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Newsletter

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 PROGRAMME FOR ADOLESCENT WELLBEING, EMPOWERMENT AND RESILIENCE



CONSULTATION MEETING FOR THE LEARNING MISSION: REMEDIAL LEARNING INITIATIVE

A powerful insight emerged from the Meghalaya Teacher Training Academy's (MTTA) consultative meeting with subject experts and teachers on the State Remedial Learning Programme, held on 15 July 2026 at MTTA, Malki: Many Students Know More Than They Are Able to Show.

Teachers shared that learners often understand concepts and can explain them orally but struggle to express the same understanding in writing. They also observed that students find case-based and multi-step questions challenging—not because they lack knowledge, but because they need better support to navigate complex tasks. The discussions also highlighted broader realities: language transitions, limited classroom time, assessments driven by textbook coverage rather than learning outcomes and the need for practical, sustained teacher support.

One message was consistent throughout the consultation: effective remedial learning is not about reteaching the syllabus—it is about understanding why students struggle and equipping teachers with the tools, time and professional support to respond.

These teacher voices are now helping shape Meghalaya's State Remedial Learning Programme—ensuring that the framework, training, assessments and classroom resources are grounded in the realities of teaching and learning.

The consultation was organised in collaboration with **MPOWER** and support from Reach to Teach Foundation (RTTF) and the Ed Tech Cell, DERT. The insights from these discussions will inform the design of a practical, teacher informed remedial learning programme that responds to the realities of classrooms across Meghalaya.

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PARENT-TEACHER MEETING (PTM) 2026

Across Meghalaya, schools welcomed parents for a meaningful Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM), bringing families and educators together to celebrate every child's learning journey. The day began with a general meeting where important updates, school initiatives, and shared goals were discussed. This was followed by a one-on-one interactions between parents and teachers, creating a valuable space to celebrate achievements, address concerns, and work together to support each learner's growth.

Every conversation matters. Every partnership strengthens a child's future. Together, we're creating a brighter learning experience for every student across Meghalaya.

SNIPPETS

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



MEGLIFE PROJECT CONDUCTS DIGITAL BOOKKEEPING TRAINING FOR MULAIT BRI SUMER AND SAIPUNG IVCS

The MegLIFE Project recently completed an intensive four-day Bookkeeping Training series in Khliehriat, guiding representatives from Mulait Bri Sumer IVCS Ltd. and Saipung IVCS Ltd. through a transition from manual ledgers to automated Microsoft Excel systems. Led by an expert MLAMP Master Trainer, the program equipped participants with essential digital skills for managing cash books and financial annexures. By modernizing these record-keeping practices, the initiative strengthens institutional accountability, elevates operational efficiency, and fosters long-term financial independence for local cooperatives across the region.

SPMU Field Visit Highlights Livelihood Initiatives in Umling

On July 16, 2026, SPMU officials conducted a field monitoring visit in Umling Block to evaluate income-generating activities across four Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The delegation reviewed bamboo handicraft operations and poultry farming initiatives, assessing financial performance, key operational challenges, and training needs. The visit concluded with guidance on improving record-keeping, expanding market access, and strengthening future support to boost rural livelihoods.



UMLING BLOCK HOSTS TWO-DAY BOOKKEEPING WORKSHOP FOR SHGS

UMLING BLOCK, RI-BHOI DISTRICT (July 22, 2026) - A two-day detailed bookkeeping training for 13 stand-alone Self Help Groups (SHGs) and 6 Village Project Implementation Committees (VPICs) under Umling Block successfully concluded at the DPMU MegLIFE Office. Facilitated by an MSRLS Resource Person alongside the BPM and IGA Nodal staff, the program provided



hands-on instruction in essential financial registers, including Cash Books, Ledgers, and Profit & Loss tracking. Participants also received practical, tablet-based training on the Appverse application and Management Information System (MIS) to strengthen digital reporting, financial monitoring, and business management across local community institutions.

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SHG & IVCS COMPLETE BOOKKEEPING TRAINING

A three-day bookkeeping and audit-preparedness training program was successfully conducted for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS) across the Mawryngkneng and Mawkynrew blocks, concluding on July 22, 2026. Attended by key block, project, and nodal staff alongside cooperative leadership, the intensive hands-on sessions equipped local community organizations with essential practical skills in managing cash books, ledgers, registers, transaction logs, and bank reconciliations, culminating in advanced training on loan and share registers. By strengthening internal financial controls, the initiative successfully prepares local organizations to maintain transparent, audit-ready, and sustainable financial management.

BPMU Umsning Hosts IVCS Bookkeeping Training

UMSNING — The Block Project Management Unit (BPMU) Umsning, alongside representatives from MLAMP, successfully conducted a three-day financial management training for members of the Umtasor Mawdkhar, Nangroi (Myrdon Nongbah), and Nongsangu Integrated Village Cooperative Societies (IVCS). The sessions focused on mastering proper maintenance across all 47 standard registers, improving computerization readiness, and developing viable business plans to promote financial transparency and sustainable growth within the cooperatives.



Project Team Progress Review: Nongdewsaw

On July 21, 2026, the SPMU & Umsning BPMU team visited Self-Help Group (SHG) members and community leaders in Nongdewsaw to review the progress of ongoing Income Generating Activities (IGA). The session allowed participants to evaluate project outcomes, address operational challenges, and establish joint action plans to expand future training opportunities and strengthen long-term project success.



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Exploring the Bamboo Village Approach in the MegARISE Landscape

As part of efforts to promote sustainable livelihoods through nature-based solutions, representatives from the Meghalaya State Bamboo Mission (MSBM) recently undertook a reconnaissance visit to the MegARISE project area in the Ganol catchment to explore the potential of implementing the Bamboo Village Approach.

The field visit, facilitated by the MegARISE team, village institutions, and community representatives, provided valuable insights into the landscape's bamboo resources, existing community initiatives, and local aspirations. Initial observations highlighted bamboo's strong potential to serve as an effective nature-based solution for reducing soil erosion and surface runoff while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities—closely aligning with the objectives of the MegARISE Project.

The team observed the presence of commercially important bamboo species, along with community-managed bamboo reserves established with support from the Forest Department. Interactions with village Nokmas, Village Project Implementation Committees (VPICs), and community members reflected a positive interest in expanding bamboo-based livelihood opportunities. The visit also provided an initial understanding of the existing bamboo market ecosystem, indicating opportunities to strengthen value chains and market linkages.

The reconnaissance exercise found no major constraints to pursuing the Bamboo Village Approach in the MegARISE landscape. Moving forward, MSBM and the MegARISE team will work collaboratively to undertake GIS-based village screening, field validation, Rapid Rural Appraisals, and institutional assessments to identify suitable intervention areas and develop an implementation roadmap.

This collaborative initiative marks an important step towards integrating bamboo into landscape restoration and community development efforts, reinforcing Meghalaya's commitment to sustainable natural resource management and resilient rural livelihoods.

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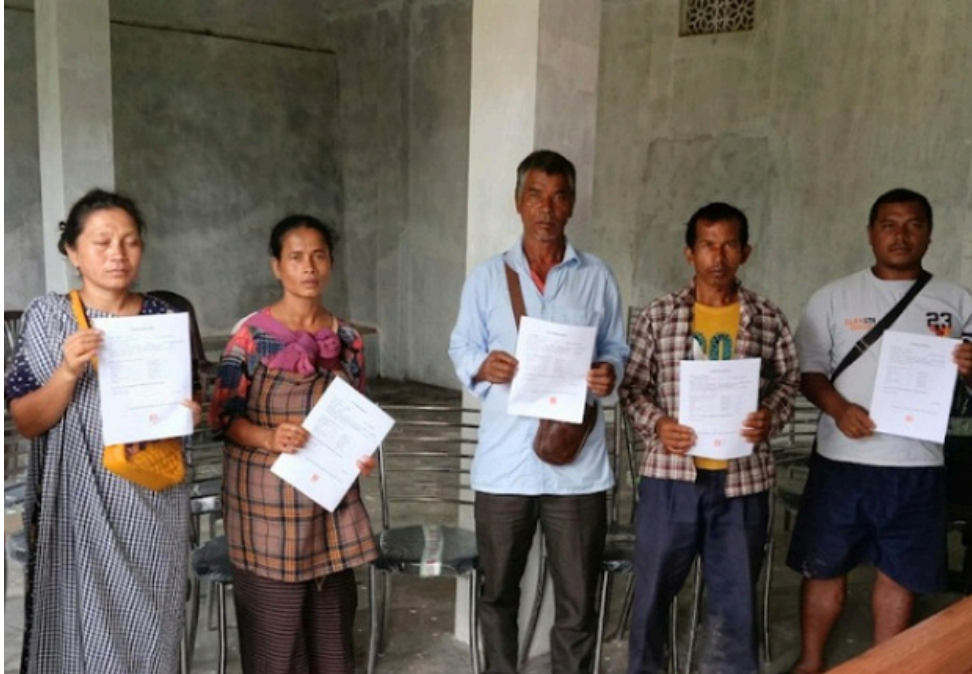
PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE CATCHMENT AREAS IN MEGHALAYA PROJECT



SURVEY AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSED VLMAP SITES AT MAWKOHMON VILLAGE

A survey visit was conducted on 20 July 2026 to Mawkohmon Village under Mawphlang Block to assess the proposed VLMAP sites under the MegARISE Project. During the visit, the existing plantation areas were inspected and found to be performing well, with the plantations established satisfactorily.

As part of the project's Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs) initiative, a 0.7-hectare site was identified as suitable for cultivating lavender and lemongrass. In addition, the development of a fishery pond has been proposed under the VLMAP to strengthen livelihood opportunities and support income generation for the local community.



GREEN FIELD ASSOCIATES CONDUCTS PES FIELD INSPECTIONS

As part of its ongoing commitment to community-led development, Green Field Associates has completed a significant phase of field engagement across multiple project locations in Meghalaya. Working hand-in-hand with local leadership and village institutions across Mawkynrew Block (Umblai, Siangkhnei, Pingwait, Kharang), Mawsynram Block (Nonglait), Jirang Block (Umiong, Umsohpanan, Umrit), Saipung Block (Lelad, Khahnar), Amlarem Block (Jaralood), Songsak Block (Rongap Songgital), and Mairang Block (Umsakhlawmyriaw), field teams focused on essential project compliance, record verification, and formal certification handovers. These collaborative milestones ensure local governance structures are fully aligned, transparent, and equipped to drive long-term project success and community impact.

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