

Newsletter

An aerial photograph of a lush green valley. A winding asphalt road curves through the landscape, flanked by dense forests. A small settlement with several buildings and a parking lot is visible. A river flows through the valley, and a large open area with many parked cars and a yellow tent suggests a public event or gathering. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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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



MEGARISE RADIO PROGRAMME COMMENCES

The MegARISE Radio Programme commenced on 24 August 2026, featuring a series of episodes on the protection and rejuvenation of vulnerable catchment areas in the Umiew and Ganol Catchments. The first episode featured Shri Sampath Kumar, IAS, Chief Project Director, and Shri Cyril C. V. Diengdoh, IAS, Additional Project Director, as key speakers. Subsequent episodes will feature experts and community representatives sharing insights on catchment protection, natural resource management, and community participation. The programme is broadcast from 6:15 PM to 6:30 PM on FM Jongphi 103.6 MHz for listeners in Shillong on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and through All India Radio (AIR), Tura, for listeners in the Garo Hills region.

KEY UPDATES

MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



FAREWELL TO SHRI FABIAN MALANG

After 12 years of dedicated service to the organisation, Shri Fabian Malang, Senior Manager under the Natural Resource Management Component of MLAMP, was given a warm farewell by the Human Resource Management Unit of MBMA and MBDA at the RDL Building Terrace, Springside Lumsophoh, on the occasion of his retirement. The programme acknowledged his valuable contributions to the Natural Resource Management Component and his commitment throughout his years of service. Over the years, Shri Malang also shared his knowledge, experience and insights with colleagues, leaving behind many valued memories and professional connections. The gathering was attended by Shri Aiban Swer, Chief General Manager, MBDA; Shri Augustus Suting, Deputy Project Director, MLAMP; and staff members of the organisation. As he begins a new chapter, the organisation extends its gratitude for his 12 years of service and wishes him happiness, fulfilment and success in the years ahead.

SNIPPETS

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT



FIELD VISIT TO MAWPON H VILLAGE

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 between 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



PLANTATION ACTIVITIES AT ANR PLOTS

Plantation activities covering 4.16 hectares are underway at the Assisted Natural Regeneration (ANR) plot in Lum Nianglikhit, Umden Nongtluh VPIC, Umling Block, with Slamet being planted to support forest regeneration and long term landscape restoration. Members of Umshit VPIC, Umling Block, are also transporting Slamet planting materials to the ANR plot at Khlieh Umbam, supporting timely plantation activities and community participation in forest restoration.

WEEDING AT MYRDON MAWTARI VPIC

The first round of weeding under the third year plantation maintenance is underway at the Myrdon Mawtari VPIC Community Forest, helping protect young trees from competing vegetation and support their healthy growth and establishment.



VALUE CHAIN RANKING SURVEY

A Value Chain Ranking Survey was conducted on 2 September 2026 at the DPMU WJH, bringing together DPMU and BPMU team members, project staff, and representatives from the Agriculture, Fisheries, Veterinary, and District Commerce and Industries departments to assess and prioritize promising livelihood and economic opportunities. The assessment considered production potential, market demand, raw material availability, existing producer base, value addition, employment potential, profitability, and scope for institutional support.



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VPIC MEETINGS AND GRM MOBILIZATION

From 25 to 28 August 2026, the Ganol CMU team conducted VPIC meetings and GRM mobilization activities in Boldamgre, Babadamgre, Alotgre and Wadagre Villages under Rongram Block, and Ranggira Bolsalgre Village under Rerapara Block. The team also reviewed the maintenance of VPIC records and registers and advised members to ensure regular and timely updates for proper documentation and record keeping.

FIELD TOUR AND FPA 2 FOLLOW UP

From 24 to 28 August 2026, the SPMU Livelihood Team, along with the Ganol CMU Engineering Team, conducted a field tour covering 24 VPICs under Rongram and Rerapara Blocks. The team engaged with FPA 2 winners and provided guidance on mobilizing and implementing their proposed activities through a group based approach, with the aim of extending the benefits to more than one household within each VPIC.



FPA 1 CONTEST AT LAITKOR MAWRIE

On 28 August 2026, the FPA 1 Contest was conducted at Laitkor Mawrie, Myliem Block, with 29 contestants participating in the Drawing and Painting and Storytelling competitions. The event saw a total participation of 51 people, including contestants and community members. Despite some earlier arrangements being cancelled or postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, the programme was successfully held with active community participation. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners in recognition of their creativity and efforts.



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PRIME SEED BENEFICIARY SITE INSPECTIONS

The DPMU South West Khasi Hills, in collaboration with the MCAB Mawkyrwat and SBI Mawkyrwat, conducted site inspections for Prime Seed beneficiaries as part of the pre-disbursement process for the sanction and release of loans. The inspections aimed to verify beneficiaries, assess the proposed project sites and activities, and ensure that the necessary requirements for loan disbursement were met. Site inspections with the SBI Mawkyrwat Branch were carried out at Jakrem, Pawphlang, Mawkyrwat, Nonglang and Mawlangwir on 26 August 2026, followed by visits to Rangthong, Keniong and Nongktieh on 28 August 2026. Inspections with the MCAB Mawkyrwat Branch were conducted at Nongsynrieh, Wahsiej and Jakrem on 29 August 2026.



FIELD ACTIVITIES ACROSS MEGHALAYA

Field activities were conducted across Meghalaya on 2 September 2026 to support community engagement and the smooth implementation of ongoing initiatives. Activities included Memorandum of Understanding, Activity Report and No Objection Certificate collection, site visits, beneficiary meetings, boundary demarcation and orientation at Suchen Dhana, Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills; Eman Songmong, Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills; Riangdo, Mawshynrut Block, West Khasi Hills; Rongma Paromgre, Chokpot Block, South Garo Hills; Norek Pattanggre and Ronggap Songgital, Songsak Block, East Garo Hills; Mookhaiñ, Saipung Block, East Jaintia Hills; Rangphlang and Khapmaw, Mawkynrew Block, East Khasi Hills; Jetdoba, Bajengdoba Block, North Garo Hills; Padubah, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills; Wahsynon, Jirang Block, Ri Bhoi; Asinagre, Rerapara Block, South West Garo Hills; Goldenanggrek, Kharkutta Block, East Garo Hills; and Umsekhling, Myllem Block, East Khasi Hills. The engagements supported documentation, addressed field level requirements and facilitated coordination with beneficiaries and local stakeholders for timely implementation.

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