

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

SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT MEGHALAYA



SLM PROJECT ENTERS LOAN PHASE, EXPANDING SUPPORT TO FARMERS

The Sustainable Land Management Meghalaya (SLM) Project entered its Loan Phase following the signing of the Loan Agreement between the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Government of India, and Germany's KfW Development Bank in New Delhi. The signing took place in the presence of officials from DEA, the Planning Department, Government of Meghalaya, and KfW Development Bank.

Executed by the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), with implementation support from the Directorate of Horticulture (DoH), the Bio-Resources Development Centre (BRDC), and the Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society (MSRLS), the Loan Phase will build on successful Grant Phase pilots and established models, expanding household coverage nearly 10-fold and area coverage approximately 20-fold over the next five years.

The project will strengthen agroecological farming, farmer institutions and value chains, certification and market access, while supporting Meghalaya's goals of enhancing farmer incomes, improving livelihoods, contributing to the State Organic Mission targets, and strengthening the State's economy.

SNIPPETS

MEGHALAYA MULTISECTORAL PROJECT FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



MPOWER LEADS SESSION ON PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID AT RSKS DISTRICT TRAINING THE TRAINERS (TOT)

Daewon Nongrem, Counselling Psychologist and Assistant Manager – Mental Health, MPOWER, facilitated a session on Psychological First Aid (PFA) during the Five-Day District Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Revised Module for Peer Educators under RSKS. Held from 12-16 October 2026 at the Regional Health & Family Welfare Training Centre (RHFUTC), Shillong, the training brought together AYUSH Medical Officers, Adolescent Counsellors and Block Extension Educators from the Khasi region.

The session used an engaging, activity-based and interactive approach. Participants learned to identify emotional distress among adolescents, respond with empathy and sensitivity, and provide immediate psychosocial support and appropriate referrals. The session aimed to strengthen psychosocial support within adolescent health programmes and equip frontline functionaries to better support the mental wellbeing and resilience of young people in Meghalaya.

SNIPPETS

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



MTE – GASUAPARA ANR ACTIVITIES

A Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) was conducted at Gasuapara Block, South Garo Hills, on 15 October 2026, to assess project progress. The team inspected the 2024 Community Reserve ANR plot to review sapling growth and survival, followed by discussions with SHG representatives and VPIC members to gather community feedback and understand progress on the ground.

MTE – EMANDURABANDA VILLAGE

On 21 October 2026, the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) team visited Emandurabanda Village in Chokpot Block, South Garo Hills, to review the implementation of Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) and plantation activities. The assessment included focus group discussions and household surveys with VPIC, SHG and IVCS members, followed by field inspections alongside BPMU staff and VPIC representatives.



MTE – DARANG BOLDAK VPIC

On 15 October 2026, the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) team visited Darang Boldak VPIC in Baghmara Block, South Garo Hills, to review project progress through community consultations, plantation inspections to assess sapling survival, focused group discussions, and verification of Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) structures.



MTE – SIMSENG BALKOL VILLAGE

On 17 October 2026, the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) team visited Simseng Balkol Village, Dambo Rongjeng Block, where the Village Sordar and VPIC mobilised all 63 households to participate in the discussions, ensuring inclusive community engagement and broad-based participation.

MTE – DOBAKOL AWEMONG VPIC

On 19 October 2026, the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) team engaged with the community at Dobakol Awemong VPIC to gather local perspectives on project benefits and needs. The visit also included an assessment of plantation survival and verification of Soil and Water Conservation (SWC) structures to review implementation progress.

MTE – SHIABNAI VILLAGE

On 21 October 2026, the Mid-Term Evaluation (MTE) team visited Shiabnai Village under Thadlaskein BPMU, West Jaintia Hills, to assess project implementation. Following a community meeting at the MegLIFE Community Hall, the team conducted focused group discussions and household surveys, and inspected two ANR plots, two conservation ponds and one dugout pond to review progress on the ground.



PES FIELD ACTIVITIES ACROSS MEGHALAYA

Green Field Associates conducted community meetings and beneficiary interactions at Samkalakgre Village, Bajengdoba Block, North Garo Hills; Jamge Ronggura Village, Songsak Block, East Garo Hills; and Tasku Village, Jirang Block, Ri Bhoi District, to discuss PES activities. At Raid Mawlam Village, Pynursla Block, East Khasi Hills, the team supported the community and Living Root Bridges team in preparations for the upcoming ICOMOS visit. The team also collected Annual Reports (ARs) from Bataw Village, Khliehriat Block, East Jaintia Hills.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

MEGHALAYA • SDG 10



GOAL 10

**REDUCED
INEQUALITIES**

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR MEGHALAYA

A fairer Meghalaya is one where every community can access services, livelihoods and decision-making—wherever people live.

**88****A RECOGNISED MILESTONE**

Meghalaya was a top performer for SDG 10
Score in SDG India Index 3.0 (2020–21)

FIVE FOCUS AREAS**Make opportunity and participation fairer for all****Equal access and opportunity**

Make essential services and opportunities reachable for every community.

**Reach underserved communities**

Close distance, affordability and access gaps, including in remote areas.

**Voice, dignity and participation**

Enable people to shape decisions and challenge discrimination.

**Livelihoods and social protection**

Support secure incomes, skills and protection through life's shocks.

**Measure gaps and act on evidence**

Use disaggregated data to see who is being left behind—and respond.

THE PATHWAY**Include****Reach****Empower****Measure****Progress shared by all**

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