensure the timely progress of project activities.



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First Weeding Underway at AR 2026 Plantation Site in Umling Block to Support Healthy Growth of Newly Planted Saplings.

The first weeding of the AR 2026 plantation plot covering 2.30 hectares is currently underway at Umpyrdong VPIC, Umling Block. The maintenance activity is essential for promoting healthy plant growth, improving survival rates, and ensuring the successful establishment of the plantation while supporting long-term landscape restoration efforts..



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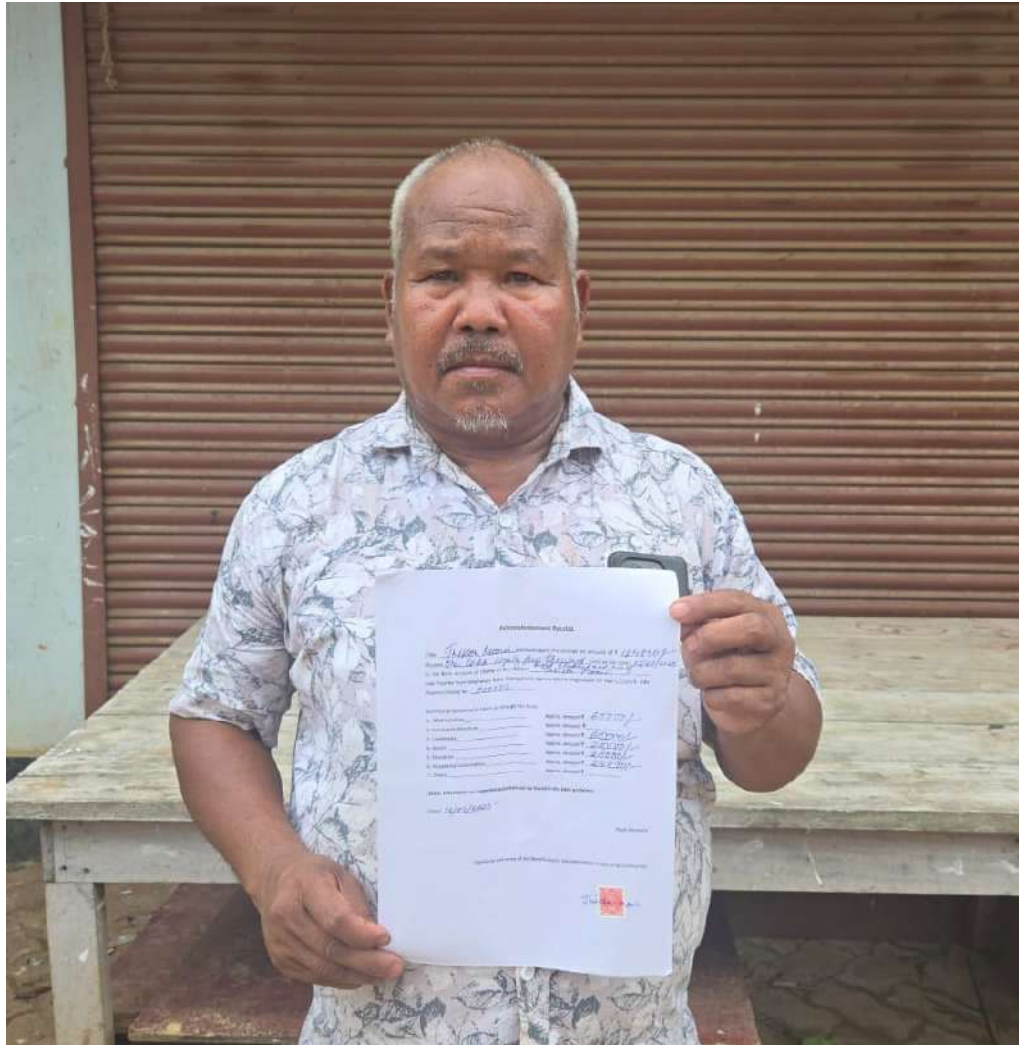
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PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



QUARTERLY VCF REFRESHER COURSE TRAINING SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED IN GANOL CATCHMENT

The Ganol-CMU successfully conducted the Quarterly Village Community Facilitator (VCF) Refresher Course Training on 3 August 2026, with active participation from VCFs across the catchment area. The training sessions provided valuable insights into the roles and responsibilities of facilitators, project implementation processes, and key operational procedures. The introduction of the updated VCF guidelines further ensured that participants were aligned with current project requirements and expectations. During the programme, facilitators demonstrated keen engagement and expressed their commitment to applying the knowledge and skills gained within their respective communities. The discussions and experience-sharing sessions contributed to strengthening their capacity to effectively support project activities at the grassroots level.



SIXTEEN VILLAGES COVERED UNDER PES FIELD MONITORING

Green Field Associates continued Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) field activities across Meghalaya through site visits, beneficiary meetings, and the collection of Activity Reports (ARs). Activities were carried out in Ronggopgre (Bajengdoba Block), Bamkhosngi and Khahnar (Saipung Block), Wahmawpat and Mawpen (Mawsynram Block), Kudengthymmai (Amlarem Block), Chibonggre (Zikzak Block), Bolbokgre (Demdema Block), Umrit and EFC Jirang (Jirang Block), Dobu Chitimbing and Sokadam Agalgre (Songsak Block), Dambo Watesa (Dambo Rongjeng Block), Chibokgre (Selsella Block), Dinaminggre (Samanda Block), Rongding Awe (Baghmara Block), and Songmagre (Kharkutta Block), supporting ongoing project monitoring, documentation, and community engagement.



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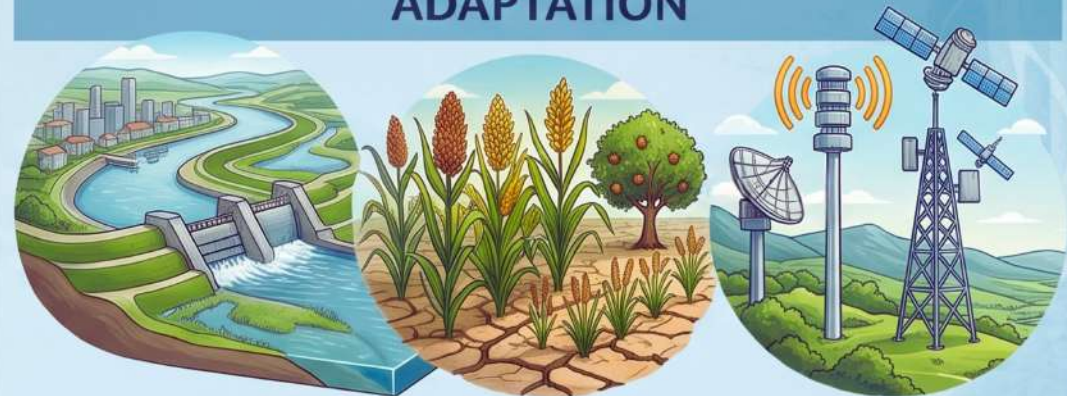


- ✓ Renewable Energy
- ✓ Energy-Efficient Buildings
- ✓ Electric Vehicles

ANALYSIS

- ✓ Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Limits global warming
- ✓ Prevents climate disasters

ADAPTATION



- ✓ Flood Defenses
- ✓ Drought-Resistant Crops
- ✓ Early Warning Systems

ANALYSIS

- ✓ Prepares communities
- ✓ Reduces vulnerability
- ✓ Increases resilience to unavoidable impacts

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