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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

Works

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







KFW PROGRESS REVIEW MISSION VISITS SLM INITIATIVES ACROSS GARO HILLS

As part of the KfW Progress Review Mission from 10–12 November 2026, the team visited Chichang, Rongtenabak and Jamge IVCSs to review project activities and interact with farmers. At Chichang IVCS, Dr Florian, Senior Portfolio Manager, KfW, inaugurated the Collective Marketing Centre (CMC). The team also visited the black pepper demonstration plot to observe organic cultivation and NPOP certification activities, followed by a visit to the Megh Farm Processing Hub to learn about its processing and value addition initiatives.

At Rongtenabak IVCS, the team reviewed cashew processing activities, inaugurated the CMC and interacted with farmers. The visit also included a Wangala dance performance and an interaction with the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K. Sangma. At Jamge IVCS, the team inaugurated the CMC, interacted with farmers and inspected the drip irrigation system established under the project. The three-day visit provided an opportunity to review progress in community-led initiatives, collective marketing, value addition and improved agricultural practices across Garo Hills.

KEY UPDATES

PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT





TWO-DAY TRAINING AND EXPOSURE VISIT ON PERSIMMON AND LOW-CHILLING APPLE CULTIVATION AND MAPS

The Environment Management (EM) team, MeghARISE organised a two-day training programme and exposure visit on 3–4 November 2026 for the Catchment Management Unit, EM team and Community Support Associates (CSAs), led by Dr. Rakesh Kumar from CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh.

On 3 November, the team visited Tiewlieh, Mawmyrsiang and Iewpomtiah VPICs for site feasibility assessments and practical training on soil sampling, plant spacing and scientific planting techniques. On 4 November, a hands-on demonstration on the care and management of low-chilling apple saplings was conducted at Nonglyput Village, Sohiong Block, followed by an exposure visit to Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) sites at Pyndenglitha Village, Mawphlang Block.

The programme strengthened the ground teams' practical knowledge of scientific cultivation and post-planting management, supporting the implementation of pilot interventions under MegARISE.

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BLOCK-LEVEL CONVERGENCE MEETING BETWEEN SLM AND MEGARISE

A block-level convergence meeting between the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) and MegARISE Project was held on 9 November 2026 at Mylliem Block Office, chaired by the Block Development Officer, Mylliem Block. The meeting was attended by the Additional Project Director, SLM, Shri A. S. Suting, the Deputy Project Director, MegARISE, Shri James Kharkongor, and officials from the respective project teams.

Discussions focused on opportunities for joint implementation of activities in Rangbihbih, Mawwan and Lyngkiengshyiap villages to strengthen community support and optimise resources. A joint field visit was also proposed to identify potential areas for collaboration.



VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARATION

The CMU - Ganol, MegARISE, conducted VLMAP preparation exercises at Waram Asim VPIC on 4 November and Allotgre VPIC on 5 November 2026, under Rongram Block. The exercises focused on developing five-year village development plans through community participation, identifying priorities for infrastructure development, plantation activities, agroforestry and soil and water conservation interventions. The importance of community ownership and long-term maintenance of project assets was also emphasised to ensure sustainable village development.

SNIPPETS

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

MID-TERM EVALUATION OF MEGLIFE PROJECT ACROSS MEGHALAYA



CHINGSOM SHG PROMOTES TRADITIONAL KARBI HANDLOOM

Chingsom Self-Help Group (SHG) of Rongsahep Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC), Umling Block, has started implementing its Income Generation Activity (IGA) business plan through the production of traditional Karbi handloom products, supporting local livelihoods while preserving traditional weaving practices.

DEMONSTRATION ON SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES

The MegLIFE team conducted a demonstration programme on 4 November 2026 at the SALT farm of Mooriap Village Project Implementation Committee (VPIC), showcasing Integrated Farming Systems, Bokashi piggery farming, vertical composting and natural organic farming to promote soil fertility and strengthen livelihood opportunities.



COCOA CULTIVATION UNDER AGROFORESTRY MODEL

The MyMeg team, accompanied by the PA Forester and Block Project Manager (BPM), visited Niranda Sangma's cocoa plantation in Karamajipara village, Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills, on 10 November 2026 for field documentation and an interview.
Established in 2025 under Agroforestry Plantation Model 16, the 0.45-hectare plantation integrates cocoa with an existing arecanut plantation, demonstrating the potential of agroforestry to diversify farm production and support livelihoods.



SNIPPETS

INTEGRATED ECO-TOURISM AND SUSTAINABLE AGRI-BASED LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT.













ADB IESALD PROJECT HOLDS PHASE II MOBILISATION PROGRAMME

ADB-funded IESALD Project held its Phase II Mobilisation Programme today, 11 November 2026, with participation from the project team and representatives of the Project Management and Development Consultants (PMDC).The programme opened with a welcome note and project overview by Shri Wankit Swer, Deputy Project Manager, ADB and General Manager, MBDA/MBMA, followed by a session on Phase II land and community mobilisation by Shri Rodonald Majaw, Regional Project Manager, MBMA.Sessions covered land demarcation, agriculture and irrigation data collection, documentation, consent requirements and training processes. Shri Ram Nath and Shri Abhishek Shukla from PMDC shared inputs on agriculture and irrigation data collection, respectively. Smt. Andrea Pohshna, MBMA, spoke on IVCS record-keeping, followed by a session on procurement procedures by Shri Hame Suchiang.The final sessions covered HR-related matters and HR induction on MBDA and MBMA. Smt. Sucielia Mylliemngap, General Manager, Human Resources, addressed issues raised by participants, while Smt. T. Niang Suan Ching, Assistant General Manager, Human Resources, led the concluding HR induction and soft skills session.The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by a member of the project team.

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MBDA/MBMA PROGRAM



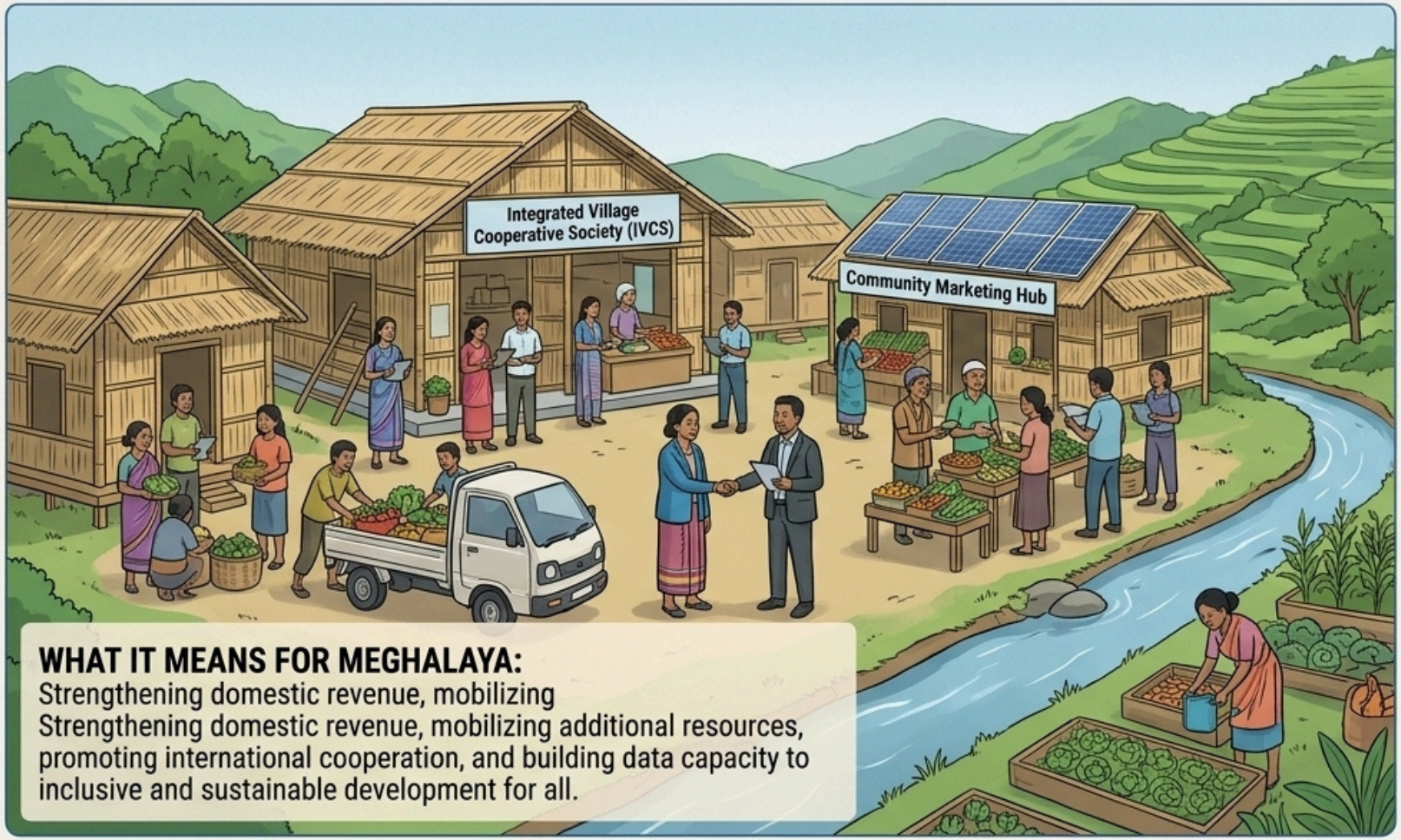
FIELD ACTIVITIES UNDER GREEN MEGHALAYA

Green Field Associates conducted various field activities under Green Meghalaya across different districts, including Area of Regeneration (AR) collection in Nongbah, Bansinggre, Ladmawphlang and Warmawsaw villages. A field visit was also conducted to Megagre Songitcham village in Samanda Block, East Garo Hills. Separately, the MyMeg team visited Mawkyrdep Community Forest for Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) documentation.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

SDG 17 | SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS / PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

Strengthening global, national, and community partnerships to achieve sustainable development across Meghalaya.



WHAT IT MEANS FOR MEGHALAYA:

Strengthening domestic revenue, mobilizing

Strengthening domestic revenue, mobilizing additional resources, promoting international cooperation, and building data capacity to inclusive and sustainable development for all.

FIVE FOCUS AREAS

01 Finance & resource mobilization:
Strengthen domestic tax and revenue collections, and public-private partnerships.

02 Technology & digital access
Expand rural broadband, digital literacy, and clean technology transfer.

03 Capacity building
Empower local institutions, cooperatives, and youth with skills and training.

04 Inclusive trade & value chains
Connect Meghalaya's farmers and artisans to fair and sustainable regional and global markets.

05 Data, monitoring & policy
Strengthen disaggregated local data, citizen-led monitoring, and evidence-based governance.

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