

Newsletter

The background of the newsletter is a photograph of a lush green valley. In the foreground, there is a small, rectangular structure with blue walls and a green roof, situated on a patch of dry ground. The structure appears to be a small shed or a utility building. The valley is filled with dense green vegetation, and a small stream or path is visible on the left side. The hills in the background are also covered in greenery, with some rocky outcrops visible.

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Government of Meghalaya
Meghalaya Basin Development Authority | Meghalaya Basin Management Agency

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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

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



INSPECTION OF MEGARISE INTERVENTIONS AT LOWER DAMALGRE

Smt. Anendya Raajsshre, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of South West Garo Hills, along with the CPM, Environment Team and Field Engineer, visited Lower Damalgre to inspect ongoing interventions under FPA 3 and FPA 2, including a Gabion Wall, Retaining Wall and Piggery Farming initiative. The visit included a review of the progress of the works and their implementation under the MegARISE Project.

SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



FIELD VISIT TO MAWPON H FOR GEOFENCING AND FARMER SURVEY

On 27 August 2026, a field visit was conducted to Mawpon H Village under Hope IVCS in Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills, to follow up on geofencing activities and farmer survey data collection. Discussions were also held with the Chairman and Manager of the IVCS to improve coordination among the NGO, IVCS and farmers and support smooth project implementation at the village level.

SNIPPETS

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



FINANCIAL AUDITS OF INTEGRATED VILLAGE COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

On 24 and 25 August 2026, financial audits were conducted for KUT Integrated Village Cooperative Society and Lawei Ba Phyrnai Integrated Village Cooperative Society in East Khasi Hills District by officials from the Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies Office, Shillong. The audits covered the verification of accounts, registers, financial records and supporting documents for the financial year 2025-2026.

MAWKYNREW FGD ON POTENTIAL VALUE CHAINS

On 25 August 2026, a Cluster Level Focus Group Discussion was held at the Mawkynrew Community and Rural Development Block Office to identify potential value chains for livelihood development. Representatives from Integrated Village Cooperative Societies, Self Help Groups, Village Project Implementation Committees, local Headmen and relevant departments discussed local livelihood activities, challenges and market opportunities.



BAMBOO PLANTATION MAINTENANCE

First round weeding and plantation maintenance are underway at the Kur Nongphlang plot of Myrdon Nongbah Village Project Implementation Committee, while first round weeding for the third year maintenance of the community forest plantation at Myrdon Mawtari Village Project Implementation Committee is also in progress.



SNIPPETS

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



ENGINEERING SURVEY AT POMLAKRAI UMIEW

On 19 August 2026, the Engineering Team conducted a site survey at Pomlakrai Umiew to assess the existing terrain, topography, slope and physical conditions for planning proposed interventions. The assessment was carried out in line with Environmental and Social Management Plan requirements, considering the site's ecological significance as part of the origin and headwater system of the Umiew River.

VPIC MEETINGS AND GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM MOBILISATION

On 19, 20 and 21 August 2026, the Ganol Catchment Management Unit Team conducted Village Project Implementation Committee meetings and Grievance Redressal Mechanism mobilisation across Mukdangra, Dopatchigre, Asimgre and Chismokgre villages under Rerapara Block, and Dabakgre Village under Selsella Block.



UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE COLLECTION AND FIELD VISIT

On 25 and 26 August 2026, the SPMU Finance Team, CMU CSA Environment Team and CMU Team undertook activities related to Utilization Certificate collection. The team reviewed the status and required documents on 25 August, followed by a field visit to Rengsanggre Village on 26 August to collect the Utilization Certificate, discuss procurement matters and review ongoing plantation activities with Village Project Implementation Committee members.



SNIPPETS

MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



GREEN MEGHALAYA+ BENEFICIARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES HELD ACROSS MEGHALAYA

From 21 to 25 August 2026, orientation programmes and beneficiary meetings were conducted across Pynursla, Ampati, Mawryngkneng and Bhoirymbong Blocks to provide communities with information on the initiatives and their roles. The programmes also facilitated the signing and collection of Memorandum of Understanding, including a PES Beneficiary Orientation Programme in Ampati followed by MoU signing with beneficiaries from Zikzak Block under the Green Meghalaya initiative.



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION THROUGH BENEFICIARY ENGAGEMENT AND MOU SIGNING

Beneficiary engagement activities were carried out across East Khasi Hills, Ri-Bhoi, East Garo Hills, South Garo Hills and West Garo Hills, focusing on beneficiary meetings and the signing and collection of Memorandum of Understanding and Activity Reports. Meetings were held with beneficiaries and village leaders across several locations, including Nongsteng, Rongasigre, Guarechol, Rongribo Watregre, lewrynghep, Chimagre Songgital, EFC Shella, EFC Pynursla and Umling.



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GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEINGEnsure healthy lives and promote
well-being for all at all ages

Good health is the foundation for a productive life and inclusive development. It enables people to thrive, learn, work and contribute to a better society.



SDG 3 IN MEGHALAYA

- Strengthening primary health care and community based services
- Improving maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health
- Preventing diseases and promoting healthy lifestyles
- Building resilient health systems for all

WHY IT
MATTERS

Good health improves quality of life and helps people reach their full potential.



Healthy communities are more resilient, productive and inclusive.



Investment in health drives economic growth and reduces poverty and inequality.



Good health is essential to achieve all other Sustainable Development Goals.

OUR TARGETS
BY 2030

3.1

MATERNAL
HEALTH

Reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births.

3.2



CHILD HEALTH

End preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age.

3.3

COMMUNICABLE
DISEASES

End epidemics of AIDS, TB, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis and other communicable diseases.

3.4

NON-COMMUNICABLE
DISEASES & MENTAL
HEALTH

Reduce premature mortality from NCDs and promote mental health and well-being.

3.5



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Strengthen prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug misuse and harmful use of alcohol.

3.6



ROAD SAFETY

Halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents.

3.7

SEXUAL &
REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH

Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services.

3.8

UNIVERSAL HEALTH
COVERAGE

Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection and access to quality essential health services.

3.9

ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH

Reduce deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution.

3.a

MEDICINES &
VACCINES

Ensure access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

3.b



HEALTH WORKFORCE

Support the research, development and training of, and retain a sufficient health workforce.

3.c



HEALTH EMERGENCIES

Strengthen capacity for early warning, risk reduction and management of health emergencies and disasters.

WHAT
WE CAN
ALL DO

Eat nutritious food, stay active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Practice good hygiene and keep surroundings clean.



Get vaccinated and follow health advice.



Take care of your mental health and seek help when needed.



Support health workers and respect health services.



Act for a healthy, sustainable and resilient world.

MEGHALAYA'S COMMITMENT

- ✓ Strengthening Health & Wellness Centres and Sub-Centres across the State.
- ✓ Expanding outreach through Community Health Workers and Village Health & Nutrition Committees.
- ✓ Promoting traditional knowledge, nutrition and mental well-being.
- ✓ Building data driven, inclusive and people-centric health systems for all.



SDG 3 is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by all UN Member States as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Government of Meghalaya
Planning Department
Meghalaya State SDG Vision 2030

SOURCES

UN SDG Goal 3: sdgs.un.org/goals/goal3
Meghalaya SDG Portal: megplanning.gov.in/sdg-initiatives

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